

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in The People's Hall, Sedbergh on 26th May 2011

Present: Councillors Hodge(Chairman), Allan, Atkins, Lancaster, Thomson, Longlands, McVoy, Jameson and Sedgwick

1. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllrs Capstick & Pearson and were accepted by the meeting.
2. **Declarations of Interest**
Thomson – Personal interest in Queen's Garden
Atkins – Personal interest in Item 12 - Highways
3. **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council** held on 26th April were accepted as a true record.
4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
 - a. 4a HH & JA have met with Victoria Lepper of CCC Highways and she has agreed to look at double yellow lining the Busk Lane/ Loftus Hill junction
 - b. 4d Street signs have been delivered and await fixing.
 - c. 10c The Insurance Claim for damage at Loftus Hill needs following up
 - d. 10d David Ramsbottom has been contacted regarding the future of the market.
 - e. 15 Councillors are asked to look at other Sedbergh Websites. The Audit Committee is to look at cheaper local options for hosting.
5. **Planning**
 - a. A written report was adopted by the meeting.
 - b. The meeting agreed the following response to **S/03/320C** – Full permission for erection of one 5- bedroomed dwellinghouse and a terrace of three 3- bedroomed dwellings together with access and car parking, subject to occupancy restrictions (part retrospective). Former Aqua Engineering Site, Guldrey Lane, Sedbergh.

The Parish Council objects to this proposal and is strongly of the view that the development should retain an element of affordable housing in accordance with the permission issued by the Secretary of State on appeal and having regard to the policies of both the extant Local Plan and the emerging Housing Development Plan. Retrospective permission should not be granted for the unauthorised dwelling in the absence of a legally binding agreement which requires that the affordable units be built and available for occupation within a defined time period.
6. **Finance**
 - a) A report of the audit committee meeting of 24th May was presented to the meeting and accepted. The meeting adopted the recommended budget alteration being a reduction in the Queens Garden Budget of £500 and a reduction in the Amenities budget of £2,000. This reduction to be reviewed in a maximum of four months and reinstated if possible.
 - b) The meeting agreed the attached requests for payment.
 - c) The meeting reviewed income & expenditure for the year to date.
 - d) The meeting resolved to adopt the annual audit return.

7. Public Participation

There were no contributions from members of the public.

8. Amenities committee

- a. The May minutes of the committee were reported to the meeting.
- b. A discussion was had regarding the arrangements for Joss Lane Toilets and particularly the resignation of the Cleaner. This issue will be dealt with as a matter of urgency at the next Amenities Committee on Wed 1st June

9. Queen's Garden

A verbal report was given by DT. The Garden is to be allowed to tick over this year while the outcome of two grant applications is awaited. The most promising is the application to Our Green Heritage where the first stage has been passed and the second submitted.

10. Purchase of 72 Main Street

- a. An updating verbal report was given by DT.
- b. YDNPA will make a final decision on the disposal at their meeting on 31st May.
- c. An appeal was made for supporters to attend the YDNPA meeting to show community support.

11. Transfer of Assets From SLDC

- a. Leases are in the course of preparation for both Guldrey Lane and The Fishing Rights
- b. The lease for Joss Lane Toilets has been signed and will be dated 1st June.
- c. The possibility of acquiring the Cemetery has been put on hold and SLDC have confirmed that this will not be a precondition for the acquisition of Joss Lane car Park
- d. The bid for Joss Lane Car Park should now be considered at the SLDC Cabinet meeting on 15th June and a discussion was had on how best to put our case to new councillors involved.
- e. The possibility of taking an assignment over the lease of the bus stop in Station Road has been put on hold pending clarification from YDNPA on how the 106 agreement monies can be used.

12. Highways

The meeting endorsed a paper outlining an enhancement of Sedbergh Schools plans for pedestrian safety and traffic calming in Loftus Hill.

13. To consider future meeting dates.

Cllr Capstick will be able to come to the next meeting and he is to be asked to bring a list of Kendal Auction dates and when he would be unable to attend council meetings.

14. Correspondence

- a. A list of correspondence was considered by the meeting
- b. The park ranger is to liaise with SLDC regarding dog fouling and this will need following up by the Parish Council.
- c. It was agreed that the council would not endorse the way marking of a new 'Pennine Journey' route in view of the number of existing long distance paths.

15. Date and Time of next meeting

7.30 p.m. on Thursday 30th June 2011 at the People's Hall.