

# THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in The People's Hall, Sedbergh on 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2010

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

1. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr Capstick and were accepted by the meeting. Apologies were also received from District Cllrs Woof and McPherson.
2. **Declarations of Interest**  
Personal interests were declared as follows:  
Item 4b –JA and KL
3. **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council** held on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2010 were accepted as a true record.
4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
  - a) **Purchase of Tennis Courts and Fishing Rights**  
The matter has now been referred to SLDC Cabinet which is due to meet on 13<sup>th</sup> October. It was agreed that the Chairman would attend on behalf of the Parish Council. It was also reported that NPS on behalf of SLDC had written asking the Parish Council to agree to a new seven year lease on the tennis courts. In view of the imminent discussion at SLDC cabinet it was agreed not to proceed with the new lease for the present.
  - b) **Purchase of 72 Main Street**  
HH gave a verbal report stating that a meeting had been arranged with YDNPA on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October to be Chaired by Tim Farron MP.
5. **Planning**
  - a. The attached report was adopted by the meeting.
  - b. A verbal report on the position with 37-9 Main Street was given. YDNPA have inspected the premises and found that some planning conditions have not been carried out. Also the property is not yet formally on the market as has been agreed and finally YDNPA are drawing up a list of works to be carried out. YDNPA are pursuing the issue vigorously and will apply for a 215 order if necessary to obtain compliance from the owners
6. **Finance**
  - a) A report of the meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> September 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.
  - d) A resolution adopting the annual audit was passed
  - e) Committees were requested to prepare budgets for discretionary spending for the next meeting

## **7. Requests for Grants**

A grant of £500 to St Andrew's PCC was agreed towards the cost of repainting and renovating the railings around the Churchyard. (LGA sect 214(6))

## **8. Public Participation**

There were no contributions from members of the public.

## **9. Amenities Committee**

- a. The attached minutes of the meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2010 were adopted by the meeting. The Clerk was asked to write to the Estates Bursar expressing the council's concerns at the state of repair of the walls round Loftus Hill Car Park. The Clerk was asked to locate the deeds to Queens Gardens to ascertain who is responsible for the boundary walls and legal position with the Bowling Club. It was agreed that the posts on the verge at the Toll Bar should be removed to aid mowing of the verge.
- b. A Grant of £3,000 has been agreed by the Local Area Partnership to fund the construction of a picnic area at Ghyllas Layby. It was agreed that the matter would be progressed by TJ and JA

## **10. Queens Gardens**

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

A meeting has been held with the full committee and the gardener Mike Hinson. The first step is to commission a tree survey by YDNPA.

Mike Hinson wishes to run a Halloween event which should be self financing and this was agreed by the meeting

A request was made that all councillors visit the gardens before the next meeting.

It was agreed that a request from the Bowling Club to erect a pergola should be granted.

## **11. Sedbergh Townscape Initiative**

A report was submitted and adopted by the meeting.

## **12. Joss Lane Toilets**

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

It was reported that the scheme has been called in and no action is therefore required at present.

## **13. Highways Issues**

- a. A paper was presented to the meeting making recommendations regarding parking restrictions at the Eastern end of Bainbridge Road. This followed a consultation with local residents and was adopted by the meeting. It also included the provision no cycling notices on the paths between Fairholme, Bainbridge Rd and Main St.
- b. The meeting agreed to support proposals by Cumbria Highways Authority in respect of parking restrictions in three other locations.

## **14. Correspondence**

The attached list of correspondence was presented to the meeting.

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

7.30 p.m. on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October at the People's Hall.