

Minutes of the Sedbergh Annual Parish Meeting
Held in the People's Hall, Sedbergh, on Thursday 20th May 2010

1. Minutes of 2009 Meeting
The Minutes were agreed.

2. Chairman's Report for 2009/10
Cllr. Hopkins gave the attached address to the meeting.

3. To Approve the Accounts for 2009/10
The Clerk Mr. C Robertshaw presented the attached accounts to the meeting. The 2009-10 accounts show both a significant increase in income and expenditure. Income has increased by £14,000. This related almost entirely to a grant for the playground of £7,000 from CCC and the VAT refund of £5,800. Otherwise income from the car parks and market was about £1000 higher.
Expenditure was up by £20,500. The main increases were as follows:-
 - Playing Field – An extra £7000 over the previous year, £2K of which is day to day and £5K was a project to improve drainage
 - Clerks salary- An extra £5,300 due to no clerk in previous year and a 50% increase in hours.
 - Grants – An increase of £5,400 mainly due to a £5K grant to the TIC
 - Projects – This increase by £14 K but some of that was due to a change in budget headings. However the playground play fence cost about £9K which was mainly funded by the CCC grant of £7K.Overall whilst the accounts show a surplus of £16,000 the VAT reserve has increased by over £7K and the People's Hall by £16667 and both of these will be paid away in the future so represent real liabilities. Effectively therefore there was a deficit for the year of about £8,000. However this still leaves free reserves of over £28,000.

4. Any Other Business
Concern over traffic issues relating to speed restrictions and signage were expressed by Mr B Finch, a member of the public. The meeting was given a brief explanation of the Sedbergh Townscape Initiative which it is hoped will address these issues.