

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in The People's Hall, Sedbergh on 28th February 2013

Present: Councillors Hodge, Longlands, Atkins, Capstick, Macpherson, Pearson, Sedgwick and Thomson.

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllrs Allan and Jameson and were accepted by the meeting.

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations

3. Declarations of Interest:

A pecuniary interest in item 6 was declared by Cllr Lancaster

4. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 17th January 2013

These were agreed as a correct record.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes of 17th January 2013

- a. It was reported that the YDNPA Planning Forum had been cancelled.
- b. A meeting has been held with a representative of the Heritage Lottery Fund and indications are that it should be worthwhile proceeding with a grant application for Queens Gardens. Cllr Thomson indicated that the bid should be accompanied by costings and an appraisal by a landscape architect and that there will need to be more events and activities held in the gardens.
- c. It was agreed that a meeting should be held with the tennis club regarding the possible resurfacing of the car park and that the P.C. will be represented by Cllrs Atkins and Longlands and the Clerk.
- d. It was noted that an invitation to a future meeting is still to be sent the emergency planning officer at CCC.

6. Planning

- a. A written report was adopted by the meeting including the Committee's comments on planning applications.
- b. It was noted that a meeting with the applicant had taken place in relation to **S/03/113B** – Full permission for change of use from shop to dental practice at 43-47 Main Street, Sedbergh (Amended Plan). It was reported that there was broad agreement with the Council's views but that the YDNPA Planners were not prepared to accept proposals for the improvement of the shop front and the provision of a disabled access.
- c. The meeting considered the following applications:
 - S/03/539** - Full planning permission for works to track to improve surface water run-off at Fellgate Lane, Dowbiggin, Sedbergh. Cllr Lancaster left the room and the Council agreed to support the application
 - S/03/448E** - Removal of condition 21 of planning permission S/03/448B regarding recycling facilities at the Spar store, Station Road, Sedbergh. The council agreed that this application should be opposed in the strongest terms for the following reasons.
 - The provision of recycling should have been considered at the design phase of the development

- The facilities do not necessarily have to be in the form of large or unsightly skips. Two or three medium sized GRP containers could be sited relatively discreetly towards the rear of the premises.
- It is fair as the Spar is a source of significant quantities of recyclable waste and facilities here would be convenient for both customers and residents.
- All planned housing development is at this end of town.
- It would assist the District to meet its recycling targets

It was also agreed that the YDNPA's Chairman should be made aware of the Council's strength of feeling on this matter.

- A discussion took place regarding the withdrawal of **S/03/537** – Variation of condition 9 of planning permission Y8/90/3/037 for installation of uPVC sash windows at 1 – 12 Bainbridge Court, Bainbridge Road, Sedbergh. The Council considered a sample window that had been made available for inspection and a letter from the applicants' agent seeking support for resubmission of the proposal. It was decided that the Council would continue to oppose the installation of uPVC windows.
- It was noted that application **S/03/320C (Former Aqua Engineering Site, Guldrey Lane)** has still not been determined and concern was expressed that the longer this is delayed the more likely it is that YDNPA will have to accede. As the Council is strongly opposed to the application and wishes to see the three plots for affordable housing developed along with the houses at the former CCC Depot adjacent to the site, it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Chairman of the YDNPA expressing the Council's concern and pressing for an early resolution.

7. Finance

- The meeting received a report of the meeting of the Audit Committee on 26th February 2013.
- The attached requests for payments were agreed.
- A draft budget was submitted for discussion with a view to a final version being adopted at the March meeting.

8. Grants

The meeting agreed a grant of £100 to the Kendal Mountain Rescue Team

9. Public Participation

There were no members of the public present

10. Amenities Committee

A written report of the February meeting was adopted by the meeting and the following was agreed.

- The Council should write to BT to ask them to maintain the red phone box by the Library which is a listed building.
- The Clerk is to write to SLDC to ask for a weekly checklist for the Playground.
- Arrangements will be made for an architect to draw up two or three schemes for the re-design of Joss Lane Car Park to integrate with proposals for the overall improvement of the area (including the adjacent garden area).
- The Clerk will check on the design of light to be fitted at the top of the stairs by the Community Office.
- The Clerk is to contact Sedbergh School regarding a leaking culvert onto Marshall House alley.

11. Sedbergh Townscape Project

A written report was submitted to the meeting.

It was noted that the new Main Street sign is due to be delivered in the last week of March and concern was expressed that Cumbria Highways are no further forward with the sign de-cluttering project which ~~is~~ needs to be undertaken before the sign can be fitted. Also concern was expressed regarding the constant illegal parking beside the sign and Cllr Lancaster agreed to look into who owns the land in question.

A written report was submitted regarding the possible replacement of the bus shelter in Station Road. This will involve demolition of the existing shelter and a new shelter being erected in a slightly different location. It was agreed that the relevant permissions be sought from SLDC and CCC.

12. Correspondence

The attached Clerks Report was considered by the meeting and the following agreed:

- a. Cllr Nick Cotton has offered to organize a litter pick and it was agreed that the offer should be accepted but that it should not be carried out until after the Appleby Horse Fair
- b. It was agreed that a response should be sent to the Community Governance Review of Parishes stating that the Council supports no change to the existing arrangements in the area.
- c. It was agreed to accept the offer from YDNPA of a further visit from the Chairman.
- d. The meeting passed a vote of thanks to Stuart Manger for his work in photographically recording council owned assets.

13. Date and Time of next meeting

7.30 pm on Thursday 28th March 2013 at the People's Hall