

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in The People's Hall, Sedbergh on 30th June 2010

Present: Councillors Hodge(Chairman), Allan, Longlands, Atkins, Jameson, Lancaster, Thomson, Capstick, Sedgwick & McVoy.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr Pearson, The Clerk Mr Robertshaw and District Cllr Ian McPherson and were accepted by the meeting.
2. **Declarations of Interest**
JA personal interest in 6 b). AA and KL personal & prejudicial interest in 72 Main Street, purchase of tennis courts and fishing rights. MHM personal interest in Guldrey Lodge under planning.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council** held on 20th May 2010 were accepted as a true record.
4. **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council** held on 20th May 2010 accepted as a true record.
5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
 - a) **Purchase of Tennis Courts.**
Cllr McPherson had contacted SLDC who say that terms of proposal from SLDC have been sent to PC and they were waiting for a response. However we wish to set up a meeting with the decision makers from SLDC. The history of the purchase of the land by Sedbergh RDC and the subsequent setting up of the tennis club has been researched and will form part of any negotiations.
 - b) **Purchase of Fishing Rights** – John Wallwork from NPS has emailed saying that if SPC don't buy the fishing rights they may be put on the open market. It was agreed that we would approach with a view to continuing the rental agreement.
 - c) **Purchase of 72 Main Street**
A note has been circulated of the 72 Main Street User Group which was briefly spoken to by HH, explained working towards a business plan for the building, and organisations who use the building have come together to work on this. Building survey undertaken, report just received. Conclusion of report is that building is not falling down. JA advised wrote to YDNP to clarify the planning permission issues, as they wanted to sell it on open market yet currently had another use. They had replied saying not straight forward, JA looking further into it. Jayne Kendal had advised looking at Community Asset Transfer – to investigate this further with her. Tim Farron is being kept informed, and is a user of the building. Once strategy in place will utilise his networking!

6. Planning

a) Applications

S/03/405D/LB- proposed no objections

S/03/261B- Guldrey Lodge Rehearsal Room. No objections following explanation by JA as to how the application addressed the various concerns the PC had with the previous application which was withdrawn.

b) Decisions

See attached sheet

c) Auction Mart Site

Letter sent to the Doctors to ascertain the reasons for the delay and any changes.

YDNPA have received monies from the applicant for the bus shelter. The suggestion has been made that the Parish Council will be responsible for the works. It is felt that this is not the case but clarification will be sought.

7. Finance

a) A report of the meeting of 25th June was presented to the meeting and accepted.

Amenities Committee requested to undertake audit of PC owned assets in the town e.g. lamp posts, benches etc. in order that the asset register can be updated

b) The meeting agreed the attached requests for payment.

c) The current flexed budget was reviewed and accepted

8. Requests for Grants

None received

9. Public Participation

Suzy Thurlby asked about light in Folly. SL reported site meeting this week, agreed how to go about getting the light working, connecting to the domestic supply at a cost of £800.

United Utilities to do work within two weeks of meeting.

Graham Dalton – four year term as parish representative of Sedbergh/Garsdale/Dent on the National Park has expired. GD seeking renewal of his term and needed a second signature on his nomination form.

10. Amenities Committee

Minutes of the meeting on 2nd June 2010 were adopted by the meeting

Car park permits to be reprinted using the previous design but with the addition of an expiry date.

The replacement of the market gazebos was supported in principle subject to cost and a sufficient income from hiring out. CR to check insurance for handling Gazebos.

Future meetings will be held on first Wednesday of the month at the Community Office at 7.30.

11. Queens Gardens

A verbal report of the Queens Gardens Group was given.

The group have met in the garden and felt need to decide an affordable purpose for the gardens. The garden hasn't been properly maintained since about 1917. The Group will formulate a proposal which will be brought to the PC.

It was noted that the application to English Heritage for listing of the cross is still outstanding, Clerk asked to write to EH as this may be beneficial for getting grants.

It was agreed to check location of mower purchased some years ago.

12. Sedbergh Townscape Initiative

The group has met and agreed that it should be a working group rather than a committee. All decisions will require ratification by the Parish Council.

13 firms who were invited to tender attended the walk around Sedbergh and 14th July s the deadline for tender submissions.

TJ and JA met with Keith Masser along with Evelyn Westwood from the project board, to look at possible highway improvements and repairs that could be undertaken prior to the consultants report. About 40 items were looked at about 50% of which KM felt could be dealt with quickly. A report of the meeting had been circulated.

13. Appleby Horse Fair

The open meeting had been quite well attended and was mostly extremely positive. The management of fair traffic went better than could have been expected. This was helped by Dennis Johnson letting Scrogg Bank field to be used for camping and it was agreed to write to him to thank him for this.

Group who worked on this will get together later once all public meetings have been held. It was noted that a number of local businesses felt they had lost a lot of money. TJ advised that there may be a three week period rather than a one week period that travellers can stay in the camp site. It was noted that the residents of Cautley were delighted with new arrangements, and in the main the travellers were happy. There were some concerns from Lancashire and Durham CC due to knock on effect of Cumbria's action.

JC noted that if it was a wet year then the field is generally quite wet so could be issues.

14. Winter Road Gritting

A letter was distributed written by JA/TJ that has been sent to CCC. It was agreed to defer discussion until the September meeting.

15. Ghyllas Lay-by

A note of a meeting with Keith Masser (CCC) was submitted and it was agreed that the PC would approach YDNPA for their views.

16. Accessibility Problems of Sedbergh Business Premises

This issue raised by members of the public, was discussed. It was recognized that the STI is looking at this issue but JA suggested that we write to the SLDC disability officer for advice. Mr Westwood is to give details of a voluntary group who may help, to TJ and also pointed out that there was no enforcement of the DDA other than by legal action.

17. Dates of Future Meetings

It was agreed that future meetings be held on the last Thursday each month. The clerk will check the availability of the People's Hall.

18. Correspondence

The attached list of correspondence was presented to the meeting.

SLDC consultation on new leadership arrangements – to be circulated and discussed at next meeting.

Complaint about parking of delivery vans on Main Street. Difficult given nature of street. Suggested only possible ways are to have deliveries before a certain time, or to have a loading bay. Letter noted. Issue will be examined as part of STI.

CCC road closures – A684 Kendal to Sedbergh, various sections for two weeks in July, for resurfacing of carriageway.

19. Date and Time of next meeting

7.30 p.m. on Thursday 29th July 2010 at the People's Hall.