

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in
The People's Hall, Sedbergh on 26th January 2012

Present: Councillors Hodge, Longlands, Atkins, Jameson, Thomson, Sedgwick, Lancaster, McVoy,
and Capstick

1. Apologies:

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

2. Declarations of Interest: None

3. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 24th November 2011

These were agreed as a correct record with one minor amendment.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Item 4 – It was noted that no applications have been received in respect of the shop front scheme.

5. Dr Lumb outlined progress on the new Medical Centre

The practice will take possession on 27th Feb and it will be open from 5th March. The Spar will open at the same time.

A new doctor is to be recruited for 3 days per week.

6. Planning

A written report was adopted by the meeting including the committee's comments on planning applications. Information received from the YDNPA in relation to Udales was noted.

7. Finance

- a. A report of the audit committee meeting of 24th January was presented to the meeting and accepted.
- b. The meeting agreed the attached requests for payment
- c. Committees were asked to submit budget proposals by 21st Feb 2012.

8. Grant applications

No applications were recommended to the meeting.

9. Public Participation

The PC was asked for its support in closing Finkle Street for a Diamond Jubilee Street party on Mon 4th June. It was agreed that the clerk would approach SLDC for permission.

Following receipt of a letter from the People's Hall Management Committee it was agreed that a Town Jubilee Group should be set up to co-ordinate activities and Cllr McVoy agreed to Chair this group.

It was agreed that the clerk should ensure that the Beacon had been registered.

10. Amenities Committee

- a. The December and January minutes of the committee were discussed.

- b. A discussion was held regarding new town signs and it was agreed in principle that there should be signs on the four main routes into Sedbergh. The Amenities Committee will bring forward a detailed proposal.

11. Purchase of 72 Main Street

- a. It was reported that the National Park Authority have agreed to sell 72 Main Street to the White Knights Consortium for £80,000. The consortium will hold the property for up to four years to give time for the Community & Heritage Trust time to raise the £80,000 required to purchase it.
- b. A condition of the purchase is that the open space will be passed into community ownership whether or not the building is sold to the community. It was therefore agreed that from 1st April the Parish Council would assume responsibility for the upkeep.
- c. It was agreed that, in order to clarify the resolution dated 13th Jan 2011 agreeing to contribute £7,500 towards the purchase of 72 Main Street, a letter should be sent to the Community & Heritage Trust pledging the sum of £7,500 for that purpose and that a reserve be created in the Council's accounts for that purpose.

12. Acquisition of Assets from SLDC

- a. The leases from SLDC for the Tennis Courts at Guldrey Lane and Land and Fishing Rights at River Rawthey have now been executed and registered. In relation to the submitted report on the fishing rights, Option 1 was supported by the meeting.
- b. Joss Lane Car Park acquisition has made little progress. A meeting was held on 29th Nov with NPS to renegotiate heads of terms and so far no formal response has been received. Concern was expressed regarding the time that the negotiations are taking and the possibility that the terms to be offered may be onerous.

13. Sedbergh Townscape Project

- a. A meeting of the group is to be called for 15th February to try and get some momentum back into the project
- b. There are still a few nameplates to go up and this will be done when the weather improves.
- c. No further response has been received from Cumbria Highways in respect of either the signs or footway widening schemes.
- d. There is a possibility of a small amount of further funds from SLDC for a small project under the STP. This will be followed up by the clerk.
- e. No response has been received from YDNPA to our request for information regarding the planning condition for the provision of waste recycling facilities at the new convenience store.

14. Loftus Hill Car Park

There was a meeting of all interested parties on 18th January. Cumbria Highways did not attend but YDNPA Planners indicated that they would require evidence of a need for capacity.

Three options were tabled but all had difficulties. They all involved some continued use of the existing car park.

It is recognized that there needs to be a decision on who will pay for and manage any new facility. YDNPA will liaise directly with the School and then a further meeting with the school will be required.

It was observed that with the current tenure expiring in June matters were now becoming urgent.

15. Future Arrangements with Sports Clubs

It was recognized that with a number of assets already held by the P.C. and others being transferred from SLDC there needed to be a coherent approach to our relationship with sports clubs.

A discussion paper had been put forward by Cllr Thomson. However not all Cllrs had seen the papers so it was decided to defer further discussions until the next meeting.

16. Highways

A definitive list of outstanding projects has been produced and sent to Cumbria Highways.

It was noted that there appears to be very little response from Highways at the moment and it was agreed that steps should be taken to ensure that projects are kept on the agenda.

It was also noted that Highway issues is a major issue for Local Area Partnerships and it was agreed that we should forward our list of projects to the LAP co-ordinator.

It was reported that there has been a change in the way the highways hot line will operate with daytime weekday calls being routed to the office relevant to the area involved.

17. Correspondence

A list of correspondence was considered by the meeting.

Following advice from the Council's solicitors the following resolution was passed- 'It is resolved that The Chairman and Clerk be authorised to execute on behalf of the Council a lease for 60 years at a premium of £ 150 of 21.6 square metres of land at Howgill Lane Recreation Ground to Electricity North West Limited on the terms settled and agreed with the Council solicitor, and a consequential deed of variation of easement for the installation of and access to a cable laid in the south and west sides of the recreation ground made between the Council and Electricity North West Limited on 21st May, 2009'

18. Date and Time of next meeting

7.30 pm on Thursday 23rd February 2012 at the People's Hall