

Garsdale Parish Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 17th May 2018 at Garsdale Village Hall after the AGM.

Present:

Councillors Annette Colton, Gillian Dickinson, Thomas Todd, Dave Labbate, Hamish Wilson, Graham Lant. Bill Mawdsley and DCs Kevin Lancaster, Sheila Capstick and Clerk Philip Johns

1. Apologies

Nick Cotton

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were declared.

3. Minutes

Minutes of the 15th March Council Meeting were signed.

4. County Councillor and District Councillors' report

NTR

5. Progress reports

1. Clerk reported that the elections had gone smoothly and distributed the acceptance of office papers, declaration of interests and reminded councillors that their election expenses documents needed to be submitted to SLDC by May 31st.
2. Village hall: work was now complete but there had been more leaks in the roof and quotations had been requested. Council will look to pursue another grant which will also include new windows in the toilets and kitchen. More details at the next meeting.
3. Highways: as per parish meeting.
4. Post 16 Transport: as per parish meeting.
5. Broadband: as per parish meeting.
6. Motorbikes: NTR.
7. Battles Over: Hamish will look at ideas for the next meeting and clerk will contact Sedbergh PC to see if they were organising an event.

6. Public/open session

NTR

7. Updates from Community Groups

NTR

8. Financial matters

1. Cheques for payments of 2 months' clerk salary were agreed. Clerk commented that he had not had a pay increase in 4 years and due to the transparency agreement, was doing more work than ever. He suggested that the precept should be increased next year to allow for a pay increase. John Colton and Richard had expenses owing but the auditor, whilst being able to approve the annual account statement, could not approve the accounts overall as the submitted invoices for the VH did

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not match the monies paid out. In future, clerk must assure that when expenses claims were submitted, a full, matching list of receipts were attached before payment could be approved. Clerk suggested that a meeting with the relevant parties was held to go through the receipts to try balancing the accounts before being submitted back to the auditor. Council approve unanimously the risk assessment, annual governance statement and the annual return. Once accounts had been settled, then clerk will submit a VAT refund, but may have to enquire with YDNP whether they had reclaimed any on the VH invoices.

2. The balance stood at £3375.47 after the precept payment.

9. Correspondence

1. No objections.
2. No objections although the consultation period had passed.
3. A FOI request had been received from Mr Clive Arnold of Junction Cottage regarding what personal information council held on Hamish Wilson prior to his co-option. Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Arnold stating that council did not hold any such personal information on councillors.

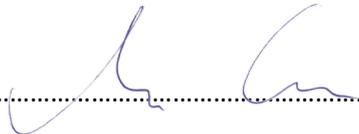
10. Councillor matters.

None.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 19th July

Meeting closed 9.30pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....19 July 2018.....

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