

# THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in The People's Hall, Sedbergh on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2010

Present: Councillors Jameson(Chairman), Allan, Longlands, Atkins, Thomson, Capstick, Sedgwick and Pearson.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllrs Hodge, Lancaster and McVoy and were accepted by the meeting.
2. **Declarations of Interest**  
Personal interests were declared as follows:  
Item 4b – AA and JA  
Item 10 - DT
3. **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council** held on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2010 were accepted as a true record. (Item 13 reference to Dennis Johnson amended to Dennis Ramsden)
4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
  - a) **Purchase of Tennis Courts and Fishing Rights**  
The Clerk has been contacted by Michael Keene (SLDC) to open negotiations and an email has been sent requesting that both the fishing rights and tennis courts be transferred to the Parish Council at no cost. We await a response.
  - b) **Purchase of 72 Main Street**  
The Survey report from Anna Williams Assoc. Has been received and should prove useful in negotiations with the National Park. David Collier and Douglas Thomson are progressing the business plan.
5. **Planning**
  - a. **Applications**  
S/03/110G – Erection of dwelling within the grounds of Thorns Hall, Cautley Road, Sedbergh  
Comments have been submitted to the YDNPA as follows  
Oppose on the grounds:
    1. The land in question is identified on the Sedbergh (East) Inset Map as Important Open Space and Policy B5 of the Local Plan presumes against the development of such land. There appear to be no compelling reasons in this instance to justify the granting of permission as an exception to this Policy.
    2. The erection of a bungalow in such close proximity to Thorns Hall would detract from the amenity of the Hall and would harm the setting of this important listed building.
    3. The removal of part of the stone boundary wall and existing gateway in order to form vehicular access to the site would be harmful to the amenity of Thorns Lane and the character and appearance of this part of the Conservation Area.

**b. Decisions**

S/03/398A/LB – Listed building consent for replacement windows at Abbot Holme Farm, Millthorp. Approved with conditions

**c. Auction Mart Site**

Response received from the Doctors stating that delays caused by infection control and environmental standards have been resolved and completion of the building is expected in 15 months.

Clerk to write to Highway authority to request a meeting with them and YDNPA re the installation of a bus shelter under the 106 agreement.

**d. 37 – 39 Main Street Sedbergh**

Clerk to write to YDNPA to ask for a report on progress towards meeting their planning conditions.

**6. Finance**

- a) A report of the meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> July was presented to the meeting and accepted.
- b) The meeting agreed the attached requests for payment.
- c) The current flexed budget was reviewed and increases in expenditure accepted.

**7. Requests for Grants**

£5000 agreed for the Tourist Information Centre

**8. Public Participation**

Suzy Thurlby reported that the Folly light was now fitted and working.

The question of putting gates on the opening created for the travellers at Scroggs Farm was raised and the Chairman said there was unlikely to be any money for this in the near future. A complaint was received regarding overhanging hedges in Station Road and elsewhere and it was agreed that the Highway Steward should be contacted in the first instance.

**9. Amenities Committee**

- Minutes of the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2010 were adopted by the meeting.
- Playground Committee – A statement has been received showing a balance of over £7K. It was felt that the PC needed to be closer to the playground committee and the clerk is to write asking for details of meetings.
- SLDC to be contacted re breaking tarmac round the gullies in Joss Lane Car Park.
- It was agreed to pilot a tradesman's car park pass scheme at £5 p.w. The committee are to work out the details at the next meeting (SLDC to be asked how theirs works)
- SLDC to be approached re enforcement of parking regulations as there seems to have been very little of late.
- It was agreed that a budget of £5000 be allocated for expenditure on minor works.

**10. Queens Gardens**

A verbal report of the Queens Gardens Group was given.

They are considering a friends Group to be managed by Mike Hinson and looking at possible future uses of the garden. It was reported that English Heritage are chasing up our application for the listing of the cross and designation of the garden as 'Historic'

**11. Sedbergh Townscape Initiative**

A report was submitted and adopted by the meeting.  
It was agreed that the council would increase their contribution to £10,000.  
It was agreed to confirm Urban Practitioners as consultants to the project.

**12. Crossing at Settlebeck**

Correspondence regarding problems with speeding traffic at Settlebeck was brought to the meeting and a discussion was had. It was decided to leave for further consideration at the next meeting

**13. Correspondence**

The attached list of correspondence was presented to the meeting.

Graham Dalton is being put forward as the only nomination as YDNPA parish member

It was agreed that Sedbergh Gala Group be allowed to hold the usual bonfire at the People's Hall field this year.

It was agreed that Sedbergh Wanderers can use the football field for the 2010-11 season at a cost of £250.

The CCC consultation on the new county transport plan together with a traffic regulation review was passed to the STI group for action.

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

7.30 p.m. on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at the People's Hall.