

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in The People's Hall, Sedbergh on 13th March 2014

Present: Councillors Hodge (Chair), Atkins, Longlands, Macpherson, Capstick, Allan and Thomson.

1. Apologies:

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

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations

3. Declarations of Interest: None

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4. Inspector Paul Latham – Neighbourhood Policing Team

Paul Latham gave an outline of the proposed move to 72 Main Street from the Fire Station, due in April. This would bring them closer to the footfall of Sedbergh and allow them to be central within the community. A notice of times when the PCSO would be available will be issued.

- a. It was proposed and agreed that a designated parking space be allocated for a Police Vehicle at Joss Lane car park. The marking will be financed by Cumbria Constabulary as will the purchase of any necessary permits.
- b. Main Street, there have been instances recently where complaints have been received following delivery drivers blocking the Main Street for considerable lengths of time. It was acknowledged that some discretion is needed and it is appreciated that this is a long running issue due to the nature of the Sedbergh Main Street.

5. Michael Roberts - Volunteer, Community Police

Michael gave an overview of the Community Speed Watch Scheme. Funding has now been secured for the purchase of a Laser Gun with LAP money, provided volunteers come forward to allow the scheme to operate across the Local Area Partnership district. The scheme works by Volunteers recording Registration numbers of vehicles caught exceeding the speed limit with the gun.

Information is then relayed back to a central office where a warning letter is issued to the registered keeper of the vehicle. Posters will be displayed inviting volunteers to come forward.

6. Minutes of the Meetings of the Parish Council held on 13th February 2014

The Minutes were accepted as a true record with one amendment noted, Cllr Thomson left the previous meeting at Note 7c. The minutes were signed by the Chairman Cllr Hodge.

7. Matters arising from the Minutes of 13th February 2014

None

8. Planning

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

- a. 3 Bainbridge Road, recommended conditions have been included on decision notice regarding parking.
- b. Yorkshire Dales Local Plan, Sites for Business/Employment use and Elderly Care Accommodation – three potential sites identified. 1) Former Cabinet Makers. 2) The United Reformed Church/Methodist Church. 3) Former Station Yard.

At this point representation was made by Mr Sandy Roy of Churches Together in relation to The United Reformed Church and the Methodist Church. An article appeared in the Lookaround making the community aware that the combined committees have been discussing a vision for the future and asking for ideas.

- i. Are there any facilities needed in the community, not already present
- ii. How can the churches resources (including buildings) be used to benefit the community

A further consultation will be scheduled to discuss these matters and Sedbergh Parish Council was invited to be represented.

In subsequent discussion, Members agreed that it would be beneficial to investigate the current situation at Gladstone House and a member of South Lakes Housing should be invited to attend a meeting.

9. Finance

The meeting received the minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 11th March 2014, arising from those minutes;

- a. Item 6 – Proposed to review the Budget with some amendments to titles and responsibilities over the coming weeks.
- b. Dent First Responders – This matter was requested to be deferred at February Meeting, update required from member following absence at this meeting.
- c. Item 8 – Age UK, following request to bring a mobile Age UK shop to the market, further information on size, frequency of visits and other relevant details has been requested.
- d. It was noted that the sale of 72 Main Street has now gone through and ownership is now with the CIO.
- e. The Council agreed a list of payments submitted to the meeting.

10. Grants

No new applications received.

11. Public Participation

Churches Together – see Planning

CLlr Evelyn Westwood announced that South Lakeland District Council would be holding a Cabinet Meeting in Sedbergh on 9th April 2014, 10.00 am in the People's Hall.

It was also requested that, following a letter received, we identify the ownership of Davis Yard. It was advised that ownership of many of the town's yards, paths and alleyways is under investigation but that little progress had been made; however contact could be made with YDNPA in the interim due to the designated public footpath that runs through Davis yard.

12. Amenities Committee

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

- a. Item 6 – Joss Lane drains, currently United Utilities are stating it is not their responsibility as the problem is caused by surface water. Further communication is ongoing.
- b. Item 12 – Asset Mapping, a full list of lights that they consider to be the responsibility of the Parish has been requested from CCC.
- c. Item 13 – Cumbria in Bloom – It was confirmed that a total of £400 is to be made available to Cumbria in Bloom in the next financial year. A separate contractor will continue to mow the grass.

13. Sedbergh Townscape Project

A meeting is scheduled for early April

- a. Footway widening, we have now been advised that the work will commence in May.
- b. People's Hall Boundary - a specialist has now been asked to prepare the necessary drawings and specifications for tender purposes. Time constraints need to be considered due to LIP closing date of 7th May 2014

14. Queens Gardens

A meeting was held on 5th March 2014

- a. The Management Plan continues, maintenance is being kept to a minimum while further grant applications are considered.
- b. Parks for People – Heritage Lottery Fund, information is being gathered to establish the best way forward. It was agreed that a further bid for a HLF grant would be more likely to succeed if the Council commissioned a consultant's report to support an application and that this course of action should be pursued, the likely costs to be considered at a further meeting.

15. Correspondence

The attached Clerk's Report was considered by the meeting.

- a. Town Twinning – it was noted that the Group had recently had a very successful Youth Trip to Zrece and a return visit is due in 2014. The meeting expressed thanks to all concerned, particularly Dave Smith and Susan Garnett.

15. Date and Time of next meeting

7.30 pm on Thursday 10th April at the People's Hall.