

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in
The People's Hall, Sedbergh on 29th March 2012

Present: Councillors Hodge, Longlands, Atkins, Thomson, Jameson, Allan and Pearson

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllrs Sedgwick, McVoy, Capstick and Lancaster and were accepted by the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest:

RP – Planning – Change of use Spar Main Street
HH & SL – Planning – Extension at People's Hall

3. Future of Sedbergh Dental Practice

Ben Houghton gave a presentation outlining the reason that the Dental Practice wishes to move to the old Spar premises in Main Street. Members asked questions and the Dentists were asked to produce professional drawings to show how the property and particularly the shop front would be modified. Members also considered that the proposed arrangements to ensure the maintenance an attractive window display required further clarification.

4. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 26th January 2012

These were agreed as a correct record.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Item 6 – It was noted that the planning authority have still not discharged condition 21 relating to the new Spar shop on the former Auction Mart site. This concerns the provision of waste decision relating to the recycling facilities. An email has been sent and a reply is awaited.

6. Planning

- a. A written report was adopted by the meeting including the committee's comments on planning applications.
- b. The following applications were considered by the meeting:
S/03/211C – Erection of a two story extension at the People's Hall Sedbergh. The meeting was strongly in support the application which it was felt would result in an improvement in both the appearance and functioning of the building
S/03/11B – Change of use from Shop to Dental Practice at 43-47 Main Street Sedbergh. The meeting whilst being minded to support, deferred a recommendation until the next meeting pending clarification from the applicant and the planning authority as to the details of any necessary alterations to the shop front in order to preserve the appearance of Main Street.
- c. It appears that YDNPA are no longer sending notification of work to trees in the conservation area. They will be contacted to find out why that is.

7. Finance

- a. A report of the audit committee meeting of 27th March was presented to the meeting and accepted.
- b. The meeting agreed the attached requests for payment

8. Grant applications

There were no grant applications

9. Public Participation

Carole Nelson spoke about the possible change of use of the Spar and expressed concern regarding the potential loss of a major retail space in the centre of the town

Colin Wales spoke urging the Council to produce a Parish position statement objecting to the MRWS Process which he considered is flawed

10. Amenities Committee

- a. The minutes of the meeting dated 14th March were accepted by the meeting.
- b. It was noted that as the after match care of the field has been inadequate it will be sliced and rolled earlier than would normally be the case.
- c. The field will not be available for matches after 14th \May for about six weeks as NW Electricity are building the new substation.
- d. There was a discussion on the issue of oversize vehicles in the car park (mainly camper Vans) and it was decided that the Amenities Committee should consider a clear policy before the issue of new passes in September.
- e. An answer from Cumbria Highways regarding permission for new signs at Ghyllas Layby is still awaited.
- f. It was agreed that the Amenities Committee should obtain a design and quotes for the renovation/replacement of the bus stop shelter in Station Road.

11. Acquisition of Joss Lane Car Park from SLDC

A final negotiation has taken place with the benefit of the figures used by NPS in their calculation of the lease period and the new lease is now to be for 75 years.

12. Sedbergh Townscape Project

- a. The attached report was accepted by the meeting.
- b. It appears that Cumbria Highways have made no progress on the footway widening scheme adjacent to 10 Main Street. This will be followed up.

13. Loftus Hill Car Park

The School Governors have now considered proposals from the community and have raised a number of issues which will be worked through with all interested parties.

14. Local Area Partnership

Cllr Jameson gave a report to the meeting and it was decided that he would put together a proposal for a picnic site at New Bridge to bid for LAP funding.

15. Managing Radioactive Waste in West Cumbria

Following a discussion it was agreed that a letter be sent supporting the position adopted by SLDC and many parishes and objecting to the site investigation process being used.

16. Highways

A response to Cumbria Highways emails re Community Engagement on South Lakeland Programme for Small Highway Improvements and 2012/13 Resurfacing Programme, was discussed. It was agreed that no further response be made.

17. Correspondence

A list of correspondence was considered by the meeting.

18. Date and Time of next meeting

7.30 pm on Thursday 26th April 2012 at the People's Hall