

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in 72 Main Street, Sedbergh on 13th February 2014

Present: Councillors Hodge (Chair), Atkins, Longlands, Macpherson, Lancaster, Pearson, Capstick Jameson and Thomson.

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllrs Allan and Sedgwick and accepted by the meeting.

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations

3. Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Thomson (Item 8)

4. David Collier – Broadband Update

David Collier gave a brief update on current initiatives;

- a. Cumbria County Council – Connecting Cumbria. BT have brought forward the date for fibre optic connectivity, now due 30th June 2014
- b. Killington Wind Farm – Banks Renewables have advised that they would allow a mast for Broadband Transmission at their site, should the development proceed.
- c. Fibre GARDen – It is understood that they now have the funds in place to proceed the project.

5. Minutes of the Meetings of the Parish Council held on 9th January 2014

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

6. Matters arising from the Minutes of 9th January 2014

- a. Item 4c – Swimming Pool – A public meeting has now been held with further positive steps made toward community use.
- b. Item 6b – Streetlighting – Contact now required with District Council as advised by CALC to investigate how the £250k, available to help with the replacement of Parish Street lights, will be distributed.
- c. Item 4b – Speedwatch – Agree to invite Michael Roberts to attend a meeting and advise further details of the scheme.
- d. Item 14 – Cllr Atkins did not attend the ‘Transforming your Market Town’ due to the cost of the Conference in relation to the potential benefits.

7. Planning

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

- a. Killington Windfarm – Following the SLDC resolution to approve this proposed development, an Article 25 Direction was issued by the Secretary of State. This prevents the District Council from granting permission until such time as he decides whether or not to call in the application for his own determination. It was agreed by a majority, following correspondence received, that a letter should be sent to the Secretary of State requesting that the application be called in, further to the Parish Council initial objection.
- b. Article 4 Direction, Change of use of Agricultural Buildings to Commercial Use – It was proposed and agreed to make representation to support the YDNPA decision to remove the permitted development right in relation to change of use from Agricultural to Commercial use. (Cllr Lancaster did not support this).

- c. Yorkshire Dales Local Plan, Protected Green Spaces – It was agreed to support the recommended proposed sites by the Planning Committee and that the YDNPA be advised of these recommendations.
- d. Yorkshire Dales Local Plan, Sites for Business/Employment use and Elderly Care Accommodation – The closing date for this is 25th March. Possible sites would be considered by the Planning Committee but all the members are invited to put forward suggestions prior to the next Meeting.

8. Finance

The meeting received the minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 11th February 2014, arising from those minutes;

- a. The meeting agreed that an amount of £2200 be made available to the Amenities Committee to cover the cost of the replacement shutter doors at Joss Lane Toilets. It was proposed and agreed that this money would be transferred from the Townscape Project Budget.
- b. It was agreed that a bid would be made to the LAP Parish Lengthsmen Scheme - £680.00 - towards the picnic area signs and installation at Ghyllas lay-by.
- c. It was agreed that a Coin Sorter should be purchased, this could also be utilised in the community.
- d. Dent First Responders – This matter was requested to be deferred. Cllr Hodge will contact.
- e. The Council agreed a list of payments submitted to the meeting.
- f. The Council agreed that the precept for 2014/2015 should be £34,067.05

9. Grants

- a. Application by Sedbergh & District CIC - £6,300. Resolved to agree the payment of the annual grant.

10. Public Participation

None

11. Amenities Committee

A written report of the February meeting was received by the meeting.

- a. Item 7- It was agreed that a letter be issued to United Utilities requesting that the drains on Joss Lane Car Park are cleared.
- b. Item 9 – Main Street Toilets – it was agreed to proceed with the order of new shutter doors in brown.
- c. Item 14 – Cumbria in Bloom – it was agreed to give £400 in the next financial year, to be spent on the garden at Number 72 Main Street.
- d. Streetlighting – Ongoing issue of ownership and responsibility, as well as access problems. Amenities Committee to draw up a full list of lights/faults/ownership and current costs for maintenance for future meeting.

12. Sedbergh Townscape Project

Proposed new public space, 72 Main Street/Joss Lane car park - A meeting has now been held with the Planning Officer of the YDNPA and a positive response received. The proposal will be considered at the next meeting of the Sedbergh Townscape Project Board.

Jubilee Fountain – a full report from the Consultant has now been received and it was recommended that this be copied to the YDNPA Historic Environment Officer and Listed Buildings Officer to agree a program of work.

An application has been submitted to the YDNPA under the ‘Tour de France Parish Council Grant Scheme’ in respect of the proposed paving and cycle stands adjacent to the Church lych-gate.

People’s Hall Boundary - a revised plan has now been drawn up in liaison with The People’s Hall Committee. It was recommended and approved that we should now engage with a specialist to prepare the necessary drawings and specifications for tender purposes.

14. Correspondence

The attached Clerk’s Report was considered by the meeting.

War Memorials for Centenary Year – The Clerk is to liaise with the Church Warden at Cautley.
Locally Important Projects – Round Two – This fund is for Capital Projects and the closing date is 7th May 2014

15. Date and Time of next meeting

7.30 pm on Thursday 13th March 2014 at the People’s Hall.

(PCSO Coleman was unable to attend and a Police Report was submitted in her absence)