

Garsdale Parish Council

Email: garsdaleparishcouncil@outlook.com
Website: garsdaleparishcouncil.com

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 29th November 2018 at Garsdale Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present:

Councillors Annette Colton, Gillian Dickinson, Thomas Todd, Graham Lant, Hamish Wilson and DC Sheila Capstick, Police Community Officer Marion Jeffrey and Clerk Philip Johns

1. Apologies

Kevin Lancaster

2. Declarations of Interest

Annette declared an interest in Slack Cottage.

3. Minutes

Minutes of the 20th September Council Meeting were signed.

4. County Councillor and District Councillors' report

Sheila reported that SLDC had resumed private water supply inspections and were hounding a resident in Cumbria, demanding £1000 of work to be done. Council briefed Sheila on the experiences and counter measures that were made a couple of years ago. Hamish commented that SLDC were making 'money for old rope' and would cause a lot of resentment. Raymond Lund fencing off a spring and 15 minutes of the village hall inspection at a cost of £250 were sited. It was decided not to write to SLDC or Tim Farron until new issues arose in Garsdale. Annette will post a notice on the website.

5. Progress reports

1. Clerk: NTR
2. Village hall: Richard has had one further quote for the roof repairs but was awaiting one more. Grant enquires were progressing.
3. Highways: the A684 has reopened to through traffic after a 4 week closure but repairs were still ongoing as the road structure was in much worse condition than expected. All were agreed that the road workers had carried out the work to a high standard and had treated residents courteously. There were 2 more culverts further east that had been identified as needing repairs. Concern was expressed about the height of the retaining past Bens Bridge as this had been reduced by the addition of 2 layers of tarmac. This had been the site of 2 previous accidents. Clerk was asked to write to Highways about this and the lack of barriers from Slack Cottage to the village hall.
4. Broadband: B4RN volunteers and Tony's mole plough had progressed rapidly up the dale which has caught B4RN on the hop. There were a number of road crossings to be done but the single bay cabinet has arrived at the village hall. Some house connection kits had been installed and some properties will have fibre blown through shortly from the relevant chambers. Grisedale was also ready for fibre but further work towards The Moorcock had been temporarily suspended for more route planning.
5. Motorbikes: Marion Jeffrey (Maz) felt that the last minutes didn't truly reflect the police commitment to dealing with the errant motorbikes and had been aiming to give a realistic report. She had not yet received any dashcam footage but it was 'out of season' presently. There has been 2 AMPRs installed on the A684 but couldn't disclose where. These were to detect uninsured vehicles. Graham commented that this was the first positive thing the police had undertaken in 20 years. There were some covert operations in place but wouldn't be enacted until March/April. Maz suggested that council write to Highways and Tim Farron to pursue a long-term solution. There were

Clerk to the parish council: Phil Johns
Ben's Bridge, Garsdale, Sedbergh, LA10 5PH
Telephone: 015396 22170

Chairman of the parish council: Annette Colton,
Slack House, Garsdale, Sedbergh, LA10 5PE
Phone: 015396 21957 (eve) 21219 (day)

Garsdale Parish Council

2 crimes reported in October, a theft of paving slabs from Ed Metcalfe's yard and an 'assault' which had been filed.

6. Battles Over: Hamish was congratulated on the magnificent and moving tribute at Battle's Over evening by Sheila which was echoed by council.

6. Public/open session

None.

7. Updates from Community Groups

NTR

8. Financial matters

1. Cheques for payments of 2 months' clerk salary were agreed plus £644.85 to Hamish for the bench.
2. The balance stood at £4616.70

9. Correspondence

1. Mouse Syke app passed.
2. Dandra Garth app passed.
3. Rose Cottage app received no objections but Annette reiterated council's view that residential use and not just holiday let was preferable.
4. Slack Cottage app had no objections.
5. Clerk had been advised that a recent court case deemed parish council liable for falling trees and memorials. However, only one tree, at the rear of the village hall, was identified as on council property. Clerk will email Kevin for advice.
6. Farfield, no attendance but did turn up 2 weeks ago as had not been advised of the change of date.

10. Councillor matters.

Hamish enquired about the possibilities of tarmacking the rough gravel path leading down from the station. Graham commented that Network Rail had been trying to do this for many years but had received no help from the local residents who owned the land. It was an official walking route but the residents were technically liable for any accidents. Graham will try to approach Network Rail H&S personnel with emphasis on disability access.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 17th January 2019

Meeting closed 9.22pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

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

Clerk to the parish council: Phil Johns
Ben's Bridge, Garsdale, Sedbergh, LA10 5PH
Telephone: 015396 22170

Chairman of the parish council: Annette Colton,
Slack House, Garsdale, Sedbergh, LA10 5PE
Phone: 015396 21957 (eve) 21219 (day)