

# Garsdale Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 21st September 2017 at Garsdale Village Hall at 7.30pm.

### Present:

**Councillors** Annette Colton, Graham Lant, Gillian Dickinson, Bill Mawdsley, David Labatte, Hamish Wilson, DC Mel Mackie and **Clerk** Philip Johns

### 1. Apologies

Kevin Lancaster, Nick Cotton, Thomas Todd

### 2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were declared.

### 3. Minutes

Minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> July Council Meeting were signed.

### 4. County Councillor and District Councillors' report

Mel had little to report as most council discussions had been based around free car parking in Kendal.

### 5. Progress reports

1. Clerk: emails had been sent to Nick Cotton regarding the fall off at the edges of the A684 and potholes, the poor state of the Back Road and vegetation growth. His reply indicated that that there may be some money for vegetation cutting around road signs and the other issues had been passed onto Highways. Nick had commented that the Coal Road was fully closed, Dave L said that the road was being completely resurfaced as they had a £120m fund to use up although there was no news about the Back Road which did have some residences. Clerk noted that there appeared to have been some poor attempt to fill potholes at East Rackenthwaite and Little West Town. Amanda Coleman had requested more speed checks and there had been a speed check on a wet Sunday near Whitbeck recently. Royal Mail had replied to say that the missing post box was not to be replaced due to it's dangerous position and lack of use. Council felt that as there had been no consultation notice and was extensively used by some residents, clerk should write back urging a rethink.
2. There had been some progress regarding the village hall as renovations had now started with the toilets and kitchen being painted Neville Woodfine is due to install new windows shortly, which had arrived and the heat pumps were due soon.
3. Dave L noted water on the road near Dandra Garth after rainfall. No wall repairs had been carried out and it was suggested that if there were fatalities, CCC could be sued for corporate manslaughter. Clerk will continue to pressure Nick Cotton. Annette had received an email to say that fences by Slack Cottage were not being repaired as they were no longer needed but this was leaving the river open as a hazard. Dave L had noted the reg number of the car involved in an accident near his if insurance companies needed to be contacted.
4. Post 16 Transport: NTR.
5. B4RN was holding a meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup> in the village hall to update residents and ask for volunteers. Leaflets were going out and clerk would send out a message on the database. Richard said that many wayleaves had been agreed but were having difficulties around The Paradises due to the Allen family refusing access to the land. It was suggested that a further approach should be made, stressing the enormous cost of connecting after the cable had been laid. There were a couple

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of other doubters but in the past, most residents came on board after the cable laying had been started and B4RN were urged to “crack on” with installation.

6. Motorbikes continued to blight and were increasing evident in early mornings. Maybe some local cars could install dashcams as police will accept video evidence.
7. Transparency funds had been received and a computer and office software had been purchased. Clerk will take over the management of the website. Annette suggested that a dropbox be set up so that all councillors could access but not the general public.
8. Battles Over: ntr.

## 6. Public/open session

The squirrel group was in disarray due to the resignation of Chairman Sue. Brenda said that the harvest supper was on the 6<sup>th</sup> October, £200 had been raised for the squirrel group at a coffee morning.

## 7. Updates from Community Groups

None.

## 8. Financial matters

1. Cheques for payments of 2 months’ clerk salary, £36 for BDO, were approved. The village hall had received a £5000 grant from Sedbergh Community Fund to help with hall water filtration system which had been completed successfully at a cost of £8696.24 inc. VAT. The village hall committee have offered to pay the cost before VAT of £7,246.87 to the council so that the bill could be paid and council will be able to claim back the VAT at a suitable time. This was agreed unanimously by the councillors. Cheques had been issued to Richard for £2441.32 to pay for the heat pumps and £244.13 for additional expenses. Clerk’s expenses for £422.10 including the cost of the computer, was agreed. £3,339.81 had been received from YDNP with £1,347.69 still available.
2. The balance stands at £5,751.23.
3. No immediate fund raising was needed.

## 9. Correspondence

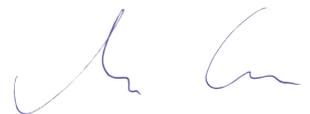
1. Planning applications consultation dates for West Coat Weggs and Griesdale had passed without objections from council. The application for Barn on the Hill had been voluntarily withdrawn. The West Coat Weggs application was retrospective as an unknown had reported the work to YDNP as having no official consent but council had no objections to the work as it was all “essential”. Council also expressed regret that most applications were in the guise of “local occupancy/holiday lets” which should be discouraged to encourage people moving to the area.

## 10. Councillor matters.

Annette had attended a recent Western Dales Forum meeting where the idea of setting up a “dark sky reserve” was discussed, meaning a lack of new street lights but this was unlikely to affect Garsdale as there were no street lights. A survey regarding more housing for locals such as in Tom Metcalfe’s case was also supported by Dent PC.

## Date of next meeting(s)

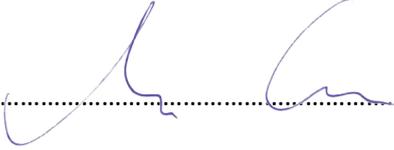
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017.



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Date..... 16 November 2017.....

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