

# Garsdale Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at Garsdale Village Hall at 7.30pm.

### Present:

**Councillors** Annette Colton, Graham Lant, Gillian Dickinson, Thomas Todd, DC Mel Mackie and  
**Clerk** Philip Johns

### 1. Apologies

David Labbate, Bill Mawdsley, Kevin Lancaster, Gavin Keeble and Nick Cotton

### 2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were declared.

### 3. Minutes

Minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> May Council Meeting and the AGM were signed.

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

Mel had little to report as recent elections had taken over but did inform council that the proposed £350m expansion by GSK had been cancelled.

### 5. Progress reports

1. Clerk: Neville Woodfine's vacancy notice had passed without any applications. Annette asked Hamish Wilson if he was willing to stand and Hamish accepted and signed his acceptance of office. As no-one offered to be vice chairman, this post was left open. It was assumed that Bill would continue as church warden as he already held that position and Gillian indicated that she may be able to accompany Annette to LAP meetings.
2. There had been little progress regarding the village hall as requests for quotes had proved fruitless. Neville Woodfine is due to install new windows shortly.
3. Whilst highways had done a magnificent job of resurfacing the A684, there was a steep fall off at the sides in places which could cause accidents to cyclists, walkers etc. Brenda also asked if council could find out if there were to be any repairs to the back road. Griesdale and the Coal Road also needed repairs and Gillian had been asked about vegetation trimming as road signs in places had been obscured. Clerk would write to Nick Cotton. Graham would also find out who was "investing" in repairs near the station to see if they could be approached. It was noted that winter gritting still took place on the Coal Road but not up Griesdale. Deep potholes had formed near East Rackenthwaite and near West Little Town. Clerk would inform Nick. Clerk had tried to find out about the missing post box and was waiting a reply from Royal Mail.
4. Post 16 Transport: NTR.
5. Broadband, clerk read out a recent report from Gavin Keeble who was looking for volunteers to help with signing of wayleaves. Richard informed council that he was helping Gavin and hoped to complete all signings by end of August but farmers were very busy at the moment and the task was proving difficult. Duct digging could start anytime. David Ryall was producing names and addresses of landowners along with routes.
6. Motorbikes, no further progress. Noise starts at 5.00am and it was only quiet when the police were about. Clerk to email Amanda Coleman.
7. Telephone boxes: NTR.

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8. The request for transparency funding had been accepted and a cheque for £1035 was on it's way. Clerk to liaise with Annette to progress.

## 6. Public/open session

A report had been received from Amanda regarding a recent theft of equipment and suspicious behaviour which turned out to be a cycle race.

## 7. Updates from Community Groups

Annette said that 1<sup>st</sup> Responders were still active, but depending on numbers may consider joining with Kirkby Stephen. Brenda, on behalf of the Garsdale Squirrel Group, reported that there were a higher than usual number of greys in the area. A string of coffee mornings for the church, Village Hall and GSQ were being held.

## 8. Financial matters

1. Cheques for payments of 2 months' clerk salary, £124.50 for planning costs were approved.
2. The balance stands at £4083.07.
3. Awaiting funds
4. No immediate fund raising was needed.

## 9. Correspondence

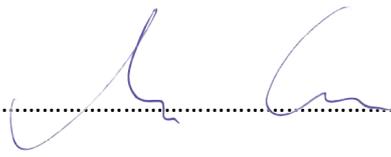
1. Battle's Over: council thought that the village hall may wish to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> year ending of WW1 on Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 2017 in the form of lighting a beacon, a repeat of a WW1 exhibition and Diane Elphick may be able to help. Graham would liaise.

## 10. Councillor matters.

None.

## Date of next meeting(s)

Thursday 21<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

Chairman.....

Date..... 21 September 2017

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