

Garsdale Parish Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 15th March 2018 at Garsdale Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present:

Councillors Annette Colton, Gillian Dickinson, Thomas Todd, Dave Labbate, Hamish Wilson and DC Kevin Lancaster, Amanda Coleman and Clerk Philip Johns

1. Apologies

Graham Lant, Bill Mawdsley, Mel McKie

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were declared.

3. Minutes

Minutes of the 1st February Council Meeting were signed.

4. County Councillor and District Councillors' report

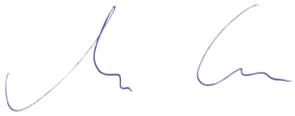
Elections for DC are to be held on 3rd May along with the parish elections

5. Progress reports

1. Clerk had attended a meeting with SLDC on the 14th March to go through the procedure of the local elections and distributed the nomination packs. The nomination forms had to be returned no later than 6th April and will know around the 9th April whether the positions are uncontested or there needs to be an election. HSBC has returned the mandate citing it was the wrong form despite council checking with them three times whether we were using the correct one.
2. Village hall: work was now complete but there had been more leaks in the roof and quotations had been requested. Some PR work could be carried out at the parish meeting with the National Park and suppliers.
3. Highways: the temporary traffic lights were still in place with no further work being carried out. However, it is thought that little would be done until an improvement in the weather. Belinda Keeble and Brenda Koo had been badgering Highways to improve the road in Grisedale and The Old Road with some success. Graeme Wheelhouse had promised a day each on the 19th and 20th March to repair the worst of the potholes but acknowledged that this was only temporary and really needed extensive machine work but there was no money available at present. Highways had a new website to report problems who then had three days to repair problems after which they could be held liable for any vehicle repairs. There was a link from the Garsdale PC website. There are often 2 large pools of water on the A684 near West Bridge End and Badger Dub. Also, the gutters on The Coal Road had been damaged causing water to run down the road. Highways had inspected but no action taken yet. Clerk would write to Nick Cotton again about the large drop off on the edge of the road especially near the church.
4. Post 16 Transport: no progress.
5. Broadband: there have been some wayleaves signed and a contractor for laying ducting had been appointed. See item 6.
6. Motorbikes: Amanda was present and a lengthy discussion ensued but in reality, the problems with reckless and overly noisy bikers were difficult ones to overcome. There were only 4 or 5 traffic teams available which had to cover a large area including motorways and therefore policing in Garsdale could only occur every few months. As the problems were seasonal, this would only be in

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the better weather months and on sunny Sundays and Bank holidays. Some check points will be set up elsewhere such as near Devil's Bridge when bikes will be checked and if found not to have insurance or 'faulty' exhausts those bikes could be impounded. Dash cams could be useful but there was little enthusiasm for community speed checks. Gill commented that she had witnessed a village in Scotland where there were special traffic lights that turned red if approached at over the speed limit which delayed traffic for 2 minutes. Amanda suggested a life-size cut-out of a mock policeman on the side of the road could be effective. Gill commented that she had been made aware of the danger of cars or cyclists leaving the road if made to swerve to avoid bikers and catching the exaggerated cam made by the new road surface.

7. Transparency: the fund had closed but council had received their remunerations. Clerk and chairman were meeting on the 19th March for training to enable clerk to access the website.
8. Battles Over: to be an item at the parish meeting.

6. Public/open session

Council approved unanimously that a cabinet for B4RN could be installed externally at the village hall and as this was a utility, was the responsibility of the council and village hall committee to agree. The position would be agreed with B4RN but suggested to be under the window of the disabled toilet.

7. Updates from Community Groups

Kevin requested that the clerk be authorised to sign wayleaves for parish held waste land to enable access for ducting to Garsdale Foot and High and Low Fawes. Annette proposed that clerk be authorised to sign wayleaves for any parish held land. This was agreed unanimously. Clerk informed council that the editor of Lookaround was retiring at the end of the year and a group of 6 had been put together to carry it on and included the clerk. Annette told council that 1st Responders were short of members. Jack and Lorraine Butterworth volunteered their services.

8. Financial matters

1. Cheques for payments of 2 months' clerk salary, £950 for Neville Woodfine for the village windows, £380.16 for Eddie Lord for insulation were signed.
2. The balance stood at £2947.29 before these payments. The precept of £2000 should be paid to council in April. Clerk asked Richard for a full list of invoices so that a VAT reclaim could be submitted.
3. The grant was now fully paid up

9. Correspondence

1. Clerk had received an email from CCC regarding the fallen bough that had blocked the road after Storm Emma near Whitbeck. An inspector had visited and although the bough was now on private land, they did not know of the landlords' identity and asked if council could write to the landlords citing their liabilities if the bough damaged the road in future. David L had tried to get Highways to remove the fallen bough as it was blocking the A684 completely but they proved totally inept and Steve and John Labbate along with Eddie Lord stepped in to remove it. David felt that there was very little risk of the bough moving from it's present position and would be removed when the land dries out.
2. The crime report showed a theft of 4 wheels and tires at the top of Garsdale and thefts of tools from vans were increasing generally.

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3. A short survey was carried out regarding the priority register for vulnerable people at times of electricity disruption. Only Annette was aware of this register but council agreed that it was a good idea to participate as it may mean quicker restoration of supplies.

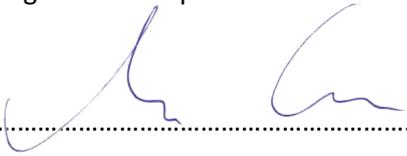
10. Councillor matters.

None.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 17th May 2018. As this will be the parish meeting, the AGM and ordinary council meeting all on one evening, the proceedings will start at 7.00pm

Meeting closed 9.20pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....**17/5.2018**.....

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

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