

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in The People's Hall, Sedbergh on 28th July 2011

Present: Councillors Hodge, Sedgwick, Jameson, Atkins, Thomson, Longlands, Allan and Pearson.

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllrs McVoy, Capstick and Lancaster and were accepted by the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest:

None

3. Minutes of the Meetings of the Parish Council held on 30th June were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- a. It was reported that Residents have been consulted regarding the Loftus Hill scheme. The Clerk is to contact Cumbria Highways to ensure that the Parish Council is also consulted.
- b. The Queens Gardens Committee have now received details of Trust documentation regarding the Queen Elizabeth II scheme.
- c. It was agreed that the clerk would contact SLDC enforcement to see if a representative would come to the August meeting to discuss problems regarding illegal parking in Sedbergh.

5. Planning

- a. A written report was adopted by the meeting including the committee's recommendation for comments on planning applications.
- b. There was a discussion regarding Udales building in Main Street and it was concluded that nothing further can be achieved at present but that the matter would be kept under review by the Planning Committee.

6. Finance

- a. A report of the audit committee meeting of 26th July was presented to the meeting and accepted. It has been agreed that a detailed budget review is carried out at the August meeting to see if it is possible to reinstate budget cuts for Grants and the Amenities committee.
- b. The meeting agreed the attached requests for payment.

7. Public Participation

Evelyn Westward expressed concern over 'cowboy' drivers in Finkle Street.

8. Amenities committee

- a. The July minutes of the committee were reported to the meeting.
- b. It was agreed that an appeal against the rates would be lodged. Also the Community Trust have been asked to look at the possibility of taking over the toilets in order that the town can benefit from the 80% rates rebate that would be available.

9. Purchase of 72 Main Street

It was reported that the invitations to an open afternoon at the Community Centre and the TIC had gone out to Members of the YDNPA. The organisation of the afternoon was being organised by the Community Trust.

The main activity during July and August is raising objections to the proposed sale of the open space to the west of the building. A mail drop to each house will be done in August and information will be available in the Community Centre.

Arrangements were being made for the September the meeting of the Authority and the surgery of Mr Farron MP. Plans were being crystallised for encouraging individuals and organisations to object to the sale of the building in October and early November.

10. Transfer of Assets From SLDC

- a. Joss Lane Car Park - SLDC have agreed to create a 99 year lease in favour of the P.C. at nominal consideration. Leases have not yet been signed for the Tennis Courts and Fishing Rights and the Clerk will continue to chase this up with SLDC.
- b. We have been advised that since the handover of Joss Lane Toilets to the P.C. SLDC have ceased to clean the Cemetary Toilets. It was agreed that the P.C. would liaise with SLDC to see if we could help by using our clearners (subject to agreement) with SLDC bearing the cost. The Clerk is to commence work on due diligence in respect of the possible takeover of the Cemetary from SLDC.

11. Loftus Hill Car Park

- a. The Council has received a letter from Sedbergh School confirming that the lease will now terminate on 30th June 2011 and we have been asked to supply an estimate of lost revenue to the School. The issuing of passes for the year Sept 2011 – Aug 2012 will go ahead with a warning to purchasers about the closure of Loftus Hill Car Park in June 2012.
- b. The meeting agreed that the Council's position would be to continue its oposition to the closure of the car park but that we should continue to look for constructive solutions with the School and that Cllrs Hodge and Atkins would lead these negotiations.

12. Proposed sale of land at Baliol School

We have been consulted by N. Yorks County Council and it was agreed that before a response is sent that the local schools should be consulted and an article included in the next Lookaround inviting comments from members of the public.

13. Council Web Site

Cllr Thomson reported on a preliminary meeting that he has had with David Collier regarding the Community Web site and it was agreed that this dialogue should continue with a view to possibly incorporating the P.C. site with the community site.

14. Correspondence

- a. A list of correspondence was considered by the meeting
- b. Cllr Sedgwick agreed to host the Jubilee Beacon in June 2012 and the clerk will register this.
- c. It was agreed to allow a National Trust Landrover on one of the town car parks for four weekend days during the season.

15. Date and Time of next meeting

7.30 p.m. on Thursday 25th August 2011 at the People's Hall.