

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in The People's Hall, Sedbergh on 25th April 2013

Present: Councillors Hodge, Longlands, Atkins, Macpherson, Pearson, Allan, Capstick, Lancaster and Thomson.

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllr Sedgwick and were accepted by the meeting.

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations

3. Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 28th March 2013

These were agreed as a correct record.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes of 28th March 2013

- a. The planning application for Scrogg Bank Field has been approved with a five year limitation as recommended by this council.
- b. There has been a delay in contacting the emergency planning officer due to personnel reorganization at SLDC.
- c. A brief report on the LAP was given by Cllr Pearson the main point being that there is no further funding.

6. Local Police – PCSO Dakin

PCSO Dakin gave a brief report on recent criminal activity in the area. There was also a discussion regarding illegal parking in the town and PCSO Dakin agreed that Cllrs could email her with details of persistent offenders.

7. Planning

- a. A written report was adopted by the meeting including the Committee's comments on planning applications.
- b. Following a deferment of a decision on application
S/03/448E - Removal of condition 21 of planning permission S/03/448B regarding recycling facilities at the Spar store, it was agreed that Cllrs Atkins and Macpherson would represent the Council in discussions with the Spar regarding the recycling provision.

8. Finance

- a. The meeting received a report of the meeting of the Audit Committee on 23rd April 2013.
- b. The attached requests for payments were agreed.
- c. It was agreed that our MP should be contacted regarding the issue of business rates on public toilets

9. Grants

The meeting agreed a grant of £1,300 to the Sedbergh & District Community Office.

10. Public Participation

Gina Barney gave report on behalf of the People's Hall Redevelopment.

- a. A bid for new changing rooms of £49,621.7 to the Football Stadia Improvement Fund has been successful.
- b. A bid has been made to Sport England Inspired Facilities Fund for £38,000 towards facilities for the Pulse Gym.
- c. A brief report was made on progress in extending the car park

11. Amenities Committee

- a. A written report of the April meeting was adopted by the meeting.
- b. It was resolved that Cumbria Highways be formally requested to erect advance directional signs on the highway verge at suitable locations to the north-east and south-west of the Ghyllas Layby site.
- c. Following the opening of negotiations with Sedbergh School for a new lease of Loftus Hill Car Park, it was agreed that we request that the toilet block is retained as a storage facility for the Parish Council.
- d. It was agreed that a request for a portion of the playing field to be used for dog training be refused.
- e. It was agreed that uninsured casual stallholders be allowed on the Market at their own risk.

12. Sedbergh Townscape Project

A written report was submitted to the meeting.

13. Queens Gardens

A brief report was made by Cllr Thomson. A meeting is awaited to agree a specification for the survey.

14. 72 Main Street Open Day

Cllr Thomson presented a paper regarding the proposed open day on 12th June 2013 and asked for volunteers to man various activities .

15. Western Dales Bus

It was resolved that the Western Dales Bus be provided with Parking facilities in Joss Lane Car Park subject to payment of a fee for a car park pass and other out of pocket expenses. It was agreed that Cllrs Longlands and Atkins make the necessary arrangements.

17. Correspondence

The attached Clerks Report was considered by the meeting and the following noted:

- a. Committee chairmen to liaise with the clerk to ensure committee agendas are produced on time and put on the website. These should always include an item for the declaration of members interests.
- b. BT have undertaken to carry out remedial work at the listed red phone box in Main Street.
- c. Ann Brooks the YDNPA member will attend the July meeting.
- d. It was agreed to accept Nick Cotton's offer of a second litter pick in Cautley Road after the travelers have left.
- e. It was agreed that the suggestion of a no through road sign at Buckbank Lane be supported by the Council and sent to Highways.
- f. It was noted that the Council had not received any notification the recent royal visit.
- g. The Chairman will attend the Induction of the new Vicar on 22nd May.

18. Date and Time of next meeting

7.30 pm on Thursday 30th May 2013 at the People's Hall. The meeting will be preceded at 700pm by the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual General Meeting of the Council.