

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in The People's Hall, Sedbergh on 14th August 2014

Present: Councillors Hodge (Chair), Longlands, Capstick, Allan, Dawson, Lancaster, Brooks, Mary Macpherson, Ian McPherson, Atkins and Sedgwick

1. Apologies:

There were no apologies

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations

3. Declarations of Interest

Item 8 Planning - Cllr Hodge, Longlands and Ian McPherson

Item 10 Grants – Cllr Atkins and Cllr Brooks

4. Police Report

PCSO Ayres delivered the attached report and results received from the Speed Indicator Device recently placed on Station Road. She was asked if the Police were able to comment on the current discussions over the potential removal of the cattle grids at Junction 37 and it was noted that she would ask her Sergeant for feedback to the next meeting.

5. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held 10th July 2014

The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman Cllr Hodge.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes of 10th July 2014

Item 10c – Highfield Road, letters have now been delivered and there has been some cutting back of hedges.

Item 12 – The People's Hall, communication has been received from the Solicitor asking if the PC would like the People's Hall to be registered with The Land Registry during the amendment, this was agreed.

Item 13h – Lap Meeting, agreed to defer the feedback from this meeting to the next meeting.

7. Report from District/County Council

Cllr Westwood reported that Cllr Cotton is still in communication over the planned refresh of the Zebra Crossing on Long Lane, now long overdue.

Cllr Lancaster reported that Post 16 Transport continues to be a focus area and will keep the PC updated of any continuing developments.

8. Planning

A written report was adopted by the meeting including the Committee's comments on planning applications. Points to note were as follows;

- a. Post Office Yard (Cllr Hodge, Ian McPherson and Longlands retired from the room)
The previously withdrawn application for Post Office Yard has now been resubmitted following alterations. A member of the public reiterated points raised previously in connection with her objection to the plan, specifically i) still not in keeping ii) remains out of character iii) proximity to neighbouring properties iv) colour of rear wall and v) the removal of trees. Members discussed the new application in comparison to the previous and Cllr Lancaster raised his concerns regarding the 'over development' of open areas within the town and proposed to object, this was seconded and agreed by the PC

- b. Cumbria Rural Housing Trust - There have been ongoing discussions over the potential of a survey, including liaison with SLDC and Two Castles. It was agreed that a survey would be worthwhile; however, there was currently no specific funding available. It was agreed that YDNPA should be approached to request that the Authority consider funding, or part funding, such a survey having regard to the policies of the draft Local Plan and the Housing Development Plan which expect housing development proposals to be assessed in terms of local housing needs.
- c. Former Joinery Workshop site, Bainbridge Road – Cllr Lancaster again raised the potential for overdevelopment of open spaces within the town and the current aesthetics of the road. Cllr Longlands raised a query over establishing the type of need for workshop space in the town.
- d. Killington Anemometer Mast – it was noted that a member of the public had written a letter to the PC asking for its support in objecting to the mast (correspondence item). Cllr Ian McPherson felt that the PC should oppose the application, for the retention of the Anemometer Mast, given the previous objection to the proposed development of a windfarm at this site. This was agreed.
(Cllr Lancaster took no part in this discussion)

9. Finance

The meeting received the minutes of the meeting of the Policy & Resource Committee held on the 12th August 2014. Arising from those minutes, points to note were as follows

- a. Item 5b, Rawthey site, Cllr Hodge is overseeing the picnic site as this is on PC land
- b. Item 9, Commercial Bus Space, it had been agreed not to recommend.
- c. Item 10, External Audit, it was resolved to accept the external audit completed for the year ended 31st March 2014.
- d. Queens Gardens Budget, the increased budget had originally been in preparation for a potential HLF application. There were now ongoing discussions over prioritising maintenance work (see Queens Gardens item 14).
- e. Car Park Figures – Cllr Longlands asked if the table could be made easier to compare.

Request for payments - The Council agreed a list of payments submitted to the meeting.

10. Grants

Sedbergh Mini Market (Cllr Brooks retired from the room). An application had been made under the Shop Front Improvement scheme. Cllr Lancaster proposed the application be approved and this was seconded by Cllr Atkins. It was noted that the PC would like to receive a further breakdown of the proposed works, however, to clarify colour and proposed materials, signs etc Sheepfest. (Cllr Atkins took no part in discussion) An application had been made for a grant of £2,000, this had been discussed at the Policy and Resource Committee, and it had been proposed to agree an amount of £500. This recommendation was agreed by the PC.

11. Public Participation

Anne Pierson-Sheepfest, it was noted that she was disappointed with the award. It was also noted that there were issues that needed resolution such as car parking for the festival. Anne Pierson to contact Cllr Hodge regarding this.

