

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in The People's Hall, Sedbergh on 10th July 2014

Present: Councillors Hodge (Chair), Longlands, Capstick, Allan, Dawson, Lancaster, Brooks, Mary Macpherson, Ian McPherson, Atkins and Sedgwick

1. Apologies:

There were no apologies

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations

3. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

4. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held 12th June 2014

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

5. Matters arising from the Minutes of 12th June 2014

Item 4 – Sedbergh School have given the telephone number of the Bursary as an emergency contact number for the Police Emergency Plan. Cllr Longlands has given his details for contact with The People's Hall.

Item 6 – 20 mph zone for Sedbergh – Communication has commenced with CCC to enquire how this may be considered in the future – we are still awaiting a response.

Item 6 – Lilymere – the section of road has now been surface dressed.

Item 8a – Ghyllas Layby – signs have now been ordered and upon receipt the local contractor will be instructed to proceed.

6. Planning

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

- a. A meeting has been arranged for the 22nd July to discuss the YDNPA Draft Local Plan; all Councillors are requested to attend.
- b. Killington Wind Farm – the application has now been withdrawn.
- c. Former Aqua Engineering site - A Section 106 Agreement in relation to affordable housing is awaiting completion. It is understood that the Agreement would provide for the imposition of a local occupancy condition on the existing house if the two affordable housing units are not built.
- d. Pinfold Caravan Site – further to recent issues raised by the public, the YDNPA are now to investigate concerns regarding compliance with occupancy conditions.
- e. Cllr Ian McPherson – following discussions with the Planning Committee, Cllr McPherson has now resigned from the committee due to his recent appointment to the YDNPA and his further nomination to the Authority's Planning Committee.

7. Finance

The meeting received the minutes of the meeting of the Policy & Resource Committee held on 3rd July 2014. Arising from those minutes, points to note were as follows

- a. Cycle Stands – Church Lych Gate – YDNPA have granted an extension to 31st December 2014 for the Council to claim the grant awarded. This will allow time for further discussions with CCC Highways over ownership and boundaries. The extension given by YDNPA is greatly appreciated.
- b. Main Street reflagging – ongoing discussions with CCC over the proposal has temporarily put a hold on the planned cycle stands (those supported by DITA).
- c. Community Speedwatch – Following the request to purchase high visibility tabards for the volunteers, it was agreed by the Parish Council to proceed, estimated cost £42.00.
- d. The Councils Financial Regulations and Risk Assessment documents were discussed and the Risk Assessment document reviewed and amended. This recommendation was approved. The Financial Regulations will be discussed again at a future meeting after further considerations.
- e. External Audit – the Parish Council has now received the full audited accounts, which will be displayed for public inspection.
- f. Parking Permits – following the recommendation of the committee, it was agreed to maintain current parking permit prices for a further year.

The Council agreed a list of payments submitted to the meeting and it was agreed that if the outstanding cheque to Eon was not presented, it would be formally cancelled.

8. Grants

No new applications received.

9. Public Participation

Dorothy Blair – Sedbergh in Bloom – Mrs Blair gave an overview of the recent works Sedbergh in Bloom (previously known as Cumbria in Bloom) had completed, as well as works still ongoing. They passed on their thanks to Cllr Allan for attending their recent meeting and notes from the meeting were available under correspondence. It was noted that Sedbergh Parish Council expressed their thanks for all the work the volunteers do in the Community.

John Metcalfe – Western Dales Bus – Mr Metcalfe highlighted his continued concern over the carpark space allocated to the bus and asked if the PC would consider allowing a space for commercial bus companies in Sedbergh. It was agreed that this should be deferred to both Amenities and Policy & Resource Committee for further discussion.

Dick Harrison – Pavement widening, Main Street – Mr Harrison expressed concern over the recent scheme. Cllr Atkins advised that the PC were contacting CCC in connection with three main points already highlighted. i) the height of the kerb opposite the access to Pippin Cottage ii) the width of the pavement at a point in front of Mr Harrison's property iii) the white line painted on the pavement. It was noted that the PC was not directly responsible for any of these decisions.

10. Amenities Committee

A written report of the meeting held on the 2nd July was received by the meeting and the following points were noted.

- a. Sedbergh Junior Football Club – a request has been received in connection with the possibility of five a side pitch. There are ongoing discussions over the affiliation of this club with Sedbergh Wanderers and an update will be received at the next meeting.
- b. Honesty Boxes in Toilets – an issue has recently arisen where boxes were anonymously placed in the toilets for the Tour de France influx of visitors. This has raised the question over whether they should be considered on a formal basis in the future and this will be discussed at a future Amenities committee meeting.
- c. Highfield Road – reports have been received over hedges/trees over hanging the pavement. It was agreed that letters should be issued to the home occupiers on this stretch of road. A copy of these letters should be issued to CCC Highways for their information.

11. Sedbergh Townscape Project

An updating report was received by the Council, please also see comments raised under Item 9 in relation to the pavement widening on Main Street.

12. People's Hall

This remains with the PC's solicitor at present. It was noted that YDNPA have recently approved the planning application for the extension to accommodate the proposed gym.

13. Correspondence

The attached Clerk's Report was considered by the meeting

- a. Killington WI – a letter has been received asking for increased signage to the People's Hall. The matter was discussed, but the logistics of individual signs on roads led to further issues of then requiring a trail of signs. It was agreed that instead of lots of individual signs, information maps in the two car parks could be updated and include directions. This would be fed back to the Chamber of Trade who are currently looking into the signs on the Carparks.
- b. Police Community Support Officers – it was noted that they had been monitoring speeds on Back Lane and it was reported that some 200 cars had been recorded, with only 8 being over 30mph (these all being below 34mph). It was suggested that the Police could be asked to monitor on Station Road and Long Lane. Cllr Sedgwick highlighted the ongoing issue of cars parking along Long Lane which led to vision being obstructed. Cllr Lancaster agreed to draft a letter to CCC Highways.
- c. Himalayan Balsam – Cllr Nick Cotton has advised that Settlebeck School has been continuing with this.
- d. Cattle Grids on Junction 37, M6 – following a letter received from Highways, it was recommended by Cllr Lancaster and agreed that the Parish Council thought they should remain. It was noted that they act as a traffic calming measure when approaching the exit on to the main road between Sedbergh and Kendal.
- e. Post 16 Transport – following further correspondence received from Garsdale PC, it was agreed that Sedbergh PC should write a letter to County Councillors Young, Airey and Stephenson expressing concern over the planned withdrawal of post 16 transport.
- f. SLDC, Affordable Housing – the recent request for feedback by SLDC has raised the issue of current housing needs in Sedbergh. It was agreed that the Cumbria Rural Housing Trust should be approached in relation to the possibility of conducting a survey as it had been some seven years since the last capture of data.
- g. Sedbergh in Bloom – see public participation.
- h. LAP meeting – Cllr Hodge to attend
- i. YDNPA Societies Conference – Cllr Ian McPherson is hoping to attend.

14. Date and Time of next meetings

YDNPA – Draft Local Plan meeting for Councillors – 22nd July 2014, 72 Main Street at 7.00pm
Parish Council Meeting, Thursday 14th August 2014 at 7.30 pm - People's Hall Committee Room.