

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in the Committee Room, The People's Hall, Howgill Lane, Sedbergh at 7.30pm on Thursday 13th July 2017

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

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Sedgwick and accepted by the meeting.

2. Requests for Dispensations

Requests for dispensations were received in relation to Item 10 – Grants (B4RN), from Cllr Atkins, Longlands, Lancaster and Dawson. These requests were granted by the meeting.

3. Declarations of Interest

Item 8 – Planning – Cllr Lancaster

4. Public Participation

There were no members of the public present

5. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council 8th June 2017

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Atkins.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes of 8th June 2017

Item 6 – (Item 14) Community Resilience Plan – The plan is now available on the Parish Council website.

Item 8 – Planning – S/03/55EE Baliol School, it was noted that the application to erect two dwelling houses at Baliol School had been recommended for refusal by the YDNPA's Planning Officer.

Item 15h – Correspondence ICC Meeting – notes from the initial meeting of the ICC Group for Sedbergh are attached for reference.

7. Report from District/County Council

Apologies were received from Cllr Cotton. Cllr Mackie was present at the meeting.

8. Planning

The attached Planning Report was considered and adopted by Members. In particular Members agreed the recommendation for a response to the District Council's consultation on the application for outline permission for the construction of 20 holiday retreats at Lilymere Estate, Killington, Sedbergh SL/2017/0363. It was noted that Cllr Lancaster took no part in this discussion.

9. Finance

a) The meeting received and adopted the minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee held on the 10th July 2017. It was noted that the installation of the car park ticket machines was anticipated in early August and it was hoped they would be able to accept card payments at that time. It was further noted that the increase in parking tariffs will take effect in April 2018, along with SLDC's Parking Order.

b) Request for payments – payments were noted on the Financial Summary and agreed by Members. It was noted that Cllr Arnold will continue to liaise with GJ Baines in regard to the sketch plans for the drains at Joss Lane car park.

10. Grants

The following grant application was considered by Members:

i) **B4RN** - an application for the sum of £1500 had been received from The Sedbergh and District Broadband Funding Group for B4RN. Following a lengthy discussion, Cllr Arnold proposed that the application be rejected in its present form with the caveat that Sedbergh Parish Council would, instead, investigate the possibility of purchasing shares (to be used only in Sedbergh Parish) directly from B4RN. This was seconded by Cllr Bromley and agreed by Members. It was, in addition, noted that Mr Douglas Thomson be thanked for his continual hard work and many voluntary hours given to this project for the benefit of local community.

11. Amenities Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th July 2017 were adopted by the meeting (attached). It was noted that further discussions would take place with Sedbergh Wanderers Football team in regard to any proposals for improvements in the future and that, in the interim, a land drain was installed along the length of the field on the west side of the pitch. It was further noted, that the shelter on the playing field had recently suffered graffiti and damage to the recently refurbished table. The grey water system at the toilets on Main Street required some further works to improve water flow which Cllr Arnold will attend to. The hand dryer in the gent's toilet has now been replaced. It was further noted that a street light bulb on Weaver's Yard required replacement and Cllr Longlands agreed to carry out this repair. The Clerk was, in addition, asked to establish the current situation with the street light on Fell Close, Sedbergh. Finally, Members reported the current condition of weeds on various pavements in and around the town at present and it was agreed that the Clerk should request CCC to undertake a programme of week control, as necessary.

12. Sedbergh Townscape Project

The attached updating report was received by the Council and accepted. The following items were noted and discussed further.

Boundary wall and accesses to People's Hall – works are progressing. The clerk had contacted CCC with regard to planings for the resurfacing of the car park in the future but had been advised that SPC would have to liaise directly with the contractor. The meeting agreed that Metcalfe Bros. be approached to ascertain availability/costs.

Maryfell playground – The clerk has recently written to Sedbergh United Charities and The Community Trust to establish any potential financial pledges towards the project. Cllr Atkins and the Clerk are due to meet with SLDC on 3rd August 2017 to discuss the consultation and expected next steps.

Joss Lane car park – three meetings have now been scheduled for 26th July 2017 to discuss the likely costs in commissioning design work for the layouts to enable consultations, preparing specifications etc.

Parking area by St Andrew's Church – a draft tender invite had been circulated to Members for comment. It was agreed to issue the tender (attached) and then consider the funds that would be required from the STP budget. It was anticipated that YDNPA and The Church would also be in a position to contribute to the costs of the enhancement scheme.

13. Queen's Garden

The attached updating report was received by Members. The Friends of Queen's Garden meeting, held on the 5th July 2017 had been well attended with volunteers already wishing to start some clearance works within the gardens. The Clerk has been asked to confirm with our Insurers that appropriate cover is in place for this. It was also agreed to formally co-opt David Parratt and Robin Archer as members of the Queen's Garden Committee.

14. Maryfell Parking and Traffic Flow

The Clerk had written to YDNPA to establish a meeting to discuss the potential for using part of the green as additional parking. At this time, YDNPA are awaiting the payment of a £60 fee by the Council before arrangements to convene a meeting at Maryfell can take place.

15 Guldrey Drainage Culvert – proposed inspection chamber/sediment trap

The attached report was discussed by Members in relation to the proposed inspection chamber/sediment trap at Guldrey. It was noted that CCC had contacted SPC in regard to a new location for the proposed inspection chamber/sediment trap and that new quotes were being sought. Apologies from CCC for the inconvenience caused were noted by members. It was noted that the Clerk hoped to make an application to CCF for Flood Recovery Funding to assist in any shortfall in cost for the preventative works in due course.

16. Correspondence

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

- a. Resident request to park a motor home –members noted that a recent request had been made in relation to the continued parking of a motor home at Loftus Hill car park; Members were unanimously of the view that the parking of the motor home at Loftus Hill car park is in breach of the conditions attached to a resident's permit and that there were no exceptional circumstances which would justify a departure from the Council's policy of not normally allowing the parking of such vehicles (or the storage of vehicles) on the town's car parks. The request was, therefore, refused. Removal of the van was requested by the 31st August 2017 in line with the current annual expiry date of all permits.
- b. Sedbergh sign on the Dent Road, Sedbergh – it had been noted by a resident that the 'SED' was in a poor state of repair on the current sign and Members welcomed the suggestions for repair.
- c. Queen's Garden – members received a letter from the Bowling Club giving their concern over the south boundary wall at the Garden. It was agreed that the matter be investigated.
- d. Young Ranger YDNPA – Communication had been received from the authorities Young Rangers in regard to their potential availability for any specific projects in Sedbergh.
- e. Mr Douglas Thomson – a copy letter with regard to damage at New Bridge following Appleby Fair was noted. It was further noted that there had been damage caused at the picnic site at Ghylas and it was agreed that this should also be reported.
- f. Information Centre volunteer – correspondence had been received in relation to more prominent signs to the 'fell walk'. Members agreed that there was sufficient information available in town to lead walkers to the appropriate paths.

17. Date and Time of next meeting - Thursday 10th August 2017 at 7.30pm – Sedbergh Parish Council, monthly meeting at the People's Hall, Howgill Lane, Sedbergh.