

# THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in The People's Hall, Sedbergh on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2013

Present: Councillors Hodge, Longlands, Atkins, Capstick, Allan, Macpherson, Pearson and Thomson.

### 1. Apologies:

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

### 2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations

### 3. Declarations of Interest:

A pecuniary interest in item 9a was declared by Cllr Thomson

Non pecuniary interests were declared in respect of item 9b by Cllrs Hodge and Longlands.

### 3a. The meeting was addressed by PCSO Dakin regarding Police matters

### 4. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2012

These were agreed as a correct record.

### 5. Matters arising from the Minutes of 29<sup>th</sup> November

- a. It was reported that the YDNPA Planning Forum had been postponed until 21<sup>st</sup> January.
- b. It was noted that the repairs in Loftus Hill Car Park had been completed by Sedbergh School to an excellent standard.

### 6. Planning

A written report was adopted by the meeting including the Committee's comments on planning applications.

### 7. Yorkshire Dales National Park Consultation

The meeting agreed the attached response with one minor alteration.

### 8. Finance

- a. The meeting received a report of the meeting of the Audit Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013. There was a discussion regarding the production of a Parish Map using the online parish mapping facility and Cllr Atkins agreed to commence the exercise by inputting all the parish council owned land. The Amenities Committee will then take over responsibility for inputting further information.
- b. The attached requests for payments were agreed.
- c. It was resolved that the council would request a precept of £33228.50 for the year 2013/14.

### 9. Grants

- a. The meeting agreed a grant of £1,500 to Sedbergh & District Community & Heritage Trust towards the cost of extending the proposed central heating system to the first floor of 72 Main Street.
- b. The meeting agreed a grant of £25,000 to the People's Hall Management Committee to assist with the first phase of the Hall redevelopment.

## **10. Public Participation**

Evelyn Westwood gave an update on the position with Udales the redevelopment of which is still on track.

She also spoke on the subject of emergency planning. She reported on a local authority course she had been on and encouraged the council to contact Cumbria CC for help in setting up an emergency plan in Sedbergh.

## **11. Amenities Committee**

- a. A written report of the January meeting was adopted by the meeting.
- b. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Emergency Planning Officer at Cumbria CC to invite him to speak to the Council.
- c. It was reported by Cllr Macpherson that agreement has been reached for the Community Bus to be parked behind the Spar in Station Road
- d. A paper regarding the future of the market was submitted by the Community Office and a discussion was held. There was a consensus that the Council wished the market to continue and a number of suggestions were made to improve it including:
  - i. Moving it to Main Street or Finkle Street.
  - ii. Having a monthly produce market (promoting this on the first Wednesday of the month)
  - iii. Take action to move some or all of the recycling bins so that the market could be moved to a better pitch on the opposite side of the car park. (A meeting is to be arranged with the PC, SLDC, YDNPA Planning, Cumbria Waste and the Spar to try to progress this idea)
- e. The Amenities Committee is to look into the appointment of a snow champion

## **12. Sedbergh Townscape Project**

- a. An interim report on the drinking water fountain has been received and it is hoped that renovation work can be commenced in the spring.
- b. Nothing has been heard from Cumbria Highways regarding the footway widening and sign decluttering.
- c. A spring meeting of the project board is planned.
- d. The new entrance sign to Main Street has been ordered.

## **13. Queens Gardens**

Cllr Thomson reported that a pre application has been submitted to Parks for People for a grant of c.£130,000. The main part of the proposed project would be moving the existing front wall back and open up the main entrance again.

There will be a meeting of the committee during the next month.

## **14. Correspondence**

The attached Clerks Report was considered by the meeting and the following agreed:

- a. Further pressure should be brought to try and resolve the flooding which occurs regularly in Howgill Lane and has recently caused an accident when the water froze.
- b. It is requested that all Committees send agendas in advance of meetings so that they can be put on the Council's web site
- c. The meeting agreed a new cookie policy for the Council's web site
- d. It was agreed that a meeting with the tennis club be convened with Cllrs Westwood and Atkins and the Clerk to discuss the Council's plans for the car park in Guldrey Lane. It was also agreed that the Clerk should write to NPS as representatives of Two Castles Housing to gain co-operation and seek technical advice.

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

7.30 pm on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at the People's Hall