

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in The People's Hall, Sedbergh on 28th March 2013

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

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllrs Sedgwick and Capstick and were accepted by the meeting.

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations

3. Declarations of Interest:

Non pecuniary interests were declared by Cllrs Hodge and Longlands in respect of item 13

4. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 28th February 2013

These were agreed as a correct record with one minor amendment proposed by Cllr Thomson.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes of 28th February 2013

- a. Cllr Thomson noted that funding would be required in due course for the survey of Queens Gardens.
- b. It was suggested that YDNPA be approached to contact BT over the repairs required to the listed Phone Box in Main Street.
- c. An urgent consultation is required with the Tennis Club regarding the plans for the car park.
- d. It was noted that an invitation to a future meeting is still to be sent the emergency planning officer at CCC.

6. Presentation by Dr Judith Greene, Headteacher, Settlebeck School

Dr Greene gave a presentation to the meeting giving a brief report on current priorities at the School and then answered questions. It was agreed that it would be beneficial to have further meetings with Dr Greene on a regular basis in future.

7. Planning

- a. A written report was adopted by the meeting including the Committee's comments on planning applications.
- b. The full council considered **S/03/529A** - Full planning permission for change of use of agricultural field to temporary site for travellers (permanent permission for up to 21 days in any year), Scrogg Bank Field, Cautley Road, Sedbergh. It was resolved to support the proposal. However the Council recommends that any permission should be time-limited for a period of, say, 5 years. Upon application for renewal of the permission at the expiry of that period the merits of the continued use of the site could then be considered in the light of circumstances then prevailing and having regard to the manner in which the site has operated.

8. Finance

- a. The meeting received a report of the meeting of the Audit Committee on 28th March 2013.
- b. The attached requests for payments were agreed.
- c. The meeting approved the budget for 2013/14.

9. Grants

The meeting agreed a grant of £250 to the Cumbria in Bloom Committee subject to sight of their accounts.

10. Public Participation

Jock Cairns, Chair of the Western Dales Bus informed the meeting that, with the service due to start on the 18th May and all their drivers recruited, the Spar, where they had hoped to park the bus, has now indicated that they may not be able to help after all. He asked if the Parish Council could accommodate the bus in Joss Lane Car Park.

The meeting expressed support for the enterprise and a willingness to work with the group to find a solution. However there was a strong view that the Spar should be more supportive.

11. Amenities Committee

A written report of the March meeting was adopted by the meeting.

12. Sedbergh Townscape Project

- a. A written report was submitted to the meeting.
- b. The Main Street entry sign has now been delivered and Cumbria Highways have agreed that our contractor may remove the existing sign. The clerk is to arrange the erection of the sign as soon as possible and will investigate the possibility of erecting removable bollards to stop illegal parking.
- c. Garsdale Designs have agreed to do some initial design work for a scheme at Joss Lane Car park at no cost and the meeting agreed a sum of £390 for an initial ground survey.
- d. Cumbria Highways have produced a new design for the narrows which is likely to cost about £16,000. As at present there is a budget of £10,000 it was agreed that we should approach YDNPA to ascertain if there are any more Section 106 funds left from the Spar development which could go towards the shortfall.
- e. There is a site meeting with the Cumbria Bus Infrastructure Officer on 12th April and it was agreed that the council's preferred option was a traditional shelter which would be in keeping with the new shelter at the Spar site. It was agreed that Cumbria should be approached to see if there was any funding available. YDNPA are to be contacted to ascertain if the new shelter can be erected under permitted development rights.

13. People's Hall - To respond to the email of 10 March from Dr Gina Barney

It was agreed that the Parish Council would give permission for the proposed works at the People's Hall along with any access required. It was also agreed that the Council would express support in principle for the proposed extension to the Car Park and request a detailed plans and costings.

14. Highway Sign, Lane Ends Frostrow

A paper was presented to the meeting and it was agreed that this should be submitted to Cumbria Highways for action.

15. Parish On Line Mapping Demonstration

Cllr Atkins gave a demonstration of this facility showing details of parish assets and the various functions that are available.

16. Meeting Dates

It was agreed that with effect from July 2013 meetings would be on the second Thursday monthly and that there would be no meeting in June 2013. The reasons are firstly that it will enable a more timely report of Parish Council proceedings to be submitted to the Sedbergh Lookaround and secondly will allow for meetings to take place in December which had not previously been the case. The Clerk will update the website and circulate new meeting dates to members.

17. Correspondence

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

- a. Cllr Pearson will attend the LAP meeting on 9th April
- b. Cllr Pearson will represent the Council at the opening of the new craft workshop on 2nd April
- c. Cllr Longlands will supply details of the proposed footpath at Howgill Lane for Cumbria Highways
- d. Information re the TV Big Lottery competition will be forwarded to Gina Barney.
- e. Information re the Cumbria Post 2013 project will be given to Cllr Atkins for consideration.

18. Date and Time of next meeting

7.30 pm on Thursday 25th April 2013 at the People's Hall