

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in The People's Hall, Sedbergh on 13th January 2011

Present: Councillors Hodge(Chairman), Allan, Atkins, Thomson, Pearson, McVoy, Capstick, Jameson and Longlands.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllrs Lancaster and Sedgwick and were accepted by the meeting.
2. **Declarations of Interest**
SL – 9b
3. **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council** held on 25th November 2010 were accepted as a true record.
4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
There were no matters arising
5. **Planning**
The attached report was adopted by the meeting.
It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Planning Authority regarding the withdrawal of the planning application at the Aqua Engineering site and to seek clarification as to when the affordable homes would be built.
6. **Finance**
 - a) A report of the meeting of 11th January was presented to the meeting and accepted.
 - b) The meeting agreed the attached requests for payment.
 - c) Income and Expenditure for the year to date was reviewed. It was noted that the Amenities Committee budget was heavily under spent and it was agreed that TJ would liaise with the Clerk with details of expenditure in the pipeline.
7. **Requests for Grants**
There were no requests for grants
8. **Public Participation**
Public participation from Graham Dalton related to item 13b and is included in that minute.
9. **Amenities Committee**
 - a. The attached minutes of the meeting of 5th January 2011 were adopted by the meeting. The meeting confirmed agreement for Car Park charges to be increased w.e.f. 1st April to:- 1hr £1.00, 2hrs £1.50, 3 Hours £2.50, 4 Hours £3.50 and all day £4.50.
 - b. The meeting resolved to agree to amendments in the lease to the People's Hall outlined in their letter dated 6th December 2010.
10. **Queens Gardens**
A verbal report of the Queens Gardens Group was given by MMcV. An arboriculturalist has offered to give at no cost an estimate for producing a full inventory of the trees in the Garden.

It was agreed to go ahead with obtaining an estimate as this is a prerequisite for any further development.

The Clerk is to write to English Heritage to try to get a decision on the listing of the Cross and Gardens.

11. Highways

- a. A review of gritting in the recent bad weather was carried out and it was decided that an article should be put in lookaround pointing out the work done by volunteer councillors. (CR & TJ)
- b. There is £2000 on offer from SLDC in this financial year for a project relating to the STI and it was decided with their agreement that this should be used to start a street signs project in the Town.
- c. A discussion on changes in procedures as a result of CCC's Better Highways initiative was postponed as it is understood that the new system is not yet in operation.

12. Sedbergh Townscape Initiative

A report was submitted and adopted by the meeting. A further meeting of the group is to be held on 25th January.

13. Purchase of 72 Main Street

- a. An updating verbal report was given by DT.
- b. Graham Dalton gave arguments why he felt the Parish Council should make an offer to purchase 72 Main Street from YDNPA. He claimed that approx £22,000 has been pledged by members of the user group and GD felt that this should be made as an initial offer to YDNPA by the Parish Council.
- c. After a lengthy discussion regarding the possibility that the Parish Council should make an offer for the building the general consensus was that it would be unlikely to be able to raise sufficient money to make a realistic offer. The following resolution was therefore passed unanimously. 'At the valuation given and in the timescale available the Parish Council does not wish to buy 72 Main Street Sedbergh from YDNPA and asks the Sedbergh and District Community Development and Heritage Trust to do so.'
- d. As members of the 72 Main Street User group the Parish Council has been asked to indicate what level of financial support it can give towards the purchase of the building. The following resolution was passed: 'The Parish Council will make available a sum of £7,500 out of the 2011-12 budget towards the purchase of 72 Main Street Sedbergh'

14. Transfer of Assets From SLDC

- a. We understand that SLDC has resolved to transfer the Tennis Club and the Fishing Rights to the Parish Council by way of a 99 year leases at a peppercorn rent. Matters are now with NPS to complete. The meeting asked that thanks be recorded to our District Councillors who were very helpful in the negotiations.
- b. A meeting was held with SLDC on 14th Dec at which it was agreed that the Joss Lane Toilets be transferred to The Parish Council on a 99 year lease and that the lease of the bus stop from Sedbergh School be reassigned to the Parish Council. A case for the transfer of Joss Lane car park to the Parish Council on a similar basis was also submitted. SLDC have agreed that a decision on this will be made by the end of the financial year.

15. Correspondence

The attached list of correspondence was presented to the meeting.

It was agreed that a letter be sent in response to a consultation document on budget cuts from SLDC. (DT & CR)

16. Dates of Future Meetings

The meeting agreed to adopt the provisional list that had been circulated.

The meeting agreed that the Planning Committee should meet on a set day so that members of the public can attend meetings. The Planning Committee will report back with a proposed dates.

The meeting also agreed that as the Queens Gardens Committee did not meet on a regular basis it should be changed to a working group.

17. Date and Time of next meeting

7.30 p.m. on Thursday 24th February 2011 at the People's Hall.