

Garsdale Parish Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 21st July 2016 at Garsdale Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:

Councillors Annette Colton, Graham Lant, Thomas Todd, Bill Mawdsley, Mel Mackie and **Clerk** Philip Johns.

1. Apologies

Kevin Lancaster, Nick Cotton, David Metcalfe, Neville Woodfine, David Labatte.

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

3. Minutes

Minutes of the May 26th Council Meeting were signed.

4. County Councillor and District Councillors' report

Mel Mackie disagreed with Nick Cotton's comment that money for road repairs had been withdrawn by central government, although it had been reduced but it was the responsibility of CCC to allocate funds. Kevin had sent in a detailed report regarding the state of the roads before the floods and this report has now disappeared but will continue to apply pressure. Annette reiterated that council had concerns for public safety due to the gaps in the walls alongside the river.

5. Progress reports

1. Clerk reported that after a couple of queries, BDO have accepted the annual report, risk assessment and accounts.

2. Annette was still waiting for some costings for the SDF but Graham had emailed them a while ago and will do again.

3. David L had sent in an invoice for £1000 plus VAT, total £1200. Clerk had the contact details of the person holding the funds and will pass the invoice on. However, it was likely that that only £680 will be paid and council agreed to make up the shortfall.

4. No progress.

5. B4RN had progressed to Casterton and hoped to connect Dent School before the September term starts. The service will be free to the school and save them a great deal of money. Residents will start to be connected after. No digging had started yet in Garsdale but had done a lot of preparatory work and digging could start anytime and in different locations. Mapping and wayleaves were next on the agenda but it is thought that David Pilgrim had an initial map ready. Some businesses in Sedbergh had expressed an interest which could speed up progress. Graham asked when work would start in Garsdale as there had been a lot of house exchanges and a common question was the broadband. It was generally thought to be 6 to 12 months.

6. Annette had finally received a letter from Sean Hall who was adamant that residents could not do their own assessments but any would be carried out by SLDC and a letter will go out to those affected.

7. The police had been seen in the dale but Graham thought the bike problem was worsening. A letter from a resident had been sent to Lookaround objecting to council's stance on bikers and clerk had sent in a repost. Annette suggested that clerk's reports to Lookaround should contain a disclaimer that the articles were clerk's personal reports and not necessarily council's view. Bill said that the reports were generally well received although he had one complaint that they weren't an itemised report of the meeting but it was suggested that the reports commented that full minutes were on the website or available from the clerk.

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6. Public/open session

Annette had sent in a letter to YDNP regarding Tom Metcalfe's concerns.

7. Updates from Community Groups

1st Responders had not been called out recently.

8. Financial matters

1. Payments of 2 months' clerk salary, David L and possible insurance were approved.
2. The balance stands at £4224.57.
3. Clerk had at last received £632.17 from Customs.
4. Clerk had not progressed this funding but has until April.
5. As item 5.2
6. Although there were no definite fund raising in place, it has emerged that council could take out a low cost loan for 5 to 10 years for 1 to 2%, give that to B4RN and receive a 5% dividend. This would result in a profit which would complicate the accounts. This will be discussed at the September meeting.

9. Correspondence

1. No objections.
2. No objections.
3. Clerk had received a brochure from CCC regarding revamping or taking over empty housing but council thought this could lead to conflict with owners and declined to take this on.

10. Councillor matters.

Annette commented that although outside our parish, rubbish had been left on the fell carpark which had been strewn around by the horses. It was suggested that council contacts Sedbergh PC asking to provide bins but thought this would not be actioned because of the cost of emptying. Another suggestion was a ban on overnight stays.

Date of next meeting(s)

Thursday 15th September 2016.

Chairman.....

Date.....15/9/2016.....

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

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