

Garsdale Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20th March 2014 at 7.30 pm at Garsdale Village Hall.

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

1. Welcome and apologies.

The chairman welcomed people to the meeting and read out apologies from, Sue Ryall, Evelyn Westwood, Nick Cotton, Ian McPherson

2. Minutes of last meeting held on 12th January 2014.

These were approved as a correct record.

3. Declaration of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. 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.

5. Public session

There were 2 members of the public in attendance and their interests were in respect to the broadband project in the dale. John Colton raised concerns over the lack of support by the parish councils for the Fibre GarDen project. Fibre GarDen considered that a recent letter to CCC was in fact a position statement, which the council disagreed with. The concerns raised were noted by the councillors. The parish council responded with concerns over the lack of information and the accuracy of some comments made by Fibre GarDen especially in respect of the council asking for personnel details of investors in the project, which members present do not recall asking for. **Post meeting note** in that Fibre GarDen has more recently started to make more information available and John Colton has been clarifying a number of points for the council.

6. Community support officer

It was reported that a new community support officer had been recruited for the area.

7. Finance Matters

The parish council accounts on the 12 March 2014 carried forward £3,393.91.

The excess over normal money is planned to be used as part of the upgrade of the Village Hall water supply. This will hopefully take place before the summer. It will be necessary to make the council auditors aware of this when the audit forms are sent to them in June.

8. Fibre GarDen.

The discussion on Fibre GarDen was undertaken in the public session see note 3 above.

9. Sedbergh Health Practice.

Pauline gave an update on the Sedbergh Health Practice, where they were awaiting

10. First Responder

The training session did not take place and that a new date was to be arranged.

The fundraising evening has been booked for Friday 9th May in the village hall and a flyer has been distributed to all the properties in the dale inviting people to come along.

11. Parish Newsletter

It is hoped to produce a parish newsletter shortly which will cover aspects of the Fibre GarDen project. Once agreed by the councillors it was suggested that it be passed by John Colton to check on comments made regarding the Fibre GarDen project.

12. Highways Issues.

A discussion was held regarding using money from the lengthsman scheme to support the work by CCC in the removal of trees from the retaining wall on the A684 through the dale, predominantly along the street towards Dandra Garth.

13. 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. The pipe between the VH and the septic tank has been rodded by David. Lastly the water supply was discussed; Michael has undertaken trials which show that we can remove the sulphides and bacteria; however the EHO still wants the dissolved iron to be removed. 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.

14. Planning.

There were planning applications in this period.

Date of Next Meeting

8th May 2014 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall