

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in The People's Hall, Sedbergh on Thursday 12th March 2015

Present: Councillors Hodge (Chair), Atkins, Capstick, Allan, Mary Macpherson, Brooks, Sedgwick, Ian McPherson and Dawson.

1. Apologies:

Apologies received from Cllr Longlands

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Atkins – Item 10a Grants – Western Dales Bus

4. Police Report

A written report was received by Members from PCSO Coleman. It was noted the recent increase in cold callers in the area. Although this is a legal practice however when complaints are received, officers are sent to speak with individuals. It was requested by Cllr Ian McPherson that it would be useful to receive updates on the more serious matters in future.

5. John Sibley – Cumbria Community Messaging System

John Sibley presented to SPC advising that CMS was a messaging service from Public Providers and requested SPC for their support in publicising the Messaging Service in the Sedbergh Area. A draft leaflet was circulated for information. Members agreed that SPC should support the scheme. It was noted that Dent has around 1/3 of households registered on the service and this compares with around 5% in Sedbergh. It was noted that we should also liaise with neighbouring Parishes. It was further noted that various organizations are signed up to the service, including Cumbria Police, Fire and Rescue Service, NHS, Environment Agency, CCC Highways and North West Electricity. An article is soon to be published in the Lookaround giving more details about the service and advising that Sedbergh Information Centre will be a central point for help. Mr Sibley was thanked for attending.

6. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council 12th February 2015

The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair Cllr Hodge.

7. Matters arising from the Minutes of 12th February 2015

Item 5 – Post 16 Transport – CCC are due to meet with schools/colleges in Kendal and Kirkby Lonsdale in the next two weeks to discuss transport issues now that student places have been allocated. There is growing concern amongst parents and SPC should continue to liaise with Cllr Nick Cotton.

8. Report from District/County Council

Cllr Evelyn Westwood reported on recent findings by Dent PC on cost of electricity for unmetered supplies. It was noted that the Clerk and the Chair of the Amenities Committee have been advised. It was further noted the recent concern shown by residents over the statutory requirement (a duty exercised by SLDC) to have shared private water supplies Risk Assessed. There has been some feedback over the high cost involved with the assessment. However, Cllr Westwood advised that if individuals do not comply, they could face prosecution. It was noted that individuals on sole private supply, do not need to have an assessment.

9. Planning

A written report was adopted by the meeting.

Additional points to note were the updates from the YDNPA in connection with the Former Aqua Engineering site at Guldrey Lane, where it was confirmed that legal agreement process is still ongoing. Also, in relation to Pinfold Caravan Park, YDNPA are undertaking a monitoring exercise of occupancy conditions of all caravan parks across the National Park where there is a condition requiring the owners to keep a register of occupants.

10. Finance

The meeting received the minutes of the meeting of the Policy & Resource Committee held on the 10th March. Arising from those minutes, points to note were as follows

Item 4 – Considerations will need to be made to the possible requirement for the building up of a fund to cover likely future expenditure on Queens Gardens

Request for payments - The Council agreed a list of payments submitted to the meeting.

10a. Grants

- a) Sedbergh & District CIC – deferred
- b) Western Dales Bus – following recommendation from the Policy and Resource Committee, the grant application was agreed by members. It was also noted that WDB is providing a service between Sedbergh and Kendal on a Saturday as no commercial bus company felt able to take it over once CCC removed their subsidy. Also, a service to Hawes where again, no commercial company felt able to offer a viable service.

11. Public Participation

Rev David Crouchley – Enabler for URC and Methodist's, explained proposals to combine into one site using either the Methodist Chapel/Hall, or the URC building. He began by advising members of the planned open meeting being held on Wednesday 18th March 2015 at the URC. This meeting is to help ascertain the needs and aspirations of the local community and consider these when continuing their plans. He was keen to emphasise that any building would be an additional attribute to the town, not in competition with existing services. Rev Crouchley was thanked for attending. He hoped to be able to attend again at a future meeting with an update, welcoming the opportunity to speak directly to members.

12. Amenities Committee

A written report of the meeting held on the 4th March 2015 was received by the meeting and the following points were noted.

Item 4 – Fell Close – The clerk is still waiting for an update from CCC Highways in relation to the possibility of reinstating the light.

Item 8 – Main Street Toilets – It was agreed that a formal letter should be sent to the Contractor instructed for the rain water harvesting scheme to establish if they still wanted to complete the works, as it was now quite some time since the contract was awarded.

The proposed design for the new Sedbergh entry signs was considered and it was agreed that the signs should in white with a black border as recommended by CCC Highways. The Clerk was authorised to place an order for 3 signs and fittings.

It was agreed that the spare 'No Cycling' sign should be used at the entrance to the alley off Bainbridge Road.

13. Sedbergh Townscape Project

An updating report was received by the Council and the following noted.

The Townscape Board has recently met and notes circulated for reference. A request has been received from CCC Highways in relation to additional bollards being available for Main Street. It was agreed that Cllr Atkins, Mary Macpherson and Brooks should meet, along with the Clerk, to agree where these could be placed in order that CCC could be advised while work continues on the reflagging. In addition, following the meeting of the Board, a list of defective road markings has been drawn up and it was agreed to submit this to CCC Highways for repair.

Church Wall at Finkle Street – one tender was received for the work and it was agreed to engage this contractor.

Wall at 72 Main Street/Joss Lane car park – it was agreed that SPC should proceed with a scheme for lowering the wall and making safe and that the salvaged stone be used to form planting beds. As a next step, plans would be prepared for discussion and interested parties (including YDNPA).

It was also agreed that Cllr Hodge should send a formal letter to James Hall & Co in relation to the recycling bins stored by the wall on the car park, to pursue the possibility of relocating some bins to the SPAR site.

14. Queens Garden

Following a recent meeting, a contractor has been appointed and will commence the repair works later this month.

15. Disabled Parking Bay proposal – Maryfell

Following a request from CCC in relation to the proposal for two new disabled parking bays, it was agreed that Cllr Atkins, Capstick and Lancaster should arrange to meet representatives of South Lakes Housing, CCC Highways and Sedbergh Primary School to discuss the wider problems associated with parking on the Maryfell estate.

16. Correspondence

The attached Clerk's Report was considered by the meeting

- a. Warship Week 1942 – it was agreed that the plaque and pictures should be on public display and that the People's Hall be considered as a suitable venue.
- b. Thorns Lane – following contact from a resident, it was noted that this is a private road and SPC is unable to intervene,. However, as the lane accommodates a public right of ways, the resident be advised that if may be worth contacting YDNPA for further advice.
- c. Japanese Knotweed – Rawthey picnic/path area, it was agreed that the weed could be cleared from the banking.
- d. Draft Parish Charter – there was an agreement to the concept and Cllr Atkins will draft a response.
- e. Environment Agency – Cllr Lancaster to pursue the idea of an Emergency Plan further and bring to a future meeting.
- f. Resourceful Communities – the Clerk will make a note of the pilot scheme in her report for the Lookaround.
- g. NWAS – the clerk should invite NWAS to send a representative to a future meeting.

18. Date and Time of next meeting - Thursday 9th April 2015 at 7.30 pm – The Committee Room, Sedbergh People's Hall