



## SEDBERGH PARISH COUNCIL AMENITIES COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 4th of January 2017 @ 7.30pm in the Council Office**

**PRESENT:**

Steve Longlands (SL), Simon Arnold (SA), Ian McPherson (IM), John Capstick (JC), Martyn Dawson (MD)

**UNABLE TO ATTEND:** Roger Sedgwick (RS), Margaret Brooks (MB)

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Simon Parkin and Daniel Mason (Sedbergh Wanderers FC)

| REF       | NOTE   | ACTION |
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| 001/01/17 | <b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b><br><b>RESOLVED</b> that apologies had been received from RS.  |        |
| 002/01/17 | <b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b><br><b>RESOLVED</b> it be noted that no member declared any interests on items on the agenda. SA noted he may need to declare an interest dependant on the nature of Ian's additional item on Akay Woods – this would be done as necessary. |        |
| 003/01/17 | <b>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</b><br><b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meeting of Sedbergh Parish Council Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 30th of November be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.   |        |
| 004/01/17 | <b>MATTERS ARISING NOT ON AGENDA</b><br>Nil  |        |
| 005/01/17 | <b>BUDGET</b><br>Nothing to Report   |        |

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## **PLAYING FIELD**

The meeting focused on the topic of the condition of the playing field which had deteriorated and was not of the desired standard. Representatives from SWFC had been invited to attend specifically for this item.

SA outlined the history of the investigations so far that had reached the conclusion that the existing drainage was unblocked but not operating to full efficiency. This was probably due to the gravel medium above the pipes being incorrect and clogged with washed in material. Also the increased use and poor condition of the top layer of the surface were slowing drainage and creating a self-perpetuating cycle of degradation.

SA noted the committee had previously identified 3 courses of possible action, the first two were certainly beyond the scope of the PC's resources and would only happen with external funding:

- Relaying/refurbishment of the existing drainage system
- Additional spurs being added to the existing drainage system
- Improved maintenance regime

SA presented the suggested maintenance plan (see appendix 1) including approximate costings as sourced from the Head Groundsman at Sedbergh School (Ref Item 006/12/16). He noted that no labour costs were included and that the Head Groundsman had indicated some assistance might be possible from the school. It also should be noted that this was not a 'gold standard' plan simply what should be done for a pitch of this nature, some items we do already but less frequently than is ideal.

SWFC welcomed this plan and noted it was virtually identical to their own research.

SWFC had approached a company in Skipton for a formal assessment of the drainage issues but this would cost £2.5K for a report. They had also approached the FA who are meeting them on the 16<sup>th</sup> of Feb to undertake a similar survey for free. SWFC were hoping the FA would provide funding for some improvement work to the pitch but they would not fund general maintenance.

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|           | <p>It was agreed that maintenance and improvement works should be considered separately. Maintenance could be improved independent of any other works. The additional sanding could be classed as 'refurbishment work' and might attract FA funding if the rest of the plan was being effected by the PC/SWFC thus showing collaborative willingness to address the issue within our means.</p> |                                 |
| 007/01/17 | <p><b>RESOLVED</b> SL would attend the site meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of Feb to represent the PC.</p>  | <b>SL</b>                       |
| 008/01/17 | <p><b>RESOLVED</b> The amenities committee would request the PC allocate an additional £1200 above the current figure indicated in next year's budget to enable improved maintenance to be undertaken in 2017.</p>  | <b>SL/<br/>Parish<br/>Clerk</b> |
| 009/01/17 | <p><b>RESOLVED</b> SWFC would go to their committee to request that £2-2.5K. be provided by the club annually for the next 3 years towards improving maintenance.</p>   | <b>SWFC</b>                     |
| 010/01/17 | <p><b>RESOLVED</b> SA would seek clarification from the Head Groundsman at the school as to what assistance could be formally requested.</p>  | <b>SA</b>                       |
| 011/01/17 | <p><b>RESOLVED</b> In due course a formal tender open to local contractors for the maintenance work would be produced to ensure best value was being obtained.</p>  | <b>N/A</b>                      |
| 012/01/17 | <p><b>RESOLVED</b> SWFC be invited back to the March meeting of the Amenities Committee.</p>  | <b>Parish<br/>Clerk</b>         |
| 013/01/17 | <p><b>PLAYGROUND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activity Trail – SA confirmed the part was due to be machined imminently (now confirmed as done).</li> </ul>  |                                 |
| 014/01/17 | <p><b>JOSS LANE CAR PARK</b></p> <p>Nothing to Report</p>   |                                 |

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|  | <p><b>MAIN STREET TOILETS</b></p> <p>Reference 009/12/17 It looks like no drawings will be forthcoming from the district council. It was felt that without these it would be impossible to progress any refurbishment, it was also felt that this was a gap in our records that should be filled if possible.</p> <p>015/01/17 <b>RESOLVED</b> A request be put to full council to commission drawings of the block from a suitable contractor.</p> <p>016/01/17 <b>LOFTUS HILL CAR PARK</b></p> <p>Nothing to report</p> <p>016/01/17 <b>BENCHES</b></p> <p>Ref 01/11/17 – slats have been installed on benches on church walk</p> <p>016/01/17 <b>BOWLING</b></p> <p>Nothing to Report</p> <p>016/01/17 <b>STREET LIGHTS</b></p> <p>Ongoing reports and repairs as normal.</p> <p><b>OTHER AMENITIES</b></p> <p>IP reported on an application by Sedbergh School to extend their existing permission to fell trees in AKAY wood as part of the management of this woodland (predominantly young trees that affect the mature specimens many of which are of note). He stated that whilst he was normally against any felling of trees that without this management the woodland would deteriorate and that he had no objections to the application and that it was likely to be approved by Yorkshire Dales.</p> <p>016/01/17 <b>RESOLVED</b> That it be noted to the full council that no objection to the application was necessary. (SA abstained from the vote to ensure no conflict of interest)</p> | <p><b>Parish Clerk</b></p> |
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| <p>016/01/17</p> | <p>The scrapings blocking the layby identified 020/10/17 had not been removed. Damage was being caused by vehicles manoeuvring round the piles and it was an eyesore.</p> <p>Considerable frustration was expressed universally by members present that the council had not taken for action to resolve the matter and that the name of the owner of the scrapings appeared to be known but had been withheld from them and the public.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> The matter be brought back to full council and that more substantive action be requested – if necessary members would speak individually to highlight their reasons for concern - also that the name of the owner of the scrapings be requested to become a matter of public record.</p> <p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The date for the next scheduled meeting is confirmed as:</p> <p><b>Wednesday 4th of January 2017</b></p> <p><b>Meeting closed at 8.21pm</b></p> <p><b>Signature of Chairman .....</b></p> <p><b>Date .....</b></p> |  |
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