

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held at the Committee Room, People's Hall, Sedbergh at 7.30pm on Thursday 9th March 2017

Present: Councillors Atkins (Chair), Longlands, Allan, Arnold, Brooks, Dawson, Capstick and Sedgwick.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs McPherson, Lancaster and Bromley and were accepted by the meeting.

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations

3. Declarations of Interest

Item 9 – Planning – Cllr Atkins

4. Western Dales Mission Community

Rev Carole Marsden attended the meeting to give a presentation on the Western Dales Mission Community. Carole was able to advise Members that the former Churches Together had now been taken under the auspices of the Mission Community, giving a new way for the Churches to work collaboratively. Radical development was planned for future years, including the fostering of new and creative ways for the Church to develop. There will be a potential for perhaps school and community workers to be involved, via the Mission Community. Carole was also able to update Members on the Cornerstone Church (formally URC) and of the URC/Methodist building's potential redevelopment in the future. Members were also reminded that Frostrow Chapel's final service was scheduled for Sunday 23rd April 2017 and that there were no distinct plans for the building at this time. However, it was hoped that the building could be used innovatively in the future. The cemetery would remain open. Members thanked Rev Carole Marsden for her attendance and presentation.

5. Public Participation

There were no members of the public present

6. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council 9th February 2017

The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair, Cllr Atkins.

7. Matters arising from the Minutes of 9th February 2017

Item 6 - Salt Bin, Havera, the bin has now been delivered and it was agreed that this should be located on site and filled with grit/salt as soon as practicable.

Item 7 – Co-option, Cllr Helen Bromley has now completed all relevant paperwork and will attend her first meeting in April.

Item 16 – Flood Investigation Report, Cllr Nick Cotton has donated £500 toward the investigative/improvement works due to be undertaken at Guldrey, Sedbergh and Members expressed their thanks for his support.

Item 17 – SLDC, Building Control, have indicated there is no further action they can take in connection with the deteriorating condition of the premises housing the Sedbergh Café /Aamilahs at this time.

8. Report from District/County Council

Apologies were received from Cllr Nick Cotton. Cllr Mel Mackie asked if he could follow up on the Building Control item noted above and his offer to speak further with SLDC on SPC's behalf was accepted. Cllr Mackie also asked if there had been any update from Barclays Bank plc (noted at Correspondence) and the Chair confirmed that further correspondence had been received from the Regional Head of Real Estate advising that there were ongoing negotiations with themselves and the Agent (CBRE) acting for the owners.

Further noted was an item of late correspondence from a local resident having difficulties establishing any communication over the lease of the former Barclays Bank premises and Members agreed that the matter should be progressed further with Barclays Bank plc and that the Chair and the Clerk would liaise for further updates.

9. Planning

The attached Planning Report was considered and adopted by Members. Members of the Planning Committee had considered the two applications detailed in that report immediately before the meeting and made the following recommendations which were accepted:

S/03/13F – Low Hollins, Frostrow Lane, Sedbergh, full permission for the erection of a porch extension, installation of oil tank and raising part of the roadside wall. *Recommendation – no objections.*

S/03/152A – Lunevale, Howgill Lane, Sedbergh, full permission for alterations and erection of two storey extension at the rear of the property. *Recommendation – no objections but that the Authority should consider the possible need for obscure glazing to an upper window and the desirability of the ground floor of the extension being clad in stone to match that of the existing house.*

Finally, it was noted that the planning decision (part retrospective) for S/03/41F – Builders Yard, Millthrop had now been approved with conditions and a Section 106 Agreement relating to occupancy.

10. Finance

a) The meeting received and adopted the minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee held on the 6th March 2017. It was noted that Item 4 - UU charges at Main Street Toilets and Item 8 – Joss Lane Car Park would be discussed under Amenities.

b) The Council agreed a list of payments presented at the meeting, noting payment to Garsdale Design for the works carried out in relation to the car park/boundary works at the People's Hall, Sedbergh some time ago. Finally, it was noted that the car park income for this year had passed the total received for 2016-17.

11. Grants

There were no grant applications received.

