

Garsdale Parish Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 20th September 2018 at Garsdale Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present:

Councillors Annette Colton, Gillian Dickinson, Thomas Todd, Graham Lant, Bill Mawdsley, David Labbate and DCs Kevin Lancaster, Sheila Capstick, Police Community Officer Marion Jeffrey and Clerk Philip Johns

Due to the delayed arrival of Chairman Annette, Gill Dickinson assumed the chair.

1. Apologies

Hamish Wilson

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were declared.

3. Minutes

Minutes of the 19th July Council Meeting were signed.

4. County Councillor and District Councillors' report

Little to report apart from a crisis has developed in planning at SLDC due to planners leaving through retirement and choice. Reports to Highway's hotline are not being acted on and planning decisions face large delays. YDNP planning is unaffected and operating normally.

5. Progress reports

1. Clerk reported that he has met with the auditor and accounts for the village hall renovations have been finalised and approved. A VAT reclaim of £2,489.07 has been paid by HMRC which gave a small surplus of £120 from the grant awarded by YDNP.
2. Village hall: Richard, clerk and 2 other volunteers had met representatives from YDNP for a 'cheque presentation' for publicity purposes, with photographs taken. The opportunity was taken to ask Andrea Burden about further funds for the roof repairs and a ramp for wheelchair access. Richard had one quote of £12,198 plus VAT from Eddie Lord but YDNP will need at least 2 more. Replacement windows for the kitchen, hallway and toilets would cost £2,030.70 fitted or £938.17 for costs alone. Richard and Dave Labbate will seek more quotes.
3. Highways: there was a proposed road closure for the A684 to remove self-seeded trees and wall repairs starting Monday 24th September for 4 weeks. More road repairs in Grisedale was imminent.
4. Post 16 Transport: NTR.
5. Broadband: Phil and Richard have had a few meetings with B4RN, the Garsdale steering group and contractor Tony Middleton. Duct laying is to start very shortly and nearly all properties from Sedbergh to The Fell have been connected. The cabinet is at Melling awaiting installation which B4RN have offered to do in the next few weeks. David Pilgrim has assured that full funds were available for the build but Dave Ryall is sceptical and as much work should be undertaken by volunteers as possible to reduce costs. Allison Redfern and David Heller have volunteered as co-ordinators, Phil as quartermaster and Richard as general dog's body.
6. Motorbikes: Marion Jeffrey (Maz) introduced herself as the new police community officer. She sympathised with the menace of some motor bikers and recognised there needs to be a long-term solution. On the spot fines for over-loud bikes were difficult to administer as the bikes needed to be

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seized and taken to Barrow for dismantling to prove they have been deliberately altered which isn't practical for a £50 fine. Environmental health was still the best option. There had been 4 RTA's since July, non-fatal, in Garsdale which is low for the dale so a large police presence wasn't justified. More effort should be made to re-educate bikers. The SID on The Street recorded 9000 passages at an average speed of 17.7mph but this was likely to be artificially low due to the traffic works. Dash cam recordings were welcome and could be sent to 101@cumbria.police.uk. Speed guns were ineffective with bikes and could only be used in 30mph zones. The idea of a web page to report incidents on the council site was good. Clear descriptions would be needed and reports sent to Maz. Graham asked why, in the 20 years he has lived in the dale, was the same conversation being held but no action taken? The possibility of "rumble strips" was not received well and if Environmental Health were to do checks, they would need evidence of repeat offending. Despite the negativity of Maz's report, she would send in a report to headquarters.

7. Battles Over: Hamish was absent but had sent in ideas for a memorial bench. There were 2 possibilities of a 3-seater for £450 or £350, engraved plaque for £65 and delivery for £34.95, all inc. VAT. Council voted unanimously for the sturdier £450 bench, preferably with the bench engraved rather than a plaque to deter theft, to be funded solely by the council. The bench will be most likely be seated in the hall grounds, to be determined later. There should be some publicity about a Nov 11th unveiling plus invites to interested bodies. Richard proposed that he make a permanent memorial consisting of a WW1 shell, poppies and 'rifles with helmets on' to remain in the village hall. Agreed by council.

6. Public/open session

Farfield had requested an attendance at a meeting about changes occurring at The Mill, with a £1.00 share sale to raise £300,000.

7. Updates from Community Groups

NTR

8. Financial matters

1. Cheques for payments of 2 months' clerk salary were agreed plus £78.05 for John Colton and £76.37 for Richard Dickinson for final village hall expenses
2. The balance stood at £5270.22.
3. Insurance to Came and Co approved for £218 despite a £50 increase although alternatives may be sought next year.

9. Correspondence

1. Mouse Syke no comments but passed consultation date.
2. No objections for Dandra Garth.

10. Councillor matters.

Graham suggested that a meeting was convened purely to discuss bikers and also queried how Settlebeck School had managed to get permission to paint their tennis courts bright blue.

Date of next meeting

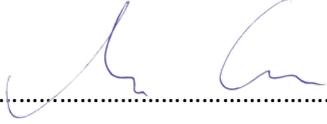
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Meeting closed 9.22pm.

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Chairman..........

Date.....29 November 2018.....

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