

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in The People's Hall, Sedbergh on 28th Oct 2010

Present: Councillors Hodge(Chairman), Allan, Atkins, Thomson, Pearson, , Lancaster and McVoy

1. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllrs Capstick, Longlands, Sedgwick, and Jameson and were accepted by the meeting.
2. **Declarations of Interest**
Personal interests were declared as follows:
Item 10 –JA
Items 7a&b - KL
3. **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council** held on 30th September 2010 were accepted as a true record.
4. **Police**
The meeting was addressed by Rachel Thomas from Cumbria Police. Problems with minor damage and litter at the People's Hall were raised and a nightly patrol is to be implemented. The matter will also be covered in school visits along with bike riding on footpaths.
5. **Jock Cairns- Chair Dent P.C.**
The meeting was addressed by Jock Cairns who made an appeal for co-operation between parishes.
6. **Evelyn Westwood – Chair Sedbergh Chamber of Trade**
The meeting was addressed by Evelyn Westwood. SLDC have agreed to give a grant of £5000 to Sedbergh and District Tourism Group which will be handled by the Parish Council. This will be used to produce a new Sedbergh Guide which will be distributed to venues within a 1.5 hour drive to Sedbergh. They will also take a stand at the Great North Days Out Fair with Kirkby Lonsdale, Dent and Farfield Mill. It was decided that an application for funding should also be made to the LAP.
7. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
 - a) **Purchase of Tennis Courts and Fishing Rights**
The matter was deferred and will now be considered at the November SLDC cabinet. We have been asked to submit a further business case for the transfer of these assets to Sedbergh and the Clerk and Chair will take responsibility.
 - b) **Purchase of 72 Main Street**
HH gave a verbal report stating that a meeting was held with YDNPA on Monday 4th October Chaired by Tim Farron MP. The Chair is to write to YDNPA asking for a deferment until March 2011 to allow a Lottery Heritage Grant Application and Cllr Atkins is to submit an application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the first floor for community use.

8. Planning

The attached report was adopted by the meeting.

The meeting agreed to support the planning application for the erection of a timber footbridge at Crosedale Beck, Bramaskew Farm by YDNPA

9. Finance

- a) A report of the meeting of 26th October was presented to the meeting and accepted.
- b) The meeting agreed the attached requests for payment.
- c) The current I&E was reviewed and the budget process for next year discussed.

10. Requests for Grants

A grant of £250 to Griffins Explorer Scout Unit was agreed towards the cost a new tent and other start up costs. (LGA 1972, s. 137)

11. Public Participation

There were no contributions from members of the public.

12. Amenities Committee

- a. The attached minutes of the meeting of 6th Oct 2010 were adopted by the meeting.
- b. The Ghyllas Layby Scheme has now been fully specified and has gone to tender with three contractors

13. Queens Gardens

A verbal report of the Queens Gardens Group was given by MMcV.

We are currently awaiting the outcome of an inspection by DEFRA for a bacterial infection of the rhododendrons before any further work can be done.

The Clerk has been asked to ascertain the ownership of boundary walls.

14. Sedbergh Townscape Initiative

A report was submitted and adopted by the meeting. A further meeting of the group is to be held on 2nd Nov to hear proposals from Urban Practitioners and that meeting will be attended by representatives of CABE.

15. Joss Lane Toilets

SLDC have included Joss Lane Toilets on a list of those to be offered to Parish Councils.

It was agreed that Sedbergh Parish Council would submit an expression of interest and Cllr Pearson is to investigate charging options as SLDC have advised that currently the toilets are costing £7,800 p.a. to run

16. Correspondence

The attached list of correspondence was presented to the meeting.

17. Date and Time of next meeting

7.30 p.m. on Thursday 25th November at the People's Hall.