

# Garsdale Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 7.30 pm at Garsdale Village Hall.

Present: Michael Roper - Chairman  
Thomas Todd - Vice Chairman  
Pauline Fozard  
David Labbate  
Sue Ryall  
Nick Cotton  
Ian McPherson

Apologies for absence: Evelyn Westwood,

**1. Minutes of last meeting held on 5 September 2013.**

These were approved as a correct record.

**2. Local Area Partnership.**

It was agreed that this was a worthwhile meeting to continue to attend as the forum brings councils together and effectively gives them a larger voice. Issues discussed include highways and recreational activities for children - both matters are important to discuss in a larger forum.

**3. Public session**

There were no members of the public in attendance

**4. Finance Matters**

The parish council accounts on the 12 November carried forward £3,555.91.

Expenditure was discussed and the following agreed to be paid;

BDO audit fees	£42.00
Ed Metcalf for roof repairs	£72.00 (once correct invoice submitted)

The balance carried over into this financial year is higher than normal, but it is planned to use the money as part of the upgrade of the Village Hall water supply.

**6. First Responder**

Sue reported that applications are assessed in a similar way to ambulance people and a short list of 3 people have been put forward and are awaiting interviews. Ian McPherson mentioned that Evelyn and he would be interested in supporting the scheme with some of the money that they are allowed to allocate to projects in the area.

**7. Fibre GarDen.**

A summary of the progress of Fibre GarDen was read out which was taken from the Blog site. This reports that the tenders for the project installation are being assessed and that the share prospectus has gone out to the community and was being well supported.

  
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#### **8. Community Officer Report.**

Unfortunately Karen Dakin was unable to attend the meeting.

#### **9. Garsdale Website.**

The web site has been updated.

#### **10. Other matters.**

It was agreed to re-circulate the information regarding Farmwatch and the "Snowball" system.

#### **11. Highways Issues.**

A long discussion was held over the works on the A684 to the east of Dandra Garth. Nick Cotton reported that there was going to be no way that access could be given during the course of the works due to the limited space available and the extent of the excavation required to remove the failed material.

Nick also mentioned that he had allocated some of his budget to have the remaining section of the wall surveyed and at the same time the removal of any trees and bushes that are growing out of other section of the retaining wall.

Concerns were raised by the councillors over what provisions had been made in regards the gritting operation; currently David Labatte leaves his farm and does a counter clockwise gritting route via Mallerstang and Kirkby Stephen and Sedbergh. With the closure this would mean he had to set out in both directions which would double the time he was on the road. Nick said that he would talk to CCC.

It is hoped that the works will be completed mid December.

Nick also described the proposal of a community paid lengthsman which would be part paid by communities LAPA. The duties would include clearing drains, headwalls trees etc. It was agreed that this would be an interesting way forward.

David Labatte brought up the problems with some of the drains on Back Lane, both on the western end and eastern end. Nick requested that photographs were taken and sent to him so that he could bring the matter up with CCC.

#### **12. Village Hall**

The points made at the last meeting still stand and despite continued efforts to contact the Bradford Diocese no reply has been made.

- a. Village Hall lease. The new lease has been received but there is still an issue with the maintenance responsibility for the access road to the Old School House. The council and VH committee regard the maintenance to be the responsibility of the occupiers of the OSH which they agree except for the flagged area by the road. It was agreed that this should be a 50:50 arrangement. This has been notified to the diocese but no further communication has been received.
- b. Maintenance, sewer repair, roof and water system. Discussions were held on the potential blockage of the sewer pipe running to the septic tank as it was seen to

overflow during the last big event at the hall. It was agreed that the pipe should be rodded to confirm the presence of any debris in the pipe. There is concern over the potential leak in the roof over the toilet block and that this may need to be repaired in the near future. Lastly the water supply was discussed; Michael is currently looking into a system to remove sulphide from the water to make it less odorous and palatable. This will then bring it in line with the current drinking water standards. The potential cost of the system could be as much as £1,800. It was noted by David Labbate that if new works were to be undertaken in the pump house it would be beneficial to renovate the sheds to improve the condition. In addition it still has not been possible to isolate the leak in the old water supply pipe the runs under the village hall. A temporary pipe has been run on the surface but a more permanent solution needs to be found.

**13. Planning.**

There were planning applications in this period.

**14. Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7.30 pm.