

Garsdale Parish Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19th May 2015

Present:

Councillors Annette Colton, Thomas Todd, David Labbate, Graham Lant, Bill Mawdsley, David Metcalfe and Neville Woodfine, **Clerk** Philip Johns.

1. Apologies

Nick Cotton, Amanda Coleman and Pauline Fozard

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were declared but possibly Bill should apply for a dispensation for FibreGarden and Graham and Neville for the village hall.

3. Minutes

Minutes of the February 19th Council Meeting were signed.

4. County Councillor and District Councillors' report

No councillors were present but the Appleby Fair arrangements had been discussed at the LAP meeting.

6. Progress reports

1. Clerk (reports attached) had started the compilation of parishioners for the database which presently numbered 27. Annette asked if there were any objections to publishing draft minutes after a suitable scrutiny period by councillors. No objections. A PC risk assessment had been prepared and was accepted by council. This would be sent in with the Annual Report to BDO.

2. Graham had organised some work parties at the village hall resulting in an odour free water system at a negligible cost. More work was still needed. No more news on the lease although an initial £750 plus VAT may have been paid by Neville. Annette would investigate. There should be more cooperation between council and the village hall committee and a meeting may be set up. The council used to make a donation to the committee but not recently as no rent had been paid for the last 5 years.

3. Still no response from Highways but will continue to exert pressure on SLDC. There had been no response from Nick as to whether the Lengthman's funds were still available.

4. No further developments on tree felling at Dandra Garth.

5. No update on Post 16 as Kevin not present.

6. Vodafone 3G still not possible due to lack of high speed broadband.

7. FibreGarden had given a progress report at the parish meeting. Cable was being laid, 4.5km so far, but work stalled due to BT failing to sign contracts.

8. Letters had been sent to SLDC regarding the water risk assessments and so far, only an acknowledgment had been received. Annette and clerk would pursue with a "cc" to Tim Farron and District councillors.

7. Public/open session

Pauline had sent in a report for the health centre. Jenny and Martin Armer were now salaried for one day a week each. The patient survey was very supportive of the HC. Sarah Woof had stepped down and replaced by Chris Dodd. Jackie Lawson was a new dispenser for one day per week. Classic FM for the waiting room? One or two higher chairs with arms were needed and the Patient's fund will be used. The questionnaire may be put on line. As patients were living longer had had more complex issues, more time was needed with doctors.

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8. Financial matters

1. A payment of £49.00 had been made to Calc. A further bill of £77.00 was due. The “true” amount should be £106.00 according to the size of the parish and this will be payable next year. The parish insurance is due at £335.41 (AON) which could be fixed at a 5% discount for 3 years. Annette will investigate if cheaper insurance could be found. A VAT refund of £864.65 could be submitted.

2. The balance stands at £3,457.11 as the precept had been received.

3. Clerk salary this year will be the unpaid £600 from last year plus the £850 agreed for this year, payable monthly after registration with PAYE, a legal requirement.

4. Clerk suggested that council signed up for online banking for easier access and emergency payments but all regular payments will still be with countersigned cheques. This was agreed and a mandate signed.

5 and 6. As item 8.1

7. Audited accounts weren't available yet as the internal auditor was not happy with the layout of present accounts as per the last 3 years. Clerk is to meet her on Thursday 11th June to sort this out and then submit with the annual return.

9. Correspondence

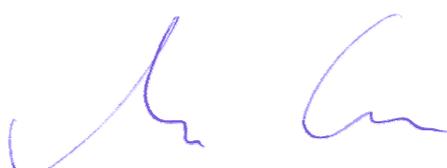
No correspondence had been received that had not been previously circulated. A planning application for a barn erection at Aldershaw, Grisdale, had been received. Council raised no objections.

10. Councillor matters.

No items presented.

Date of next meeting(s)

Thursday 16th July 2015

Chairman.....

Date.....16/7/2015.....