

GARSDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 30 August 2012 at 7.30 pm
at Garsdale Village Hall.

Present: Tony Roberts (Chairman)
David Labbate
Thomas Todd

Apologies for absence: Pauline Fozzard
Michael Roper

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.

2. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising that were not covered by the agenda.

3. COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Chairman raised concerns about the recent two resignations from the Council and that no new members had come forward. He asked that this is raised within the Dale and especially at any community groups that we came into contact with. A note would be placed on the Council's website inviting people to consider supporting the Council and being co-opted.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Copies of correspondence not previously circulated were presented:

Eden & District Neighbourhood Plan

Streetscape; the Chair suggested that we might like to consider using some of the current surplus funds to provide playground equipment for the children of the Dale Pecuniary & Other Interests Forms. It was noted that these had all now been returned to SLDC.

5. FINANCE

The Chair presented and explained the current financial statement up to 30th August 2012, no queries were received.

The Chair asked that we consider the most effective use of our current surpluses for the benefit of the Dale. It was thought that some should be reserved for the completion of the required repairs to the water system at the Village Hall, a grant could be made available for the benefit of a project in the Dale and it was noted that the fence around the field needed some repairs.

field

The BDO Audit for the year ending March 2012 had been received back unqualified and was presented and approved. The notice of the audit was to be displayed in the Village Hall notice board as required and the Chair was the contact if anyone wishes to see the audit.

Cheques were signed for BDO Audit Services and Cumbria Pumps.

£60.00

£155.03



6. **GARSDALE PARISH LEASE**

The Chair had been contacted by David Meadows, the Diocesan Surveyor, and arranged a meeting to discuss the outstanding Lease which is very much overdue for agreement. At the meeting Mr Meadows also raised the issue of a Deed of Easement over the leased land to the adjoining property. Copies of the papers were circulated for comment, further copies would be sent to those not present.

The Chair said that he would need to contact the Parish's solicitor to determine this matter as soon as possible. David Labbate suggested that we should ask who would be responsible for the maintenance of the existing flags should they become cracked or damaged by vehicles using the benefit of the easement. The Chair also raised concerns regarding the visibility from the drive onto the main road.

Mr Meadows indicated that if we can get the lease agreed then he would waive the rent for the last five years which would come to £1,000

7. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Michael Roper wished to bring to the attention of the meeting information he had received regarding the Western Dales Community Bus initiative which required volunteer drivers for a bus that could service the Dale.

The Chair asked that we promote the initiative and seek possible volunteers from the Dale.

Tom Todd alerted the meeting to a couple of sunken manhole covers on the main road that required urgent attention. The one outside Lucid Optical Services had recently been marked with 'BT' so we assumed they would be attending to this shortly. The Chair had been in contact with John Colton who confirmed this.

Concerns were also raised regarding the damage to the Coal Road by heavy Lorries taking trees from the surrounding forest areas and who was responsible for the repairs. The Chair said he would look at previous correspondence on the matter and advice in due course.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was not set and the meeting closed at 20:45

T. Todd.

10-1-13.