

# THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in The People's Hall, Sedbergh on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2010

Present: Councillors Hodge(Chairman), Allan, Longlands, Atkins, Thomson, Capstick, Sedgwick and Pearson.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllrs Jameson, Lancaster and McVoy and were accepted by the meeting.
2. **Declarations of Interest**  
Personal interests were declared as follows:  
Item 5b –JA  
Item 11 - DT
3. **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council** held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2010 were accepted as a true record.
4. **Community Play**  
A presentation regarding the proposed Community Play was given by Hilary Dixon. The play is due to take place in early summer 2012. It will involve as many members of the community as possible and will largely be funded by nationally available grants. The meeting expressed support for the project.
5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
  - a) **Purchase of Tennis Courts and Fishing Rights**  
No response yet received from Michael Keane. District councillor Ian McPherson will be contacted to see if he can speed matters up.
  - b) **Purchase of 72 Main Street**
    1. The surveyor Anna Williams Assoc. has indicated that the likely cost of producing an estimate for works recommended would be about £150 and the meeting agreed that this work should be carried out.
    2. HH gave a verbal report:-
      - a. A budget for the whole enterprise has been produced showing that it is financially viable.
      - b. Sedbergh & District Community Fund will be the vehicle for the enterprise. Necessary changes to the constitution are being made and the trust will adopt a new name – Sedbergh & District Community and Heritage Trust.
      - c. Tim Farron has agreed to front any future negotiations with the National Park.

## 6. Planning

- a. The attached report was adopted by the meeting.
- b. It was agreed that the following comments re S/03/496 – Erection of 3 dwelling houses at Settlebeck Cottages, Sedbergh should be passed to YDNPA Planning:-  
*The Parish Council has a number of concerns relating to this proposal:*
  1. *Having regard to the prevailing site levels, the proximity and orientation of existing properties and the presence of mature trees, the site appears unsuitable to accommodate 3 reasonably sized dwellings with adequate provision of daylight and amenity space. It appears to the Council that the erection of two dwellings should be considered.*
  2. *Parking provision to serve any development should be made within the boundaries of the site. Private parking on the highway verge is unacceptable in the opinion of the Council.*
  3. *The regrading of the existing footway to accommodate the proposed alterations to the access may be inconvenient to pedestrians. The Council would wish to see further details on this aspect of the proposals.*
  4. *The Council would prefer the retention of the existing stone boundary wall adjoining the footway with only the minimum of alteration to provide pedestrian access.*
- c. The attached response to the CCC Local Transport Plan for Cumbria was adopted by the meeting.
- d. It was agreed that the clerk should write to YDNPA planning expressing the Council's approval of the enforcement actions proposed in respect of the premises at 37-39 Main Street.

## 7. Finance

- a) A report of the meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> August was presented to the meeting and accepted.
- b) The meeting agreed the attached requests for payment.
- c) The current flexed budget was reviewed and increases in expenditure accepted.
- d) The meeting agreed that Cllr Thomson should be added to the bank mandate.

## 8. Requests for Grants

There were no requests for grants.

## 9. Public Participation

Evelyn Westwood reminded the meeting that she needed responses to the invitation to the reception for the new Sedbergh School Headmaster on 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

## 10. Amenities Committee

- a. The attached minutes of the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> August 2010 had not been circulated but were summarised for the meeting by SL and adopted.
- b. The football club have offered a donation of £1,800 towards the cost of recent works at the playing field.
- c. The meeting agreed in principle to the establishment of a picnic area at Ghyllas Lay-by subject to detailed plans and costings and a management agreement with CC Highways
- d. It was reported that we have received notice of a rent increase from SLDC on Joss Lane Car Park from £10,880 pa to £12,158 pa w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011. The increase is provided for in the lease and is based on the increase in RPI since the lease was negotiated.

## **11. Queens Gardens**

A verbal report of the Queens Gardens Group was given by DT

Many ideas for uses of the Gardens have been put forward and a meeting is now required to prioritise these.

A request from the Bowling Club to erect a pergola was passed to the committee for consideration and the clerk was asked to ascertain the legal position of the Bowling Club's occupation of their site.

## **12. Sedbergh Townscape Initiative**

A report was submitted and adopted by the meeting.

It was reported that all contributions have now been received apart from two of £2,000 each from CCC. We have received confirmation that the £2,000 agreed by the LAP has now been released and will be with us in the next couple of weeks.

## **13. Talk Toilets Consultation**

This was discussed and it was agreed that no action was required at present but that the future of SLDC operated toilets in Main Street/Joss Lane and the Cemetery should form part of any negotiations regarding the future of Joss Lane Car Park.

## **14. To consider an objection by a member of the public to the saying of a prayer at council meetings.**

After a debate the following resolution was passed:

The existing prayer will continue to be said before meetings but it will be prefaced by a statement that participation is voluntary and the meeting will stay seated.

## **15. Highways Issues**

- a. The meeting considered a suggestion from CCC Highways that a sign be placed at the Howgill Road end of Bainbridge Road warning that it is unsuitable for HGV's which should not rely on Sat Nav instructions. It was decided not to support such a sign and to recommend double yellow lines around the bend at the eastern end of Bainbridge Road. The clerk will write to CCC Highways accordingly.
- b. The issue of cycling in alleyways was considered. It was decided that it was impractical to erect new signs and that the police should be approached to include advice on the issue in school road safety training and that an article should be put in Lookaround.

## **16. Correspondence**

The attached list of correspondence was presented to the meeting.

## **17. Date and Time of next meeting**

7.30 p.m. on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at the People's Hall.