

# THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in The People's Hall, Sedbergh on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2010

Present: Councillors Hopkins(Chairman), Hodge, Allan, Longlands, Atkins, Blair, Jameson, Pearson & McVoy and the Clerk, Mr Robertshaw.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllrs Sedgwick and Lancaster, and accepted by the meeting.
2. **Declarations of Interest**  
JA - personal interest re item 13c  
M McV - personal interest re items 5.a and 13.c
3. **Minutes** of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009 were accepted as a true record.
4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
  - a) **Purchase of Tennis Courts.**  
Cllr McPherson has been in informal discussions with SLDC and a formal response to the offer by them to sell to the P.C. was agreed at the meeting and will be sent by the Chairman.
  - b) **YDNPA Action re rubbish left in the Yards**  
An exchange of emails with the National Park was read out. Responsibility for the cleaning of Weavers Yard is to be taken on by the Ranger Service/SLDC. The yards behind 30 Main St are not public rights of way (according to the definitive map) and YDNPA therefore have declined to help. It was agreed that the P.C. would write to local residents asking for their co-operation in keeping the yards free from rubbish etc and obtain a copy of the definitive footpaths map.
  - c) **Legal Status of People's Hall Field**  
Dalton & Hague have been instructed to give a legal opinion and will do so on a pro bono basis.

## 5. Planning

### 5.1 Sedbergh School Burser

A brief explanation was given for the reasons behind the recent planning application for a new music rehearsal room, and the submission of six sites under the YDNPA call for affordable housing sites.

<b>5.2. Applications</b>	<b>Parish Council Comments</b>
S/03/481 Cross Hall Cautley	No objections
S/03/307B Low Birks, Birks, Sedbergh	No objections but would like annex to be tied to the main building
S03441A West Shaldon Station Rd Sedbergh	No objections
S/03/483 Sedbergh School re cricket nets	No objections but would like structure

	removed outside season and to be black
<b>S/03/482</b> Archers Hall Dent Road Sedbergh	Building One – No objections but would like boarding down to near ground level Building Two – Object as inappropriate building close to listed buildings and access is poor.
<b>S/03/230F</b> Randall Hill Sedbergh	Object to gable end wall of garage and dormer window
<b>S/03/448B</b> Former Auction Mart Site, Station Rd Sedbergh re tree work	Leave to the aboriculturalist
<b>S/03/485OH</b> Rear of Closes Garage, Station Rd Sedbergh – electric installation	No objection
<b>S/03/484</b> 42 Maryfell Sedbergh	No objections
<b>S/03/261A</b> New rehearsal room for Sedbergh School, Guldrey Lodge Sedbergh	Queries raised and subject to ongoing enquiries of Sedbergh School
<b>S/03/ 338B</b> 2 Sycamore Ave Sedbergh	No Objections

<b>5.3 Decisions</b>	<b>YDNPA Decision</b>
<b>S/03/478</b> Field to the rear of 4 Fairhome Sedbergh	Refused
<b>S03441A</b> West Shaldon Station Rd Sedbergh	Approved - conditional
<b>S/03/483</b> Sedbergh School re cricket nets	Approved - conditional
<b>S/03/482</b> Archers Hall Dent Road Sedbergh	Approved - conditional
<b>S/03/481</b> Cross Hall Cautley	Approved - conditional
<b>S/03/480</b> Sedbergh School Maths Block	Approved - conditional

#### **5.4. 37 – 39 Main Street Sedbergh**

There has been an exchange of emails with YDNPA Planning which indicates that a specialist contractor has been appointed to carry out agreed remedial works within three months of planning permission being given. However planning permission has not yet been released pending further clarification. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the planning authority asking for enforcement action to be taken regarding the repair and repainting of the front of the building.

#### **5.5 Guldrey Lane Depot – Affordable Housing**

Replies to the notification of intended planning application by the chairman were read out and it was agreed that no further action was required until the planning application is submitted.

#### **5.6 Housing Needs Survey 2011-12**

Following a letter from SLDC regarding the future funding of Housing needs surveys, it was agreed that a letter be sent to both YDNPA and SLDC emphasising the importance of the timely production of new surveys and that this should not be delayed due to problems of funding.

#### **5.7. Auction Mart site 106 agreement**

This has now been signed and includes all the safeguards that the P.C. had sought.

## **6. Finance**

- a) A report of the meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> January was presented to the meeting and accepted.
- b) The meeting agreed the attached requests for payment.
- c) The attached income and expenditure report was presented to the meeting and accepted.

## **7. Requests for Grants**

A grant of £500 to the People's Hall Committee was agreed.

## **8. Public Participation**

Two members of the public spoke re the cleaning of yards and a planning application.

## **9. Car Parks**

### **a) Joss Lane**

It was reported that United Utilities have cleared the long standing drainage problem and have taken responsibility for the drains in future.

A vote of thanks was passed thanking those councillors who helped spread grit in key areas around the town during the recent bad weather.

### **b) Weekly Market**

It was agreed in principle to investigate the possibility of moving part of the weekly market to Main Street.

### **c) Monthly Producer Market**

It was agreed to underwrite up to £300 annual cost of storage of the awnings if the Community Office fail to get sufficient income to cover this.

### **d) Loftus Hill and Toilets**

It was agreed to accept the tender from Alan Steadman for the replacement of the toilet drain. This work and the tree planting scheme cannot commence until the position of underground services has been ascertained.

## **10. Playing/Football Field**

### **a) Playing Field**

Nothing to report.

### **b) Playground**

The Playground grant from CCC has now been received and the work will commence on 15<sup>th</sup> Feb.

### **c) People's Hall Redevelopment.**

Funding has been obtained to assist with the submission of a planning application which will be done in the near future.

## **11. Town Centre Initiative.**

The meeting agreed to progress the initiative along the lines outlined in a paper produced by Cllr Atkins

## **12. Queens Gardens**

MMcV has submitted an article to Lookaroud. An application has been made to have the monument listed with the support of the History Society, and DB has met with Ruth Stilling from Holker Hall with a view to getting her help on a restoration project.

## **13. Consultations**

- a) **SLDC Talk Toilets** – Agreed no response at this stage.
- b) **Proposed National Park Extension** – The meeting was in favour and the chairman is to respond accordingly
- c) **Second Call for Housing Sites** – Planning Committee to respond by 5<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**14. Correspondence**

The attached list of correspondence was presented to the meeting.

**15. Date and Time of next meeting**

7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2010 at the People's Hall