

# Garsdale Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 7.30 pm at Garsdale Village Hall.

Present: Michael Roper - Chairman  
Thomas Todd - Vice Chairman  
Pauline Fozard  
David Labbate  
Sue Ryall

Apologies for absence: Tony Roberts, Karen Dakin (Community Officer)

**1. Minutes of last meeting held on 13 June 2013.**

These were approved as a correct record.

**2. Local Area Partnership.**

It was agreed that this was a worthwhile meeting to continue to attend as the forum brings councils together and effectively gives them a larger voice. Issues discussed include highways and recreational activities for children - both matters are important to discuss in a larger forum.

**3. Public session**

There were no members of the public in attendance

**4. Finance Matters**

The parish council accounts on the 12 October carried forward £3,555.91

The balance carried over into this financial year is higher than normal, but it is planned to use the money as part of the upgrade of the Village Hall water supply.

Expenditure was discussed and the following agreed for payment;

CALC subscriptions	£48.00 ✓
Donation to two school children who will be going to Bolivia on a World Challenge Expedition	
Lant and Felix Roper	£50.00 each ✓

It was also agreed to pay the bank fees to have the two unrepresented cheques to North West Air Ambulance cancelled. This would be a fee of £10 per transaction (£20).

**5. Sedbergh Health Centre Patients' Forum.**

Pauline gave a brief summary of the Patients Forum meeting which she attends on behalf of the council. The practice was about to start an online booking system for blood tests and other such appointments. A note was to be put into Lookaround to ask people to return unwanted medicines to the pharmacy for disposal. The practice has also received a donation which is intended to be used to purchase mobile blood pressure monitors and a second anticoagulant machine.

## **6. First Responder**

Sue reported that she hoped there would be an article in the August Lookaround to see if more people would be interested. At present there are 3 people in the dale who would be applying to North West Ambulance for training and interviews. It is hoped that some of this will have been undertaken by Christmas.

Following this some fund raising would be required to purchase a defibrillator and oxygen system at a cost of around £800. The location of this unit would need to be agreed but the village hall is a likely candidate.

## **7. Fibre Garden.**

A summary of the progress of FibreGarden was read out which was taken from the Blog site. This reports that the tenders for the project installation are being assessed and that the share prospectus is nearing the point that it can go out to the community.

## **8. Community Officer Report.**

Unfortunately Karen Dakin was unable to attend the meeting.

## **9. Garsdale Website.**

The web site has been updated.

## **10. Other matters.**

It was agreed to re-circulate the information regarding Farmwatch and the "Snowball" system.

The council agreed to co-opt Sue RYall onto the council until the elections in May 2014. Notification will be made to SLDC.

## **11. Highways Issues.**

Concerns were raised by the council on the state of some of the trees up the dale. It was considered that in the event of high winds there is a risk that these trees could fall onto the A684.

Other issues relate to the poor state of some of the covers on the BT manholes particularly near Whitbeck and East Mostard, the latter is a continued source of water which in winter often forms a block of ice which on the bend could cause an accident. The drainage problems on both ends of Back Lane have still to be addressed the gullies are blocked and overgrown and water flows down the road. This is causing the breakup of the road surface and on the eastern end there is an area where water freezes across the road.

## **12. Village Hall**

The points made at the last meeting still stand and despite continued efforts to contact the Bradford Diocese no reply has been made.

- a. Village Hall lease. The new lease has been received but there is still an issue with the maintenance responsibility for the access road to the Old School House. The council and VH committee regard the maintenance to be the responsibility of the occupiers of the OSH which they agree except for the flagged area by the road. It was agreed that this should be a 50:50 arrangement. This has been

notified to the diocese but no further communication has been received.

- b. Maintenance, sewer repair, roof and water system. Discussions were held on the potential blockage of the sewer pipe running to the septic tank as it was seen to overflow during the last big event at the hall. It was agreed that the pipe should be rodded to confirm the presence of any debris in the pipe. There is concern over the potential leak in the roof over the toilet block and that this may need to be repaired in the near future. Lastly the water supply was discussed; Michael is currently looking into a system to remove sulphide from the water to make it less odorous and palatable. This will then bring it in line with the current drinking water standards. The potential cost of the system could be as much as £1,800. It was noted by David Labbate that if new works were to be undertaken in the pump house it would be beneficial to renovate the sheds to improve the condition. In addition it still has not been possible to isolate the leak in the old water supply pipe the runs under the village hall. A temporary pipe has been run on the surface but a more permanent solution needs to be found.

### **13. Planning.**

There were no planning applications in this period.

Two approvals were made one for Hind Keld East under grade II listings and the signal box at Garsdale station has been given grade II listing.

### **14. Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 7.30 pm.