

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in The People's Hall, Sedbergh on 24th February 2011

Present: Councillors Hodge(Chairman), Allan, Atkins, Pearson, McVoy, Capstick, Jameson.
Sedgwick and Longlands and the Clerk

1. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllrs Lancaster and Thomson and were accepted by the meeting.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None

3. **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council** held on 13th January 2011 were accepted as a true record.

4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising. However it was agreed that parking permits would be reduced from £52 to £35 (overnight) and £32 to £20 (Daytime) w.e.f. 1st March

The Clerk was also asked to approach the police and highways authorities to see if temporary parking restrictions could be made at the junction of Busk Lane and Loftus Hill while there is increased traffic caused by the road works in Finkle Street.

4a **Police Matters**

The meeting was addressed by PCSO's Dakin & Thomas who are now to share duties covering Sedbergh and Kirkby Lonsdale.

Problems with young people at the People's Hall are not evident at present but patrols will be put back on the agenda in the summer.

There have been a number of thefts of heating oil locally.

Vandalism at Sedbergh School was reported to the meeting.

5. **Planning**

The attached report was adopted by the meeting.

Udales - Limited use of the window display by the History Society has been agreed and following an expression of interest in the building as a dental surgery it was agreed that representatives of the Council (HH and JA) would arrange a with the potential user to find out more details of the proposal.

It was also reported that a meeting had been held with NW Heritage Trust regarding their interest in the Building.

Planning Brief - land opposite Derry Cottages, Millthrop.- It was agreed that a response be sent to YDNPA stating that some members of the Council considered the site unsuitable for development and outlining a number of detailed concerns about the planning brief.

Planning Committee Meetings. – In future, where possible, Planning Committee meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.00pm at the Community Office

YDNPA Review of Planning Services – It was agreed that JA would attend this on 1st March on behalf of the Council.

6. **Finance**

a) A report of the meeting of 22nd February was presented to the meeting and accepted.

b) The meeting agreed the attached requests for payment.

c) Income and Expenditure for the year to date were reviewed and a revised budget for 2011-2012 adopted to take account the bills for Business Rates and Water charges that have been received for Loftus Hill Car Park and Toilets

7. Requests for Grants

Requests we agreed for £500 for the Town Twinning Committee and £100 for CAB both to be deferred until the new financial year.

Consideration of a grant application from the Squash Club for £750 was deferred until next meeting

8. Public Participation

Evelyn Westwood reported that the Camber of Trade have successfully lobbied the Highways Agency to have new directional signs erected at junction 37 of the M6 and the existing Western Dales signs relocated by Cumbria Highways.

9. Amenities Committee

A verbal report of the last meeting was given.

Hedging around The People's Hall has now been completed revealing the poor state of the boundary wall. This has been overcome by banking up earth which will be seeded in the summer.

Loftus Hill disabled toilets have been mended and are now open.

The rebuilding of the bowling club wall is 50% completed.

The Ghyllas Lay by picnic area has been started and good progress is being made.

The overhanging hedge at Toll Bar has been cut back.

10. Queens Gardens

The attached paper prepared by the Queens Gardens Committee was supported by the meeting. The quote for a tree survey needs progressing.

11. Sedbergh Townscape Initiative

The attached reports regarding the STI and the street name plate project were adopted by the meeting.

12. Purchase of 72 Main Street

An updating verbal report was given by HH.

A meeting has been held with YDNPA who indicated that they wished to maximize the amount obtained for the building. The Lawful Use Certificate for community use of the upper floor has now been received and YDNPA are to obtain a new valuation taking this and the condition of the property into account. They have also indicated that a final decision will be made at their May meeting.

13. Transfer of Assets From SLDC

- a. No progress has been made with the legal transfer of the Tennis Club and Fishing rights but a meeting has been held with the Tennis Club and at present the only issue that appears to need action is the reservation of part of the Car Park for the exclusive use of the Club.
- b. SLDC have contacted the Council to ask for a further meeting and that we put forward a case under the relevant Local Government circular. A draft has been prepared by JA and the meeting resolved that The Chairman and Clerk be authorised to negotiate the transfer of a long term interest in Joss Lane Car Park to the Council at nominal cost and that the Council take on responsibility for future maintenance.

14. Correspondence

The attached list of correspondence was presented to the meeting.

15. Date and Time of next meeting

7.30 p.m. on Thursday 31st March 2011 at the People's Hall.