

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in The People's Hall, Sedbergh on 28th April 2011

Present: Councillors Hodge(Chairman), Allan, Atkins, Pearson, Lancaster, Thomson, Longlands, McVoy and Sedgwick

1. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllrs Capstick & Jameson and were accepted by the meeting.
2. **Declarations of Interest**
Thomson – Personal interest in Queen's Garden and Requests for Grants (Sedbergh Squash Club). Longlands - Personal interest in Requests for Grants (Sedbergh People's Hall).
3. **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council** held on 31st March 2011 were accepted as a true record.
4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
 - a. Reported a letter has been sent to Victoria Lepper at Cumbria Highways regarding parking restrictions at Busk Lane / Loftus Hill. A response will be chased up at a meeting with V. L. On 3rd May.
 - b. A number of benches in need of repair were brought to the attention of the Amenities Committee.
 - c. It was agreed that the Clerk would chase SLDC to ensure that the agreed schedule of works at Joss Lane Toilets was carried out before the lease is signed.
 - d. The Clerk will follow up our order for street signs with GG Signs Ltd.
 - e. RP is still to Liaise with Dorothy Blair re Cumbria in Bloom.
 - f. The Clerk updated the meeting with details of ongoing discussions with SLDC regarding the possible transfer of the Cemetery to the P.C.
5. **Planning**
 - a. A written report was adopted by the meeting.
 - b. No objections were raised to the application S/03/428C/LB – Listed building consent for alterations to existing building and demolition of single storey lean-to at Ruecrofts, Marthwaite, Sedbergh
 - c. Also reported: -
The application relating to the Dalesman Inn has been withdrawn but we understand a further application will be made
6. **Finance**
 - a) A report of the audit committee meeting of 26th April was presented to the meeting and accepted. Specifically the meeting adopted the following recommendations:
 - i. No grants to be paid until it is clear that there will be sufficient funds to cover without breaching the £10,000 rule
 - ii. All Committee Chairman to revisit budgets and liaise with the Clerk on what savings can be achieved.
 - iii. The transfer of £16,667 to the People's Hall reserve be suspended for the years 2010-2012 and that a decision will be made when future car park income is assured as to when and at what rate this reserve can be brought up to the figure of £50,000 that has been pledged.

- b) The meeting agreed the attached requests for payment.
- c) The meeting reviewed the latest budget revision.

7. Requests for Grants

In view of 6.a) i above no grant requests were considered and the Clerk will write to all applicants accordingly.

8. Sedbergh United Charities & Widows Hospital

Resolved that John Leigh be nominated as trustee for a further period.

9. Public Participation

There were no contributions from members of the public.

10. Amenities committee

- a. The April minutes of the committee were accepted.
- b. It was reported that the Picnic Area at Ghyllas Lay by is now complete and the Clerk is to liaise with TJ to put an article in Lookaround and possibly a picture of the lay by on the cover. Thanks were expressed to TJ and the Amenities Committee for their considerable efforts in achieving the establishment of the picnic area in such a short time.
- c. The insurance claim for vandalism at Loftus Hill Toilets last year requires pursuing.
- d. The Clerk is to liaise with David Ramsbottom on who is to run the Market after his retirement.

11. Queen's Garden

The meeting adopted the submitted paper on the future management of the gardens.

12. Sedbergh Townscape Initiative

Reported that: -

The final report has now been submitted. Thanks were expressed to Jim Atkins, Jayne Kendal and all involved at SLDC.

The new road name plates have been ordered and will soon be erected.

13. Purchase of 72 Main Street

- a. An updating verbal report was given by DT.
- b. YDNPA will make a final decision on the disposal at their meeting on 31st May.
- c. Funds are still being sought to purchase the building. Latest valuations from YDNPA vary between £50-£180K
- d. A wide ranging discussion was held regarding how the situation should be handled between now and 31st May and DT asked all members to circulate the petition in their immediate localities in order to get the number of petitioners over the 1000 mark.

14. Transfer of Assets From SLDC

Resolutions were passed to:

- a. Authorise the clerk to sign the lease on Joss Lane Toilet
- b. Accept the Heads of Terms for the Tennis Club and Land and Fishing Rights at the River Rawthey

The above subject to checking the terms of Joss Lane Lease with CALC's legal adviser and circulating the Heads of Terms for the Tennis Club and Fishing Rights to Members who will have one week to comment/object.

15. To consider the Launch of the Council's Web Site and Synergy with other Community Sites

The site will go live on 2nd May.

Maintenance will cost more than originally envisaged and alternatives for hosting the site will be considered.

All Members were asked to look at the site and pass on any comments.

16. To consider a response to CCC's Library Consultation.

A wide ranging discussion was had and it was agreed that the Chairman should write to CCC in response to the consultation stating that the P.C. was in favour of keeping the Sedbergh Library in its present form.

17. Dog Fouling in Sedbergh

A discussion was held and the practice of leaving dogdirt in plastic bags at the roadside was condemned. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to SLDC to request the renewal of Lamppost signs and to the relevant authorities to have discreet signs put on access gates to footpaths.

18. Correspondence

A list of correspondence was considered by the meeting

19. Date and Time of next meeting

7.30 p.m. on Thursday 26th May 2011 at the People's Hall. (The annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council AGM will also be held on this date starting at 7.00 pm.)