

Garsdale Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16th June 2014 at 7.30 pm at Garsdale Village Hall.

Present: Michael Roper – Actin chair
Thomas Todd – Acting vice Chair
David Labbate
Pauline Fozard
Annette Colton
Councillor Nick Cotton

Apologies for absence: Sue Ryall, Evelyn Westwood, Ian McPherson

1. Welcome

The acting chair welcomed the new members to the council

2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

As one member of the new council was absent at the meeting the other councillors agreed to defer the election of posts on the council until the next meeting. In the meantime the previous chair and vice chair would act in those roles.

3. Declaration of interest

Mr Thomas Todd and Annette Colton declared an interest in the planning application for West Cote Weggs.

4. Minutes of last meeting held on 8th May 2014.

These were approved as a correct record.

5. Public session

There were no members of the public present.

6. Community Officer Update.

Unless specifically requested the community officers will not be attending meetings but in future a newsletter will be sent to all of the parishes.

7. Finance Matters

The final parish council accounts for 2013 – 2014 were agreed at the May meeting.

The balance in the bank account as of 12 June 2014 was £4,335.85.

8. Planning.

The YDNP has notified the council of an amendment to the proposed application S/02/83/GPDO for a farm storage building at West Cote Weggs

The two councillors who had declared an interest in the application withdrew from the discussion. The amendment was discussed by the remaining council members and it was unanimously agreed that they did not alter the original concerns about the development and that a response would be made to the planners indicating that there was no change to the council's objection. However, it would be stated that if the

development was moved to within the farm curtilage it would pose less of a concern.

It was also highlighted that the new drawings indicated a soakaway which is within the river flood plain and if the building was used for animal housing in the future it may pose a problem for the house at Bens Bridge who abstract water from the river downstream of the proposed soakaway. This would be added to the letter to the planners.

9. Highways Issues.

A number of road problems were discussed and it was agreed that photographs would be taken to forward on to Nick Cotton. One stretch of the A684 between Fawcetts Farm and Swarth Beck was highlighted as being in poor repair.

The lengthman scheme was discussed and it was agreed to make an application to remove the trees along the retaining wall on the A684 through the street and to the east. Photographs will be taken and an application put together.

10. Village Hall

Lease

There has been no progress on the lease however, Michael will continue to raise the matter with the Diocese to see if it can be resolved.

Maintenance

David has undertaken the rodding of the sewer but due to the shallow gradient it will always be a problem. Work is progressing on the water treatment system and this should be in place before autumn.

11. Patients Forum

Pauline gave an update on the Patient Forum at Sedbergh Health Centre, they had a coffee morning in May and plan a quiz night on the 12th September to raise funds for equipment that the practice cannot receive from the NHS.

12. First Responder

Annette reported that the training had not gone ahead and was being rescheduled. A evening fund raising event was held

13. Fibre GarDen

There was no progress to report on the project although apparently much activity is taking place according to the blogs.

14. Post 16 Transport

Michael reported that continued communication was taking place with CCC in regards the loss of the financial support for post 16 young people and the removal of the subsidies on the public transport. This is on going and will be reported at the next meeting.

15. Memorial tree for Elizabeth Colton

The planting of a tree in memory of Elizabeth was discussed. The council agreed to think about an appropriate variety that could be planted in winter/spring when conditions are right for tree planting.

16. Garsdale Website/ Parish Newsletter.

The web site has been updated.

17. Correspondence.

There was no correspondence to report.

18. Other Business

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 14th August 2014 at 7.30 pm.