

# *Garsdale Parish Council*

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## **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at Garsdale Village Hall after the AGM and Parish Meeting**

### **Present:**

**Councillors** Annette Colton, Graham Lant and Thomas Todd and **Clerk** Philip Johns

### **1. Apologies**

David Labbate, Bill Mawdsley, Kevin Lancaster, Mel Mackie and Nick Cotton

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were declared.

### **3. Minutes**

Minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> March Council Meeting were signed.

### **4. County Councillor and District Councillors' report**

No CC or DC's were present but Annette congratulated Nick Cotton on his re-election.

### **5. Progress reports**

1. Clerk: David Metcalfe's vacancy notice had passed without any applications. Annette asked Gillian Dickinson if she would like to be co-opted as councillor. Gillian accepted and signed her declaration of acceptance of office. Clerk also reported that he had received that day, by email, the resignation from Neville Woodfine as councillor due to work commitments. A vacancy notice had been sent to SLDC and posted on the notice board. Hamish Wilson has expressed interested in being co-opted. Clerk asked council to approve the current council risk assessment, last year's audited accounts and the 2016/17 annual return. All four councillors approved. Clerk thanked Lindsay for her help and time for the auditing.
2. Planning consent for the village hall had been received, with conditions, which now allows funds to be available from the development grant. Richard Dickinson asked how council could pay for materials needed to make a start on the village improvements. Clerk reported that if the funds were released into the council account, he could then pay by bank transfer on pro-forma invoices with the agreement of council.
3. Highways had completed to a high standard, resurfacing works, white lining and cats' eye installation along virtually all the A684 through Garsdale. The Clerk still had had no response from Highways to his request to be kept informed of pending works, but would still continue to push for long overdue repairs of the retaining walls.
4. Post 16 Transport: as Parish meeting minutes.
5. Broadband, as Parish meeting minutes.
6. Motorbikes, no further progress.
7. Clerk had read in a national newspaper that BT have agreed in general not to remove rural telephone boxes if an appeal had been received. The missing post box at East Rackenthwaite had not yet been returned, clerk to write to Royal Mail
8. Clerk had sent in a revised transparency application as the deadline had passed for last year but the fund requested was higher as it covered a longer period. A decision should be provided in June.

### **6. Public/open session**

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None.

## 7. Updates from Community Groups

None.

## 8. Financial matters

1. Cheques for payments of 2 months' clerk salary were approved. Gill Dickinson is owed for her expenses for the planning application and clerk will issue a cheque upon receipt of an invoice. An appeal for a donation from the North West Ambulance Charity had been received. Council agreed that in general it was probably not acceptable for the council to donate public money to charities, but if council wished to raise funds by hosting a dedicated event then that would be acceptable.
2. The balance stands at £4304.73 as the precept payment of £2000 has been received.
3. As 5.2
4. As 5.5

## 9. Correspondence

1. Battle's Over, held over

## 10. Councillor matters.

None.

## Date of next meeting(s)

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

Chairman.....

20 July 2017  
Date.....

Please note that these are draft minutes, subject to change and will not be signed until the next meeting.