

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in
The People's Hall, Sedbergh on 27th October 2011

Present: Councillors Hodge, Lancaster, Allan, Longlands, Atkins and Pearson

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllrs Capstick, Sedgwick, Jameson, Thomson and McVoy and were accepted by the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Lancaster – personal and prejudicial for item 5.

3. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 26 August and 29th September

These were agreed as a correct record following a minor change to item 5 of the September minutes

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Item 7 SL reported that the People's Hall are now looking at a more modest proposal for the Hall involving an extension and refurbishment. He indicated that they would still need support from the Parish Council but the amount was not yet known. The meeting expressed general support for the approach and asked that the scheme be brought back to members with detailed costings.

5. Planning

- a. A written report was adopted by the meeting including the committee's recommendation for comments on planning applications. Concern was expressed that the application relating to temporary classrooms at Lupton yard has been agreed for a further two years, apparently without regard to comments made by the Council. A letter will be sent to YDNPA Planning Officer.
- b. The attached paper relating to Application S/03/104A – Outline permission for the demolition of existing building and the erection of ten houses and two flats to provide affordable housing for rent – former CCC Depot, Guldrey Lane, Sedbergh, was considered. Concern was expressed that the potential re-development of the site for employment/business use had not been adequately investigated. Also members were concerned that affordable housing should be managed in the long term in a manner which would ensure that the accommodation would be occupied by those in housing need from within Sedbergh Parish (or if such needs were satisfied) from persons within the adjoining parishes. It was agreed that the application be supported subject to the above.

6. Finance

- a. A report of the audit committee meeting of 25th October was presented to the meeting and accepted.
- b. The meeting agreed the attached requests for payment

7. Grant applications

It was agreed to award a grant of £100 to the local CAB

8. Public Participaton

Andi Chapple on behalf of the Chamber Of Trade, outlined a proposal for the erection of a Christmas tree in Sedbergh. The meeting was generally supportive and it was agreed that he would work up a detailed proposal to bring to the November meeting

9. Amenities Committee

- a. The October minutes of the committee were discussed.
- b. It was agreed that permission be given for Sedbergh Wanderers to play the winter season on the football field and it was reported that the football club had made a donation of £500 towards the maintenance of the pitch.
- c. It was reported that Loftus Hill Toilets will be closed for the winter w.e.f. 31st October.

10. Purchase of 72 Main Street

- a. A leaflet encouraging objections to the Sale of 72 Main St had been printed and were in the course of delivery.
- b. It was agreed that the Chairman should write to the Chairman of the YDNPA regarding some comments made in his correspondence to a resident in connection with the disposal of the property. These comments are considered detrimental to Sedbergh and fail to recognize the community's support for 72 Main Street over many years.

11. Acquisition of Assets from SLDC

- a. Joss Lane Car Park – Reported that following agreement of head of terms there appears to be a hold up at SLDC while they look into the question of good value. The Clerk will follow this up.
- b. Reported that papers have been received relating to the apparent incorrect rating assessment at Joss Lane Car Park.
- c. Reported that the transfer of other assets was proceeding.

12. Sedbergh Townscape Project

A response has been received from CCC regarding the Narrows Scheme which indicates that some preliminary assessment is required before detailed design work can be carried out.

It was reported that a meeting was to be arranged with a representative of the County Council to discuss a number of issues relating to highway signs within the town.

13. Highways

Contact with better Highways Team does not seem to be happening. Letter to be sent to CCC. The next visit is scheduled for the end of November and Cllrs are asked to forward any items for action to Cllr Sedgwick. It was agreed that the unsatisfactory condition of parts of Howgill Lane and Hebblethwaite Hall Lane required particular consideration.

14. Web Site

Reported that the Clerk has had a meeting with Dave Collier. It is unlikely the new site will be ready before the end of the year at least.

15. SLDC Shop Front Improvement Grant Scheme

It was agreed that the Parish Council would accept the offer from SLDC and that the Clerk and Cllr Westwood will liaise to agree details.

16. Correspondence

A list of correspondence was considered by the meeting.

It was agreed that Andi Chapple and the Clerk would meet to put together a bid for funding for new market gazebos for the next meeting of the LAP on 9th Nov.

It was agreed that the YDNPA should be informed that the Council supported the concerns expressed by Austwick Parish Council regarding the possibility of amendments being made, without consultation, to a key policy of the Housing Development Plan at the forthcoming examination in public.

17. Loftus Hill Car Park

A resolution was carried to hold this session in private.

Members received a verbal report on negotiations with Sedbergh School and were able to view plans (prepared for discussion purposes only) which illustrated possible alternative sites for a new car park.

18. Date and Time of next meeting

7.30 p.m. on Thursday 24th November 2011 at the People's Hall