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Garton on the Wolds Parish Council – Minutes of the meeting held on the **9th January 2025** at 19:15 in the School.

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| Present | |  |  | |
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| Cllr. Alison Botten | | AB | Chairman | |
| Cllr. Mike Benton-Rose | | MBR | Councillor | |
| Cllr. Daniel Wilson | | DW | Vice Chairman | |
| Cllr. Adrian Black | | AMB | Councillor | |
| Attended by | |  |  | |
| **Officers** | |  |  | |
| Catherine Simpson | | CS | Clerk | |
| **Others** | |  |  | |
| 5 | |  | Members of the public | |
| Cllr. Mark Blakeston | | MB | Ward Councillor | |
| Cllr. Leo Hammond | | LH | Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner | |
|  |  | | | **Action** |
|  | WELCOME | | |  |
|  | The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and read the Recording Declaration. | | |  |
| **24/25-148** | PUBLIC OPEN FORUM | | |  |
|  | The issue was raised about the safety of children crossing the road and the possibility of reducing the speed limit.  Some bushes have been blown over and are causing an obstruction to vehicles.  Hedges along Cowlam Bottom / Garton Slack have not been cut back far enough. Cllr. Blakeston will take some photos and report to ERYC. | | |  |
| **24/25-149** | APOLOGIES | | |  |
|  | Apologies were received from Cllr. Stuart Dixon and Ward Cllr. Michael Lee and the reasons accepted. | | |  |
| **24/25-150** | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST | | |  |
|  | Cllr. Alison Botten declared an interest in the Finance section.  There were no dispensations. | | |  |

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| **24/25-151** | **HIGHWAYS** |  |
|  | Item 9b was brought forward.   1. Cllr. Leo Hammond delivered a short presentation on the role of the Police & Crime Commissioner before explaining the various initiatives that are currently being used to combat speeding. These include:  * The trialling of 20mph zones in 4 selected areas. * Community Speed Watch * Automated Community Speed Watch (radar gun attached to an ANPR camera) currently being trialled in Bubwith. * Flashing speed signs (grants are available) * Neighbourhood Teams which have their own speed guns * Advisory signs are currently being trialled in North Dalton * Gateway scheme will shortly be trialled. * Operation Snap whereby members of the public can upload photos and dashcam footage to the Police. Free dashcams have been made available.   Cllr Blakeston will request a site visit with ERYC Highways to discuss the possibility of a 20mph zone outside the primary school. Due to the considerable footfall with children crossing the road between the school and church several times a week, Cllr Hammond suggested that a pedestrian crossing may be supported. Cllr Blakeston and Cllr Hammond would be willing to attend a site visit along with members of the parish council and school representatives.   1. There is a section of bank between the Methodist Chapel Century House which at some time has had railings along it. These have disappeared and all that is left is the cut down posts.   It was agreed that this item be deferred to the next meeting when Cllr. Dixon will be in attendance as the issue was raised by him. Cllr. Blakeston did state that ERYC would probably not support the installation of new railings due to safety concerns, |  |
| **24/25-152** | **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE** |  |
|  | Cllr. Dixon was thanked for cutting back the hedge which was obscuring the 3 Schools signs near the school. He has also cleaned these.  There is a pot hole on the A166 outside Manor Farm and Cllr. Wilson will take some photos. |  |
| **24/25-153** | **CO-OPTION** |  |
|  | There has been no interest. |  |
| **24/25-154** | **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)** |  |
|  | **RESOLVED:** to adopt the minutes of the following meetings (DW/MBR).  Ordinary meeting 5th December 2024 |  |

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| **24/25-155** | **FINANCE** |  |
|  | Cllr. Wilson took over at this point:   1. **RESOLVED:** to approve the payments listed below (one abstention):  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Alison Botten | £34.86 | Printing of fliers | | Clear Councils | £534.81 | Insurance |  1. The accounts to the end of December were agreed and the bank reconciliation signed by the Chairman.   The Clerk will add a savings fund to the bank reconciliation to show the money earmarked for projects. |  |
| **24/25-156** | **PLANNING** |  |
|  | There were no planning issues. |  |
| **24/25-157** | **TELEPHONE BOX / DEFIBRILLATOR** |  |
|  | Cllr. Botten checked the defibrillator on the 7th January and everything is in order. |  |
| **24/25-158** | **GREEN LANES** |  |
|  | The blocks have been moved and vehicles have been using the lanes again.  Cllr. Wilson will draft something for the next meeting with a view to this being sent to ERYC. This will cover the incorrect signage and the clearing of scrub. |  |
|  | **ACTION:** DW to draft email to ERYC. | **DW** |
| **24/25-159** | **EXTERNAL MEETINGS** |  |
|  | Cllr. Botten has attended an online webinar about the domain helper service. The Clerk is booked onto the same course in February. |  |
| **24/25-160** | **PROJECTS/EVENTS** |  |
|  | 1. Christmas 2025 – the Christmas tree was badly damaged during the last storm. A budget of up to £600 was agreed for the purchase of a new one (AMB/MBR). Council also discussed the possibility of having a real tree at some point. 2. It was agreed that Cllr. Benton-Rose will obtain a quotation in respect of the installation of armoured cabling from the phone box to the pond. 3. Flags– it was agreed that Council purchases a St George’s flag (DW/MBR).   It was also agreed to remove the flag at the bus shelter as this keeps getting tangled up. |  |
|  | **ACTION:** MBR to obtain quotation for installation of armoured cabling. | **MBR** |
| **24/25-161** | **HUMAN RESOURCES** |  |
|  | The HR Committee is going to arrange its inaugural meeting for February. |  |
| **24/25-162** | **ADMINISTRATION** |  |
|  | The insurance Schedule has been circulated and the policy renewed. There is currently a Long-Term Agreement in place and a discount in premium is being applied as a result. |  |
| **24/25-163** | **CORRESPONDENCE** |  |
|  | All relevant emails have been circulated. |  |

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| **24/25-164** | **COUNCILLORS EXCHANGE & AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING** |  |
|  | Items for the next agenda include:   1. New website 2. Armoured cabling quotation 3. Annual Parish Meeting arrangements |  |
| **24/25-165** | **NEXT MEETING** |  |
|  | The next meeting will take place on the 6th February in the School. |  |

Meeting finished at 20:41

Signature of Chairman:

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