

Garsdale Parish Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 19th January 2017 at Garsdale Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:

Councillors Annette Colton, Thomas Todd, Neville Woodfine, David Labatte, David Metcalfe.
DC Kevin Lancaster and **Clerk** Philip Johns.

1. Apologies

Mel Mackie, Bill Mawdsley and Graham Lant

2. Declarations of Interest

Annette declared an interest in B4RN and asked council to vote on her written application to be allowed to speak but not vote on issues concerning B4RN. The 4 remaining councillors voted in favour. Kevin commented that this is an issue for many parishes in the area, and there will have to be some permanent solution, as virtually everyone will have some connection to B4RN.

3. Minutes

Minutes of the 17th November Council Meeting were signed.

4. County Councillor and District Councillors' report

Kevin reported that he had attended a LAP meeting in Kirkby Lonsdale the previous day and there was a lot of discussion about telecommunications especially 4G. David Metcalfe commented that although he was able to access 3G quite regularly, the signal level for mobiles was steadily reducing, partly due to the increase in speed, and also due to more organisations, such as the police, accessing the masts. Garsdale, Dent and Casterton had returned the gully maps with a potential 5 gullies marked for clearing but all gullies needed to be cleared and as such the maps were nonsensical.

5. Progress reports

1. Clerk asked council if they would agree to apply to the Transparency Fund as his computer was on the way out. The fund would cover up to £350 towards a new computer and also contribute towards broadband costs, training and staff costs. There would be a small amount more work involved in posting items on the website but nothing too onerous. Council voted in favour and asked clerk to proceed with an application. Clerk also asked if council wanted to be part of the 100 year celebrations to take place in November 2018 for the end of WW1. This will be an item on the agenda for next meeting.
2. The SDF grant had been approved but some paperwork needs to be done before the prepayment of the grant. Annette proposed that the PC authorised Richard Dickinson, Graham and Neville to undertake this as a subcommittee. Council voted unanimously for this.
3. Some patching had been done on the A684 and the cattle grid at Danny Bridge had been cleared. However, the work on the A684 had ceased in November and had only very recently restarted. There has been many potholes overlooked. Kevin said that at the LAP meeting there had been mention of an application to close the A684 overnight for resurfacing works over the next 2 years. Concerns were expressed over the deterioration of the road surface around manholes and blocked culverts especially one near the Back Road and the station causing water to flood the road.
4. Post 16 Transport: no further progress.
5. Due to winter conditions, progress had slowed with B4RN but were still making progress. There had been a good meeting in Dent to show the prowess of the broadband. Annette distributed leaflets

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for residents to apply for £350 grants per household for B4RN from BDUK as long as there were connections made before 31st March 2018. Kevin stated that residents on the Cautley Road were very keen to sign up and there were plans to access spare capability from the Garsdale cabinet. Could B4RN hold a meeting soon for the Garsdale residents?

6. Water Risk Assessments: ntr.
7. There has been some police activity with speed guns but on a wet Sunday afternoon when there was little presence of bikers. Clerk was asked if a police representative could be invited for the next meeting to discuss proposals to deal with the reckless behaviour of some of the bikers.
8. Clerk had received acknowledgement of the request to keep the 2 public telephones in Garsdale and that there will not be any immediate removal.

6. Public/open session

None.

7. Updates from Community Groups

None.

8. Financial matters

1. Payments of 2 months' clerk salary agreed.
2. The balance stands at £2841.17, all payments had gone through.
3. As 5.2
4. As 5.5

9. Correspondence

1. Clough View has been approved.
2. No objections had been received for Low Scale.

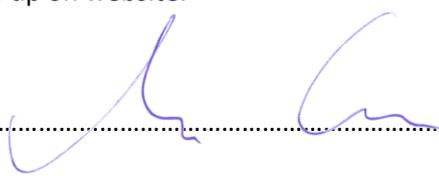
10. Councillor matters.

None.

Date of next meeting(s)

Thursday 16th March 2017.

Thursday 18th May 2017 for the parish meeting, AGM and regular council meeting. Third Thursday in every second month after that, unless it clashes with Sedbergh Parish Council, Annette to check and get dates up on website.

Chairman.....

16 March 2017
Date.....

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

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