

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in The People's Hall, Sedbergh on Thursday 8th January 2015

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

1. Apologies:

There were no apologies

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations

3. Declarations of Interest

Item 17 – Correspondence, Dales Way footpath proposal, Cllr Lancaster

4. Police Report

A written report was received by Members. PCSO Coleman was able to confirm that in addition to the Police Desk operating in Sedbergh on Wednesdays, further evening or weekend sessions will be scheduled and notices displayed. The increasing problem of cars parking on the double yellow lines outside the Post Office was raised and PCSO Coleman agreed to look into this.

5. Debbie Binch – Environment Agency

Following events from 10 years ago the Flash Flooding Project was launched as a Government initiative. The Environment Agency has identified an area around Milthrop Mill/Pinfold as a potential flash flood risk. The Environment Agency will send leaflets/letters to identified properties directly. Often there is little or no warning of flash flooding and communities need to be aware of the potential threat, be able to prepare for it and know how to respond to it. Sedbergh PC will consider a Community Plan that would encompass this potential risk and Cllr Lancaster will report to a future meeting.

6. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council 11th December 2014

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

7. Matters arising from the Minutes of 11th December 2014

Item 5 – Bank Closures - following the response received from NatWest Bank in connection with their planned closure, it was noted that the letter did not address any of the specific points raised. However, it was noted that Sedbergh PC has helped to achieve an agreement from the NatWest to maintain their ATM machine. They have also now agreed a twice weekly visit with their Mobile Bank. Monday 13.45-14.45 and Wednesday 10.15-11.15 in Sedbergh. Sedbergh PC will continue to pursue the potential inclusion of both Barclays Bank and NatWest Bank on the Community Asset Register and are still waiting for a response from SLDC. It will also be considered whether any other Financial Institution would consider a move into Sedbergh and Cllr Ian McPherson will report at a future meeting.

Item 7 – Parish Council Award Scheme and Vision for Sedbergh – Monday 16th March at 7.30pm now agreed, all Members are requested to attend. Venue to be confirmed.

Item 16 – Post 16 Transport – A response has now been received from the Department from Education, it was noted that the response was unsatisfactory and a copy of the letter will be forwarded to Tim Farron MP for feedback and response. It was further noted that the Clerk is due to meet with Andrew Moss (CCC) to discuss their response. The Clerk is also in continuing discussions with Cllr Nick Cotton and CCC Transport Team.

8. Report from District/County Council

Apologies were received from District and County Councillors, Cllr Lancaster did not have anything to report.

9. Planning

A written report was adopted by the meeting.

Points to note were the recent permission for the revised plan for the Pepperpot development by Sedbergh School, which incorporated the amendments sought by the Parish Council.

Also noted, on 23rd January 2015, Sedbergh School has invited members of YDNPA to attend the School and Sedbergh town to discuss their Strategic Plan. Some members of Sedbergh PC have been invited and the Clerk will request an invitation for others.

10. Finance

The meeting received the minutes of the meeting of the Policy & Resource Committee held on the 6th January 2015. Arising from those minutes, points to note were as follows

Item 6 – Income & Expenditure – Monies from YDNPA in relation to the Footway Widening (Section 106) and the Cycle stand installation (Tour de France) have now been received.

Item 7 - Precept – Following recommendation it was agreed to formally agree the Precept for the year 2015/16 at £33698.10.

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

11. Grants

No Grant applications received.

12. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

13. Amenities Committee

A written report of the meeting held on the 7th January 2015 was received by the meeting and the following points were noted.

Item 7 – Joss Lane Car Park – a meeting has been arranged with Andi Chapple and representation from the Policy & Resource Committee to discuss proposed new Market layout, parking bays and the recycling area.

Item 11 – Queens Gardens – a report that a stretch of wall has collapsed was noted and passed to the Queens Gardens Committee.

Item 13 – ENW Lights – that Clerk was able to confirm that SLDC estimate each replacement light will cost in the region of £3000.00.

Item 14 – Other – Path leading to Church Walk – A sign has been ordered for the path advising ‘Take Care, this path may be slippery’. Replacement Sedbergh entry signs on the A683 and A684 were discussed further and it was agreed that the sign next to Akay Lodge should also be replaced.

14. Sedbergh Townscape Project

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

Main Street Footway Widening – a further letter should be issued to CCC in response to the correspondence received via Tim Farron MP.

Recycling Bins – Joss Lane, a further response is awaited from James Hall & Co, the owners of the Spar site in relation to the possibility of transferring some bins to their site.

15. Queens Garden

No update, however, a meeting will be scheduled prior to the next PC meeting in February.

16. Government consultation on Parish Polls Plans

Following the recent consultation it was agreed to send a letter supporting the proposed reforms.

17. Correspondence

The attached Clerk's Report was considered by the meeting

- a. YDNPA Sustainable Development Fund- pass on this information to the Community Orchard Group.
- b. Cllr Nick Cotton, Hebblethwaite – further clarification of route should be sought with identification of private/highways owned land.
- c. Cumbria Community Messaging Service – Following a meeting with a representative from Dent with the Clerk, details relating to the service was issued. The messaging service allows individuals to be alerted to information by email/text from various agencies, such as the Police and the Environment Agency. Further information regarding this is due to be published in the Lookaround and if anyone has specific queries, they may contact the Clerk.
- d. Lune Rivers Trust – a letter has been received in relation to Himalayan Balsam and Japanese Knotweed round Sedbergh seeking the support of Sedbergh PC to address the issue. It was agreed that the PC would do this and further contact will be made to ascertain how the PC can assist.

18. Date and Time of next meeting - Thursday 12th February 2015 at 7.30 pm - People's Hall Committee Room.