

# **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> April 2012

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

## **1. Apologies:**

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

## **2. Declarations of Interest:** None

## **3. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

These were agreed as a correct record with the amendment under matters arising, that 'provision of waste decision relating to the recycling facilities' be changed to 'provision of recycling facilities'.

## **4. Presentation re proposed Killington Wind Farm**

As there was no representative from the proposed Killington Wind Farm the item was not discussed.

## **5. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Reported that the reason that the YDNPA had not informed the council recently about about works to protected trees was that no approvals had been given.

## **6.Planning**

- a. The written report was adopted by the meeting.
- b. The council still awaited a reply from YDNPA on the application from the Dental Practice for the old Spar shop and it was therefore agreed to defer formal consideration to the next meeting.
- c. The application for a telecommunications mast at the Sedbergh Primary Sub-station off Busk Lane just south of Queen's Drive was discussed. The council felt unable to query technical aspects of the latest report but it was agreed to suggest to the YDNPA that if there had been no independent professional assessment of the applicant's submissions then the YDNPA should obtain one. In terms of design it was agreed that a timber clad mono pole was preferable to a painted lattice one should the principle of a mast be accepted by the authority

## **7. Finance**

- a. A report of the audit committee meeting of 24 April was presented to the meeting and accepted.
- b. The meeting agreed the attached requests for payment
- c. A copy of the latest draft budget was circulated.

## **8. Grant applications**

No applications had been received.

## **9. Public Participation**

An offer was made by Lyn McLennan to fund the cost of replacing the memorial bench on the river bank near the weir and to provide funding for ongoing maintenance. Resolved that the clerk would speak to the ranger about the bench's location and condition.

- a. The issue of balls being retrieved from premises adjacent to the football pitch was discussed but as the person whose garden was most affected was not complaining then no action was considered necessary.
- b. A request was made for a section of fencing around the playing field adjacent to Maple Close to be mended. Resolved that the Amenities Committee would repair.
- c. A number of members of the public requested that the council should not support the change of use of the Spar premises on Main St to a Dental practice until the options for the use of the building as a retail outlet have been explored. They expressed concern that the 106 agreement should not be overturned before there had been time to develop their model for the continued use as a retail outlet. The council's position was explained which was that a response had been made on the application as submitted, but that the absence of any plans showing how the proposed dental surgery use might be accommodated was considered unsatisfactory. Clarification had been requested as to whether or not it was in order for modification of the Section 106 Agreement to be sought as part of the planning application.

## **10. Amenities Committee**

- a. A report from the Amenities Committee was received.  
It was resolved that; a sign should be erected at the People's Hall field to ensure access to the footpath, that no change would be made to the conditions for car parking permits until September and that the amenities committee propose new guidelines for parking of large vehicles.
- b. Concern was expressed over the condition of that part of the river bank leased by the Council. Resolved that the clerk would consult YDNPA and the Environment Agency on liability and on taking any appropriate action. Also resolved that the clerk discuss with the Highways Authority what might be done with the grass area in the lay by adjacent to New Bridge.
- c. Concern was expressed about the condition of some benches in Main St. Resolved that current benches would be repaired at the Council's cost but that the Amenities Committee would propose a purchase and maintenance system for the future.
- d. Concern was expressed about coach bays in Joss Lane car park being used by car owners. Resolved that the clerk would elucidate the exact visiting routine of the enforcement officer. Also resolved that TJ asks Andi Chapple about the possibility of putting cones out on market day and DT to draft an advisory notice that could be placed on the windscreen of illegally parked cars.
- e. A request for a 20ft fence in front of one garden adjacent to the playing field was discussed. This was felt to be inappropriate and unlikely to be approved by the planning authority. Resolved that the clerk write to the correspondent declining their proposal.

- f. It was reported that the toilets had been blocked as a result of vandalism over the bank holiday and that a firm had to be called in to unblock them. Mitch had set too and cleaned them up for which it was agreed that the Clerk should write and thank him.

### **11. Sedbergh Townscape Project**

Two written presentations were discussed. One detailed a possible development of the Joss Lane/open space area – the other was the minutes of the latest meeting of Sedbergh Townscape Project Board. It was noted that consultation on the plans for Joss Lane/open space area was to be aided by displays preliminary drawings of which were circulated for information.

### **12. Loftus Hill Car Park**

Reported that the continuing discussions with Sedbergh School, were positive and likely to result in a solution acceptable to both the Town and the School. It is now unlikely that the Car Park will be closed at the end of June 2012.

### **13. Jubilee arrangements**

- a. Reported that the arrangements were proceeding well and that a grant application was to be made to the Community Fund.
- b. Resolved that the clerk would advise the group on insurance for the event and report on progress with the road closure.
- c. Encouragement was given to those present to attend the Gala.

### **14. Correspondence**

A list of correspondence was considered by the meeting.

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

7.30 pm on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2012 at the People's Hall