

Minutes of 2014 Annual Meeting of the Sedbergh Parish Council.
Held in the People's Hall at 7.30 pm (following the annual meeting of the Parish)
Thursday 5th June 2014.

Present: Cllrs, Hodge, Macpherson, Longlands, Capstick, Atkins, McPherson, Dawson, Lancaster, Allan, Sedgwick and the Clerk. Acceptance of Office forms were signed and witnessed by the Clerk.

1. Election of Chairman
Cllr Hodge was proposed by Cllr Macpherson and seconded by Cllr Atkins. Cllr Lancaster was proposed by Cllr Dawson and seconded by Cllr Capstick. As there were two nominations a Ballot was taken and the votes were 6/4 in favour of Cllr Hodge, who was duly elected and Declaration of Acceptance of Office signed. Following the recent election, the new members of the Council were welcomed.
2. Election of Vice-Chairman
Cllr Atkins was proposed by Cllr Allan and seconded by Cllr Longlands. Cllr Longlands was also nominated but did not wish to stand and there being no further nominations Cllr Atkins was duly elected.
3. Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr Brooks and accepted.
4. Declaration of Interest
None received.
5. Requests from Councillors for Dispensations to Speak and/or vote
None received.
6. Approval of the minutes from the Parish Council Annual Meeting 2013
The minutes were agreed as a true record.
7. Approval of the 2013/2014 Annual Report, including Statement of Accounts
The report and statement of accounts were accepted as previously agreed by the Council at the meeting held on the 8th May 2014.
8. To appoint Committees
Audit Committee – HH, JA, AA, KL
Amenities Committee – SL, MM, RS, JC, MD, MB
Planning Committee – JA, AA, SL, RS, JC, IM, MM
Queens Gardens Committee – JA, IM, AA, KL
Town Twinning Committee – HH, KL
9. Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies.
Sedbergh United Charities and Widows Hospital – JL, JA, ES, KL, JC, M McV
LAP – HH (Respect Group IM)
Sedbergh Townscape Project – JA, HH, IM, JC
Sedbergh & District CIC – HH
Sedbergh & District CIO – HH, AA
Sedbergh & District Chamber of Trade – SL, JA, RS
People's Hall Committee – SL
Gala Committee – MB, RS
Swimming Club – MB
Bowling club – SL
Tennis Club – MM
Football Club – SL, KL
Western Dales Bus – IM
Friends of Farfield Mill - HH
YDNPA – IM (sending nomination)
Cumbria in Bloom – AA, KL
Friends of St Andrews - AA

10. Delegation Arrangements
Arrangements for delegation should be reviewed by the Audit Committee at a later date
11. Adoption of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations
The Standing Orders were adopted in November 2013 and the Financial Regulations are due to be reviewed by the Audit Committee
12. General Power of Competence
Resolved not to pursue this at present.
13. Parish Council Assets
Ongoing mapping of assets, including street lighting is ongoing and being reviewed by the Amenities Committee.
14. Insurance arrangements
Annual renewal was approved in May 2014
15. Review of Policies
Consideration for policies in relation to Complaints, Media and Access of Information required. It was resolved that the Audit Committee would review these at a later date.
16. To consider payment of Annual subscriptions/contributions
To be considered upon request.
17. Schedule of Future Meetings
It was agreed that the Audit Committee would move to Monday afternoon, to accommodate the change in committee. Council Meetings will remain as presently scheduled and be booked for 2015.
18. Publicising Election Result
It was agreed that a short summary of introduction for each Councillor should be written by individuals and coordinated by Cllr Macpherson for publication in the Lookaround.