

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in
The People's Hall, Sedbergh on 24th November 2011

Present: Councillors Hodge, Allan, Longlands, Atkins, Jameson, Thomson and Pearson

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllrs Capstick, Lancaster and McVoy and were accepted by the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Atkins – personal and prejudicial for item 5.

3. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 27th October 2011

These were agreed as a correct record.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Item 5 – A letter has been received from YDNPA Planning outlining their reasons for granting an extension to the temporary classrooms at Lupton Yard.

Item 15 – A meeting with the Chamber of Trade has been held to determine the details of the scheme and SLDC contacted to provide an amended application form.

Item 16 – The bid for funding for the new gazebos to the LAP was successful. Following correspondence from YDNPA Planning regarding changes to the Housing Development Plan we have agreed that Austwick P.C. should represent this council's position at the forthcoming examination.

4.a. The meeting received a report from PCSO Karen Dakin

5. Planning

- a. A written report was adopted by the meeting including the committee's comments on planning applications including the response on Hole House Farm.
- b. In the absence of Cllr Atkins the meeting agreed that the council had no objections to Planning Application S/03/135A and that YDNPA Planning Department should be advised accordingly.

6. Finance

- a. A report of the audit committee meeting of 22nd November was presented to the meeting and accepted.
- b. The meeting agreed the attached requests for payment
- c. It was resolved that the 2012-3 Precept should be set at the same level as 2011-12 plus RPI annual increase as at September 2011

7. Grant applications

It was agreed that no grant should be awarded in relation to a request from Cumbria's military Museum as it does not meet the Council's criteria

8. Public Participation

In relation to the planning Application for affordable housing at the former CCC Depot at Guldrey Lane a member of the public raised concern that the report accompanying the application which examined the potential re-development of the site for employment/business use had ignored a number of approaches by prospective developers that had been turned down by CCC.

9. Amenities Committee

- a. The November minutes of the committee were discussed.
- b. It was agreed that work to reinstate the frost protection system at Joss Lane Toilets should go ahead at a likely cost of up to £600 and that this would be taken from the Amenities Committee Budget.
- c. It was reported that posts had had to be fitted to stop vehicles from driving through the picnic site at Ghyllas Layby
- d. In preparation of the new leases being completed with SLDC Cllr Thomson agreed to consider formal arrangements for the tennis, football and bowling; Cllr Atkins agreed to consider the same for the fishing.

10. Purchase of 72 Main Street

- a. It was reported that the public campaign had been very effective and appeared to have changed the views of the YDNPA members.
- b. Negotiations are ongoing and as far as we are aware the bid from local residents on behalf of the Community Trust is the only one that has been made
- c. As Agreed at the October meeting the Chairman has written to the Chief Exec of the National Park regarding remarks which were considered detrimental to Sedbergh. A positive reply has been received and a meeting arranged for 5th Dec.
- d. Cllrs were encouraged to attend the YDNPA meeting on 13th December as support to the 'white knight' bid.

11. Acquisition of Assets from SLDC

- a. Joss Lane Car Park – We have now received a formal response from NPS regarding the issue of good value and a meeting has been set for 29th Nov to try to resolve any outstanding issues.
- b. The meeting resolved to enter into leases from SLDC for the Tennis Courts at Guldrey Lane and Land and Fishing Rights at River Rawthey

12. Sedbergh Townscape Project

The meeting resolved to adopt the written report which recommended;

- a. that the Highway Authority be requested to remove all signs relating to the Restricted Zone Parking Order in Main Street to enable the removal of the unsightly signs; and
- b. that the YDNPA be requested to advise on any steps that have been taken in relation to the condition on the planning permission for the new convenience store which requires the provision of re-cycling facilities

13. Highways

- a. A discussion took place as to the response the Council should make to two emails from Cumbria Highways regarding highways resurfacing and small schemes that have been

proposed over a number of years. It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate members of the Council for responses and then respond on behalf of the council.

- b. It was also agreed that there should be a method for the public to give details of highway issues that need attention via the council's web site.

14. Loftus Hill Car Park

It was reported that a steering group had been set up chaired by the chairman of the Parish Council. Sedbergh School have stated that they are seeking to maintain public parking capacity. The search for a suitable solution continues.

15. Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

It was reported that the town's proposed beacon had been formally registered. Cllr Allan reported on discussions with the new head teacher of Sedbergh Primary School and it was suggested, and agreed, that the Community Trust might be approached to assist in funding plans for pupils' celebrations.

16. Correspondence

A list of correspondence was considered by the meeting.

18. Date and Time of next meeting

7.30 pm on Thursday 26th January 2012 at the People's Hall