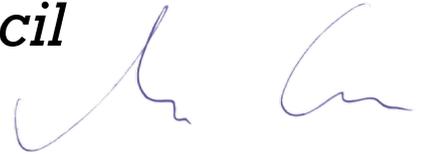


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Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 16th November 2017 at Garsdale Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present:

Councillors Annette Colton, Graham Lant, Gillian Dickinson, Hamish Wilson, DC Mel Mackie, DC Kevin Lancaster and **Clerk** Philip Johns

1. Apologies

Nick Cotton, Thomas Todd, Bill Mawdsley, Dave Labbate was gritting

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were declared.

3. Minutes

Minutes of the 21st September Council Meeting were signed.

4. County Councillor and District Councillors' report

Kevin had attended the LAP meeting the day before with Annette. Most of the discussions were about the floods. It was too easy for the EA to overlook efforts to prevent flooding as the worst were 2 years ago. Efforts needed to be made to coordinate projects such as tree planting further up the dales and shale removal. Warm words were being exchanged with YDNP and Kevin would keep council in the loop.

5. Progress reports

1. Clerk: Royal Mail had replied to say that their position over the missing post box was unaltered and if council wished to progress on this, their complaints department was the way forward. As there had not been a consultation period, council felt that this option should be pursued, clerk to write again.
2. Village hall restorations were well advanced and the new heating system was working well. New lights had arrived and needed installing plus 2 windows and insulation. Using YDNP's criteria, £22,500 of volunteer hours had been accrued so far.
3. The Coal Road resurfacing was complete but no repairs had been carried out on the Back Road. Kevin thought that the Coal Road repairs had been paid for by the Forestry Commission. There had been no word from Nick Cotton regarding filling in the verges where the drop offs were steep such as near the church. Clerk to pursue Nick. There had been a visit from CCC regarding the wall repairs and some markings on the road were noted. This may be the Structures Fund and not Highways. Brenda Coe had been in conversation with Sedbergh PC regarding the poor state of the fell 'carpark' and they in turn had contacted YDNP.
4. Post 16 Transport: Kevin reported no action as yet in restoring the transport. Previous systems had worked well and for the relatively small cost involved, it seemed ludicrous to spend £100,000 per year on taxis for special needs children.
5. There had been 3 further meetings regarding B4RN and 3 parties has volunteered their services to contact landowners to formally sign wayleaves and set out routes over their land. About 50 people turned up to the first presentation meeting followed by around 30 to the subsequent volunteer meetings. Clerk had been coerced into being the local coordinator. Richard indicated that as much work as possible needed to be done over the winter months before lambing started.
6. Motorbikes: NTR.

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7. Clerk and Chairman had not yet met regarding the hand over of the website and some training due to time constraints on both sides, but will endeavour to meet at the earliest opportunity.
8. Battles Over: Nominally to be held on Nov. 11th 2018 but could possibly be the day before as that was a Saturday. Also, as Bonfire Night was around the 5th and concerns over clashing with Sedbergh, the date may be even earlier. A joint committee with the village hall committee should be set up.

6. Public/open session

None.

7. Updates from Community Groups

None.

8. Financial matters

1. Cheques for payments of 2 months' clerk salary, £250 and £628.10 village hall expenses were approved. Council voted unanimously to keep the precept for 2018/19 at £2,000.
2. There had been a problem with the cheque for Hardings as the signature mandate wasn't complete. Clerk thought that the bank was using an out of date mandate and had requested a new mandate form from the bank but this had not arrived. Graham was in Kendal the next day and would ask for one at the bank. Due to the difficult nature to switch banks, it was thought that although not ideal, council will stay with HSBC. Kevin suggested that we consult Sedbergh PC as their clerk had a credit card to use. Annette was aware that some banks had special accounts for parish councils. Clerk had asked CALC if he could be a signee but it had to be 2 councillors. Once all the village hall payments had been received, a VAT reclaim would be put together. The balance stands at £3081.85.
3. The last of the grant was due in, approximately £1,300. However, it had been noted during the works that the village hall roof would need some serious repairs in the next few years and further fund raising will be required.

9. Correspondence

1. Annette had drafted out a letter regarding the consultation on private water supplies. This was circulated by email prior to the meeting and the clerk had then sent it off as the cut off date was prior to the meeting. Tim Farron had responded in accordance with council's wishes. The council voted unanimously to approve the letter retrospectively.

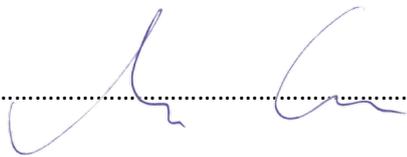
10. Councillor matters.

Graham reported that a tree had fallen down into the river on Tom's land and if not removed could cause a blockage or damage at a bridge if it came free. Graham will ask Tom what action he wanted to take.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 18th January 2018.

Meeting closed 8.50pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....1st February 2018.....

Please note that these are draft minutes, subject to change and will not be signed until the next meeting.

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