

# GARSDALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12th July 2010 at 7.30 pm at Garsdale Village Hall.

**Present:** Michael Roper (Chairman)  
Caroline Cattermole  
Pauline Fozzard  
Tony Roberts  
Pat Thynne  
Thomas Todd

**In attendance:** Kate Metcalfe

Apologies for absence were received from Karen Dakin, Graham Dalton, Kevin Lancaster, Ian MacPherson David Labatte and Rachel Thomas.

## 1. Report from Community Officer

There was nothing to report.

## 2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 17th May 2010 were signed and approved as a correct record.

## 3. Matters Arising

### Highways:

A schedule of works has been received which Michael agreed to email to members. Emergency funding had been sought for repairs.

**ACTION:** Michael

### Garsdale Station:

It was pointed out that the sign to Garsdale Station had disappeared and a replacement should be requested.

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### Website:

Michael had as yet been unable to contact David Bracken. David does not receive any remuneration or funding for the website. It was felt that the current format could benefit from revamping and it may be something the Parish Council could take on. It was agreed to look at this before the next meeting.

**ACTION:** Michael

### Broadband:

Tony had received a reply from NWDA. He had asked for details of the contract and it appeared that NWDA did not fund Kencomp direct. Further

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details on the basis of the contract, etc, were still awaited. Faults of the current crude and high risk system were highlighted such as when the Grisedale connection had gone off because someone had turned off one of the "bouncing stations". It was agreed to look into alternative providers.

**ACTION:** Tony

**Low Cost Housing:**

Michael had passed a copy of a letter received from YDNP to Kevin Lancaster.

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**2009/2010 Accounts:**

These had been signed off by the Finance Officer and would be passed to BDO within the next couple of weeks.

**Parish Remuneration Panel:**

A letter had been received asking for details of allowances and expenses to be notified by 15 September 2010. Michael said that in recent years the precept had both risen and fallen and should we wish to put forward a case for increasing the precept the work of the Parish Council needed to be highlighted. Members agreed to give thought to the issue of the increase of the precept in time for the next meeting.

**ACTION:** All

**Remuneration for Clerk:**

It was agreed that a sum of £600 should be paid for this year with the possibility of increasing this in subsequent years. This would of course be dependent on the level of precept being increased.

**Grit Bins:**

Nothing further had been heard. Michael agreed to chase Kevin Lancaster.

**ACTION:** Michael

**Planning Matters:**

A planning application had been received from Raymond Lund in respect of replacing a roof on one of his outbuildings. No objections were made as it was felt the replacement of the current tin with slate would only improve the look of the building.

**ACTION:** Michael to email YDNP

**4. Reports on recent meetings**

**Health Centre:**

Last meeting held on 6 May 2010 where it was reported that negotiations were still taking place regarding funding. It appeared the doctors were concerned about their private monies being used should problems arise. No date had been fixed for another meeting and clarification was awaited from the banks regarding this issue.

**LAP:**

Main areas of concern at this meeting were the lack of play areas and highways. It was reported that a firm of consultants had been tasked to look into ways to improve the local area. This work would cost between £30,000 and £40,000. Members felt a better use of the money would be to fund ideas residents had put forward.

**ACTION:** *Michael to circulate minutes.*

**Garsdale Housing Needs Survey:**

Work on the old School House was not expected to be furthered until the end of the year. Any proposed development on Garsdale Street would cause problems with the water supply and septic tanks. It was agreed that pressure should be put on local land owners regarding the number of empty properties on farm land.

**ACTION:** *Members to put together list of empty properties.*

**Neighborhood Forum:**

Tony reported on a quite well attended meeting at which nothing was mentioned about Garsdale! There was a poor presentation on recycling. The management of the travelers' at this years' Appleby Fair was discussed and it was generally felt that this was better than last year - but that year was dreadful.

It was agreed that Pauline and Tony continue to attend these meetings.

**5. Countryside Report**

Pat gave a brief summary of this report. It identified what had gone wrong to date and recommended a clear government strategy that involves all relevant people. Other recommendations included a more positive approach to the future of hill farming funding, a different approach to funding with the reform on current agricultural policy, improving broadband and mobile phone reception. It was agreed that the report be tabled at the next LAP meeting.

**ACTION:** *Michael/Pat*

**6. Community Wildlife Funding of Initiatives**

It was agreed to invite Jacqui Foot to attend the next meeting to give a presentation on Red Squirrel protection.

**ACTION:** *Pat*

**7. Japanese Knotweed**

The River Lune Trust will come and spray affected areas three times at two week intervals and this is a free service. Michael reported that he had spoken to Graham Scarr about this and he was happy for this work to be done. The Trust need to know where all the affected areas are so all can be treated at once. It was agreed to try and mark on a map all affected

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areas.

**ACTION: All**

**8. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 13th September 2010.

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