

GARTON ON THE WOLDS PARISH COUNCIL

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Garton on the Wolds Parish Council – Minutes of a meeting held on the 2nd November 2016 at 7.15 pm at the School, Station Road, Garton on the Wolds, YO25 3EX.

Present

Cllr Steve Poessl	SP	Chairman
Cllr Eric Biggins	EB	Councillor
Cllr Mike Hood	MH	Vice Chairman
Cllr Kerry Duncan	KD	Councillor
Cllr Craig Duncan	CD	Councillor
Cllr Ian Bell	IB	Councillor
Cllr Jonathan Watson	JW	Councillor

Officers

Catherine Clark	CC	Clerk
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Others 13 members of the public

Action

16/17-96 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

There was much public feeling about the pond in particular the fact that the old fence has been taken down rather than repaired. There are concerns over the type of fence which will replace this (this has not been decided yet) and also concerns over the safety of children in and around the pond area. An open letter has been received by council objecting to the project.

The Chairman responded by reiterating that there is no legal requirement for a fence to be erected at all and that ROSPA are more than happy from a Health and Safety perspective with what Council has already undertaken. He also read out many letters and emails in support of the project.

There are concerns that the creation of a picnic area will spoil the look of the pond from a conservation point of view and will also cost a lot of money.

Councillor Mike Hood offered his apologies to Mrs Heather Sugdon who had been upset by comments made to her by him at the last council meeting.

Council was criticised for an apparent lack of communication even though fliers were distributed throughout the village on this topic and inviting residents to a meeting to discuss. Only 3 people attended this meeting back in May.

A complaint was raised that reference to a telephone message which was left by a member of the public on the Chairman's answer machine and discussed at the October meeting was not referred to in the minutes. The Clerk explained that she had not included this as it did not add any substance to the minutes and she felt it was therefore unnecessary. It is worth noting that this message was not of a confidential nature and therefore did not need to be treated as such.

CC

16/17-97 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Julian Martin and the reason approved.

16/17-98 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

16/17-99 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the following meeting be adopted as a true record:

- Ordinary meeting 5th October 2016 (KD/JW)

16/17-100 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5th OCTOBER NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA
None

16/17-101 FINANCE

- a) Financial report

RESOLVED: To approve the following payments:

Clerk's salary	
HMRC	
Information Commissioner	£35.00
Cllr Watson (reimbursement)	£21.00

- b) 2017-18 budget review
The budget for next year was finalised and an increase of 1.8% agreed on the precept.

16/17-102 PLANNING

There were no planning applications.

16/17-103 ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MATTERS – TO RECEIVE REPORTS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING:

- a) Village Maintenance (including grass cutting, the pond and winter maintenance)

Pond

A meeting date of the 18th January was agreed for a public consultation and Councillor Kerry Duncan has kindly prepared a flier to for distribution nearer the time. It was agreed that these should be posted in envelopes and the Clerk will email a copy of the Electoral Roll to Councillor Biggins who kindly offered to print labels.

Councillor Hood has kindly drawn several designs showing different styles of fencing.

A response to the open letter will be sent notifying the sender of Council's decision to hold the public meeting in January.

It was also agreed that a couple of copies of the minutes should be available in the shop should anyone wish to see these.

ACTION: Clerk to send Electoral roll and Councillor Biggins to print labels.

CC

EB

Winter Maintenance

Councillor Biggins has been trying to contact Mr Tim Ewbank before arranging for Cherrys to deliver the remaining pallet of salt. A rota was drawn up for the spreading of salt when required as follows:

Week 1 Councillor Watson 1st December to the 11th December

Week 2 – Councillor Hood 12th December to the 18th December

Weeks 3 & 4 Councillors Duncan 19th to the 25th December

Week 5 Councillor Poessl 26th December to the 1st January

Hedges

A number of residents have received letters from ERYC about their hedges and these issues are being addressed by them.

Dog Fouling

Repairs to some of the footpaths have begun therefore once these are complete the stencils can be utilised.

Notice Board

The perspex has been damaged and the Clerk will obtain a quote to replace this.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain quote to replace this.

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b. Highways (including maintenance and traffic problems)

1. Parking at the school.

A meeting took place on the 31st October at the school between representatives of the council, school and board of governors. It was agreed that all parties desire the same outcome, it is a question of money. To ease the situation with parking the school is going to trial an earlier finish date for half of the school of 3.15pm.

The Clerk has received a response from the office of Sir Greg Knight and more information has been requested regarding exact costings for the lease/purchase of the land.

Green Lane

The Local Access Forum are still in discussion with ERYC over the issue of Green Lane and an update will be provided when available.

After having no luck with the Police over the issue of how many signs need to be displayed at either end of the lane the Clerk will speak with ERYC.

ACTION: Clerk to speak with ERYC over the signage.

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- c. Telephone box
The defibrillator was checked and the battery appears to be in order. The light in the kiosk is still out and the bulb has been replaced. This keeps blowing. Councillor Watson will ask his friend (electrician) to have a look. The Clerk has yet to obtain a quote for a replacement battery for budgeting purposes.

- d. Website

In the absence of Councillor Martin no update was available.

- e. Village broadband
Councillor Biggins advised that 4 houses in the village are tapping into Quickline and he will endeavour to find out which mast this is.

ACTION: Clerk to research cost of replacement battery.

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- f. Fracking
This will be included in the flier for the public meeting in January.

EB

- g. West End
Councillor Biggins will chase for a final cut before the end of the year.
ACTION: Councillor Biggins will chase contractor re grass

- h. School
The school are still waiting for some security work to be completed, after which the room should be available.

External Meetings and Reports

None

- i. Grants
Unfortunately, the grant from the Big Lottery Fund has been unsuccessful. The Clerk is now sourcing alternative funds including the Tesco Bags For Life pot.

16/17-104 ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

None.

16/17-105 CORRESPONDENCE – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The correspondence log was distributed by email. Councillors should request to see any items of interest.

The Clerk passed round the "Make Time for Winter" publication from ERYC.

16/17-106 COUNCILLORS EXCHANGE AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Council congratulated the Clerk on attaining the CiLCA qualification and the Clerk explained the advantages to members of holding this including the ability to use the General Power of Competence if needed.

16/17-107 HR (PERSONNEL COMMITTEE)

To resolve that due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the press and public are excluded from the remainder of the meeting (Section 1(2), Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings Act 1960):

Clerk's annual review

RESOLVED: That the Clerk's salary be increased following her attainment of the CiLCA qualification. This is based on her working 12.5 hours per calendar month and she will continue to keep a time log.

16/17-108 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the date of the next meeting is the 7th December 2016 in the school.

Meeting closed at 09:55pm

Signature of Chairman:

Dated:

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