

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

Agenda for the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh to be held in the committee room of The People's Hall, Sedbergh at 7.30pm on Thursday 8th January 2015

- 1. Apologies for Absence***
- 2. Requests for dispensations***
- 3. Declarations of interest***
- 4. Police – Report***
- 5. Debbie Binch – Environment Agency***
- 6. To adopt the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th December 2014.***
- 7. Matters arising from the Minutes of 11th December 2014 not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.***
- 8. Report/update from District/County Councillor***
- 9. Planning***
To adopt the report from the Planning Committee meeting and discuss any matters arising.
- 10. Finance***
 - a. To receive the minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee held on 6th January 2015.***
 - b. Request for Payments***
- 11. Grants – To consider requests for grants (details to be circulated prior to the meeting)***
- 12. Public Participation (at 8.30pm)***
- 13. Amenities Committee –***
To receive the minutes of the recent meeting and discuss issues arising.
- 14. Sedbergh Townscape Project***
To receive an updating report and discuss issues relating.
- 15. Queens Gardens***
To receive an updating report.
- 16. Government Consultation on Parish Polls***
- 17. Correspondence***
- 18. Date and time of next meeting – 7.30 Thursday 12 February 2015***

Report to Sedbergh Parish Council Meeting – 8 January 2015 Sedbergh Townscape Project

Footway widening, Main Street:

No response has been received to suggestions made to improve access arrangements and use of the footway by wheelchair users (although a Main Street resident has been advised that a drop kerb will be installed opposite the access to Pippin Cottage at some future date).

Highway signs de-cluttering project:

No further communication has been received from the Highway Authority following the meeting with Stuart Braithwaite in April last year when agreement was reached on outstanding matters.

Jubilee Fountain:

A specification for the re-pointing and associated works recommended by the consultant will be prepared so as to enable a formal tendering exercise to be undertaken.

Provision of cycle stands:

Andi Chapple has secured grant assistance from DITA for the proposed cycle stands by the Information centre and the rail to be affixed to the planter (by the White Hart) and has also now obtained funding for the cost of those stands proposed to be located opposite Premier stores and adjacent to the lay-by near the toilet building.

Progress on the proposed cycle stands within the highway cannot be made until the County Council is able to confirm the extent and timing of the 're-flagging' work to be undertaken.

Parking area in front of St Andrew's Church

The parking area in front of the Church is now in very poor condition with a worn and pot-holed tarmac surface. The white markings of the disabled parking bay are indistinct.

At the last meeting it was reported that Cumbria County Council has stated that the area is considered to be part of the highway. The County Council has been invited to undertake an enhancement scheme in partnership with the Parish Council but, if not, to consider the possibility of transferring ownership of the land to the Parish Council.

Any response will be reported at the meeting.

Church wall, Finkle Street:

The Parish Council is responsible for this wall which is in need of some repair where stones are displaced or missing.

At the November meeting it was agreed that that this work, rather than forming part of the Jubilee Fountain project, should be undertaken as a separate contract. A tender specification has now been prepared with a view to the work being carried out in the New Year, once the danger of frost has passed.

Joss Lane car park/garden of 72 Main Street:

Following the advice from the Heritage Lottery Fund that grant assistance is unlikely to be forthcoming for the open space proposal, other options need to be considered and the views of the Project Board will be sought in the near future.

In relation to the possibility of re-locating a number of recycling containers to the Spar site, an initial response has been received from James Hall & Co. which offers some encouragement that this might be agreed.

Boundary wall and accesses to People's Hall:

This scheme will be progressed in partnership with the Peoples Hall Committee following the completion of the current works being undertaken to the building.