

# THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in The People's Hall, Sedbergh on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Present: Councillors Atkins (Chair), Longlands, Jameson, Macpherson, Lancaster, Allan, Capstick, Sedgwick and Thomson.

### 1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hodge and Pearson and accepted by the meeting.

### 2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations

### 3. Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

**4. Dr Judith Green – Headteacher of Settlebeck School** addressed the meeting with details of the latest news and developments at the school. She was able to assure the meeting that the future was secure with adequate funding in place and excellent results in public examinations this year.

### 5. Minutes of the Meetings of the Parish Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2013

The Minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the chairman Cllr Atkins.

### 6. Matters arising from the Minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> September 2013

5 (10a) Confirmation has now been received from YDNPA that the extension to the People's Hall Car Park amounts to permitted development and can therefore go ahead without planning consent.

5(15a) . Sedbergh School have agreed to meet with representatives of the Parish Council to discuss the community use of the school swimming pool and the formulation of a community use plan under the conditions of the Sport England Grant. The Members expressed a wish that the state schools would gain significantly from the facility.

5 (15b) possible participation on the Community Payback scheme will be considered again at the next meeting.

14c Contact has now been made by Highways regarding the advance directional signs at Ghyllas Layby and they are to produce an estimate for the work.

14d Regarding the maintenance of footpaths etc in the town it was agreed that research should be undertaken to establish ownership and/or responsibility for each individual path.

### 7. Planning

A written report was adopted by the meeting including the Committee's comments on planning applications.

### 8. Yorkshire Dales Local Plan Options Consultation

The meeting considered a paper that had been produced by Cllr Atkins and agreed to delegate the Council's response to the Planning Committee.

It was agreed that Cllr Lancaster would represent the Council at the forum on the 30<sup>th</sup> Oct and that the response would be circulated to members prior to submission. A copy is to be sent also to District Cllr and National Park Member Ian McPherson in order that he can represent our views at the members' forum.

## **9. Finance**

- a. The meeting received a report of the meeting of the Audit Committee on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013.
- b. The attached requests for payments were agreed.

## **10. Grants**

- a. A grant of £100 to the Gt North Air Ambulance was agreed from the 2014-15 budget
- b. It was agreed to defer a decision on a request from CCC for £1,000 for a defibrillator to be sited in Sedbergh. A supportive response has been received from Dr Lumb but members were unsure if there was a need to set up a first responders group and it was agreed that enquiries be made of Dent PC, St John's Ambulance and The Retained Fire Service.

## **11. Public Participation**

There were no contributions from the public.

## **12. Amenities Committee**

- a. A written reports-of the October meeting was adopted.
- b. It was agreed to contact the National Park Trees and Woodland Officer for advice on the question of tree branches overhanging the highway at Station Road.
- c. It was agreed that we should consult other Parish Councils regarding the practicalities of employing a parish handyperson. In the meantime the Amenities Committee will draw up a list of local contractors who it is felt would be suitable to carry out this type of work.
- d. It was reported that Electricity NW have given notice of the removal of a Parish light in Loftus Hill. It was agreed that the Parish Council would replace this with a new pole and lantern.

## **13. Sedbergh Townscape Project**

- a. The meeting received the attached report and also the minutes of the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> Sept 2013.
- b. It was agreed that the proposal to improve Joss lane Car Park and the garden of 72 Main Street be progressed to public consultation.
- c. It was agreed to support a bid to the Dales Integrated Transport Alliance by the Support & Transport Co-ordinator at the Sedbergh & District Information Centre for a number of cycle stands or rails within the town. The details of the installations to be the subject of further discussion and consultation with other agencies.

## **14. Queens Gardens**

A verbal report was made by Cllr Thomson. An application for a start up HLF grant has now been submitted for £10,000 the bulk of which would be used to pay for a conservation and management plan to assist with the future management of the garden.

## **15. Correspondence**

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

- a. It was agreed that a complaint about the number of accidents occurring after the derestricted sign in Station Road be referred to County Highways
- b. It was noted that that an area of off road parking which had been the subject of a complaint has now been coned off. It was felt likely that repair work was to be undertaken the District Council.

## **16. Date and Time of next meeting**

7.30 pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at the People's Hall.