12. Amenities Committee

The minutes were received by the Council and accepted at the meeting. Playing Field, it was noted that the scheduled meeting with the FA and Sedbergh Wanderers FC had been postponed. Cllr Longlands was able to advise that some drain/culvert clearing works had recently taken place on Howgill Lane by CCC Contractors. Joss Lane Car Park – committee members had discussed the draft brief from Cllr Atkins in connection with the car park improvements and were in agreement with the proposals with one minor adjustment in regard to the inclusion of one car parking ticket machine, not two as there is presently. It was further agreed, mindful of the introduction of the new £1 coins later this year, that replacement machines should be considered immediately and not as part of the proposals for future refurbishment. Members agreed to invite Metric to attend for a site visit as soon as reasonable in order to progress matters. The Clerk will establish contact with Metric and report to Members in due course. Main Street Toilets, following the discovery that the grey water system was not operating it has been recommended that, following a scheduled repair by the contractor, an 'inline' meter system should be introduced to the harvesting system in order that this can be periodically checked for movement. Cllr Arnold asked Members to consider preventative measures in relation to the drains at Loftus Hill car park in the future and whether they should be 'cleared' on a regular basis and it was agreed that a contractor be approached.

13. Sedbergh Townscape Project

An updating report was received by the Council and accepted.

It was noted that SPC were awaiting the outcome of their LIP Grant applications in respect of the People's Hall boundary/car park development and Maryfell Play Park respectively.

Additionally noted was the resurfacing/relining work being carried out at the Zebra Crossing on Long Lane and the repair to the bus lay-by (now complete). In relation to the refurbishment of Joss Lane car park (discussed also under Agenda Item 12) it was agreed that local architects/surveyors be approached to ascertain their familiarity with car park design and the approximate costs of preparing plans and specifications in accordance with the brief. Cllr Arnold wished to raise the question of parking at Maryfell and the Chair was able to confirm that conversations had recently taken place with Highways in connection with the limited parking in the area and the disabled parking bay. It was noted that the disabled parking bay was scheduled to be relocated closer to the entrance of the Primary School. It was agreed, by Members, that further communication should be made with SLDC/SLH in regard to parking arrangements in the area and the possibility of introducing additional parking spaces.

14. Queen's Garden

It was noted that, following the recent article in the Lookaround seeking supporters for a 'Friends of Queen's Garden Group', sixteen residents had now come forward offering their support. Members of the Queen's Garden Committee will arrange an initial meeting of the 'Group' toward the end of the month. It was further noted that the report from Hilary Taylor Associates may be available at that time. Finally, Cllr Lancaster has advised that he will donate the sum of £400 to assist with the setting up of a 'Friends of Queen's Garden' Group and Members welcomed the contribution.

15. Community Resilience Plan

Cllr Allan advised that she had made further contact with Sedbergh Medical Centre in relation to a 'vulnerable persons list'. However; the Centre felt unable to commit to this proposal at present due to time pressures and patient confidentiality. Letters are still being sent to individuals/businesses that may be able to offer support as part of the Community Resource section of the Plan. Cllr Arnold suggested that when the plan is approved, and a short version included in the Lookaround, SPC could invite residents to come forward with any information they may feel relevant, for example, a vulnerable friend/relative within the community, additional resources etc.

17. Correspondence

The attached Clerk's Report was considered by the meeting and the following noted:

- a. Community Led Housing Fund Event – 16th March 2017 – Cllr Atkins able to attend.
- b. BT – Adopt a Kiosk – awaiting further correspondence from BT
- c. Blocked Culvert, Main Street – Members noted that, following various investigations, the culvert had now been cleared and the water that had flooded across the highway for several days was now cleared.
- d. Economic Study – Sedbergh – Workshop 15th March 2017
- e. Settlebeck – information received from Chair of Governors in connection with the proposal to join the South Westmorland Multi Academy Trust (MAT). Members agreed that this initiative to support the School should be supported by SPC.
- f. Settlebeck – Footpath diversion proposal – Members discussed the proposal to consider diverting a footpath at Settlebeck. This proposal has been prompted by a recent OFSTED inspection at a school in Kendal, in relation to campus security. Members discussed the proposal at some length and whilst recognising that this was an informal request at this time, Settlebeck had been advised to liaise directly with YDNPA for formal advice. Members wished that it be noted they did have some concerns over the proposal but, could not formally respond until consulted by YDNPA if/when the School progressed an application for a Footpath Diversion Order. Members agreed that, should Settlebeck wish to discuss their proposal further in the interim, a representative would be welcome to attend a future meeting of the Council.

18. Date and Time of next meeting –Thursday 13th April at 7.30pm, the monthly meeting of the Parish Council to be held in the Committee Room of the People's Hall, Howgill Lane, Sedbergh.