John Metcalfe – Speedwatch. Mr Metcalfe expressed his opinion that there was confusion in the community over the scheme and asked for there could be a public meeting. Cllr Hodge advised that she would contact the Police Volunteer coordinating the scheme. Cllr Atkins noted that data from the scheme could potentially be helpful if a 20mph zone was ever to be introduced (Item 16).

12. Amenities Committee

A written report of the meeting held on the 6th August 2014 was received by the meeting and the following points were noted.

- a. Item 5, Sedbergh Junior Football Club – the clerk is to be asked to send a letter to the Club asking for an update on the current status/registration.
- b. Item 7, Electric hook up for Campervans – whilst the idea was noted, it was highlighted that planning consent/consideration of adjacent properties, administration etc would all have to be considered if the idea was to be pursued.
- c. Item 8, Honesty Boxes in Toilets – there are ongoing discussions over the potential of an honesty box for the public toilets. It was noted that Cllr Atkins did not agree with the notion.
- d. Item 14, Town Signs – it was agreed that a letter should be sent to Highways requesting that the signs from Junction 37, should be cleaned and updated. Cllr Mary Macpherson highlighted the town signs for Sedbergh and whether there should be a notion to make these all the same. It was also agreed, as a first step, that the committee should consider approaching a local tradesman to clean the signs initially. This would give the opportunity to ascertain the overall condition of the signs.

13. Sedbergh Townscape Project

An updating report was received by the Council.

Jubilee Fountain – Cllr Capstick requested that local tradesmen also be invited to give estimates for the planned works.

Cycle Stand – Church lychgate, CCC have now stipulated that this land is part of the highway.

Subsequently, this means that any works carried out here, have to be completed by an ‘approved’ contractor with permission to work on the ‘highway’.

14. Queens Gardens

An updating report was received by the Council. It was noted that their Terms of Reference had been updated and a second meeting will take place shortly.

15. YDNPA – Draft Local Plan

Cllr Hodge wished to express thanks, on behalf of the PC Members, for all the work Cllr Atkins had done in preparation for this. Two amendments were noted to the original reply, three properties at Randall Hill, and secondly the term ‘traditional building’ to be clarified. These will now be confirmed to YDNPA.

16. 20mph zone – update

Correspondence has now been received from CCC Highways with a potential for a 20mph zone on Main Street, Finkle Street and parts of Back Lane. It was agreed that the findings should be fed back to the residents of Back Lane, who raised the initial enquiry, also that ongoing recording of information from the Speedwatch project could also prove useful in the future.

17 Correspondence

The attached Clerk’s Report was considered by the meeting

- a. SUC&WH a request has been received for the PC to nominate a replacement for Mr Leigh. Mary Macpherson was nominated.
- b. Cumbria Growth Hub – Cllr Westwood gave an update on the current situation at the Hub. It is now ready for use and a ‘soft’ opening will be planned shortly. Its main uses will be as a Business Support Centre, offering desk space, conference facilities and high speed broadband. The project is funded for three years.
- c. Highfield Road, request for Resident Parking. It was noted that there were many implications to consider for such a request, including the Legal Framework, enforcement and administration. Cllr Lancaster advised that the notion of Resident Parking was being looked

into at Kirkby Lonsdale at present and Cllr Hodge advised it would be prudent to await the outcome.

- d. Town Twinning – it was highlighted that it was the 10th Anniversary in 2015.
- e. Row Lane – ongoing liaison with Highways over ownership of the Lane, it was further noted that the lane leading from Row Lane to Farfield should also be investigated. Cllr Ian McPherson agreed to seek further information from YDNPA.
- f. D Thomson – Trees near to picnic site, there was a request to fell one tree and remove an angled stem from another. Both of these requests were agreed. Cllr Mary Macpherson and Cllr Ian McPherson did not agree to the single tree being felled.
- g. Killington WI – further communication had been received in relation to the PC's previous response in relation to the request for directional signs for the People's Hall in light of other signs being placed there. However, it was noted that the sign in question was only temporary and that the PC did not feel it necessary to place a permanent sign on Highfield Road for the People's Hall,
- h. Baliol School – a request had been made to the PC to get an update on the current status of the School, including ongoing maintenance etc. Cllr Westwood was able to advise that the site was being investigated and that there was hope for development in the future for the provision of elderly accommodation. It was noted that approximately 25% of the local population were over 65, which compares to a national average of approximately 16%. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to North Yorkshire County Council for an update.

14. Date and Time of next meetings

Parish Council Meeting, Thursday 11 September 2014 at 7.30 pm - People's Hall Committee Room.