

# Sedbergh Parish Council

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## Queen's Garden Committee

### Minutes of a meeting held on 12 December 2016

#### Present:

Cllrs. Lancaster (Chair), McPherson, Allan and Atkins

#### Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

#### Garden maintenance:

The meeting discussed the recent work undertaken by Mike Hinson following the Council's decision to fund additional hours and noted, in particular, the significant removal of shrubbery on the Queen's Drive boundary of the gardens and the improvements to the lawn area overlooking the bowling green. The meeting agreed that the Council should be recommended to extend such arrangements for a further period.

It was agreed that Mike Hinson should be invited to attend the next meeting of the Committee.

In relation to the various benches within the gardens it was agreed that, whilst some would need to be replaced, the seat (with concrete end frames) overlooking the bowling green could be repaired by the provision of new timber slats. Cllr Lancaster will contact a local contractor to arrange for this repair to be undertaken.

#### Survey plan and Hilary Taylor contract:

It was agreed that the digital topographical plan was a useful resource for the Council and for the work being undertaken by Hilary Taylor. It was noted that there had been a number of visits to the gardens by Hilary Taylor and it was agreed that members should have the opportunity of meeting her to discuss progress when further visits are planned. Cllr Atkins will contact her with this request.

#### Friends of Queen's Garden:

The meeting agreed that an article should be placed in the February edition of 'The Lookaround' to ascertain the likely level of support from residents for the formation of a 'Friends of Queen's Garden' group. A copy of the article could be delivered to nearby properties.

#### Condition of Horse Chestnut tree:

The meeting considered correspondence received from the owner of an adjacent property expressing concern that this mature tree (located on the western boundary) was potentially dangerous. It was agreed to ascertain if the arboricultural survey being undertaken by Hilary Taylor had identified this particular tree as one requiring some intervention.

In the meantime Cllr Lancaster undertook to seek an informal opinion from a local contractor as to the cost/method of removing the tree as this would assist the Council's further deliberations should advice be received that such a course of action was necessary.

