

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 12th October 2017

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

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Bromley and Dawson and accepted by the meeting.

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. Declarations of Interest

Item 10 – Grants – Cllr Longlands

4. Public Participation

There were no Members of the public present at the meeting.

5. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council 14th September 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 14th September 2017

Item 6 – Culvert at Guldrey – A meeting is planned with CCC and YDNPA on 13th October 2017 to discuss the new location and potential impingement of the footpath during the works.

Item 9(b) – Policy & Resources Committee – Scottish Power has been approached in connection with stopping the electricity supply to the former toilets at Loftus Hill. So far they are insistent that a full disconnection would be required. Cllr Longlands is pursuing matters further.

Item 15 – Sedbergh Economic Plan 2017 – A stakeholders meeting was recently held and SLDC have agreed to produce an action plan in due course. Cllr. McPherson reported that the YDNPA had formally resolved to support the Study and to commit staff and Member resources, as appropriate, to engage with partners in developing the Study's recommendations.

7. Report from District/County Council

Apologies were received from Cllrs Cotton and Mackie. Cllr Lancaster wished to highlight the ongoing situation with New Road car park in Kendal – the common land being closed since 18th September following an order by SLDC.

8. Planning

The attached Planning Report was considered and adopted by Members. In particular Members discussed the comments noted in relation to Baliol School (S/03/55E) – a verbal report from Cllr Atkins advised that he had recently met with the Agent acting on behalf of some of those involved in proposed developments and Members agreed that SPC should now approach YDNPA with a view to arranging a meeting with Cllr Atkins and Richard Graham (Head of Development Management). Cllr McPherson advised he would be happy to attend the meeting also. Various references in the Local Plan and the recent document circulated in regard to 'Attracting families' were also raised as being relevant to the issue discussed. Members expressed the view that it should be possible to devise an acceptable mix of development in order to prevent the site falling into further neglect and to enable two long established businesses to relocate to more efficient premises within Sedbergh.

9. Finance

a) The meeting received and adopted the minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee held on the 9th October 2017. The recommendation to transfer £7,500 from the STP free reserve to the current year budget was discussed and agreed by Members. In addition, Members were invited to consider Committee expenditure in 2018-2019 in order that a draft budget could be completed in November/December.

b) Request for payments – payments were noted on the Financial Summary and agreed by Members.

10. Grants

The following grant application was considered

- i) **The Management Committee of the People's Hall, Sedbergh** - an application for the sum of £500 was received to assist toward planting and bark chippings. Whilst appreciating and acknowledging the works carried out at the Hall, members noted that the Council's guidelines for grant applications make it clear that grants cannot be awarded to cover monies already been spent and , therefore, the application was rejected. (Cllr Longlands took no part in discussion).

11. Amenities Committee

The meeting did not take place on Wednesday 4th October due to lack of Members present. The date of the next meeting is 1st November 2017.

12. Sedbergh Townscape Project

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

Maryfell playpark – further information with regard to the consultation is awaited from SLDC. A grant application has been submitted to South Lakes Housing to support the project and the Clerk is awaiting further information in regard to the Crime and Commissioner's Fund.

Joss Lane car park – A draft design study has been received, Cllrs Atkins and Arnold propose to meet further with Fletcher Day Cummins Ltd to develop ideas and alternative layouts.

Parking area – St Andrew's Church, a meeting has been held with the contractor and works are scheduled for November. It is noted that completion of works may take three weeks.

13. Queen's Garden

The attached updating report was received by Members. Members wished to acknowledge, again, the works completed by the Council's gardener. Noted was the proposal to now submit a new formal enquiry to the HLF (accommodating the previous comments made by the HLF and supported by the formation of the Friends of Queen's Garden and the report by Hilary Taylor) and this was agreed by Members. Cllr Atkins has now met with RG Parkins of Kendal and a report (to include a tender specification for repair works) will be received in due course.

14. Maryfell Parking and Traffic Flow

Members were advised that a meeting is scheduled with SLH on 1st November 2017 with Cllr Atkins and the Clerk.

15. Former Udales premises, Main Street, Sedbergh

Members discussed the ongoing concern over the former butchers shop on Main Street and noted the attached report prepared by Cllr Atkins. The meeting agreed to proceed with the following three initiatives to pursue matters further:

- Invite Mr Neil Udale to attend a future meeting of the Council.
- Request YDNPA to again consider powers available to them in relation to the maintenance of this listed building.
- Contact SLDC's Community Led Housing Officer to investigate future possibilities in regard to converting the building into affordable housing (whilst retaining the ground floor retail space).

16. Correspondence

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

- a) Royal Air Force Centenary – information on events being held in 2018, passed to Sedbergh in Bloom in regard to potential for a flower bed to be planted in air force colours.
- b) Parking permit query – A request was received from a resident in regard to a parking permit purchased in March 2017.

Historically, permit prices reduce in April of each year, to 50% of the annual fee (as all permits expire on 31st August year on year) and members discussed her concern over not being verbally advised of this discount. Members noted that the permit is clearly marked with the renewal date. (*NB details of the discount are also printed on the Resident's Parking Permit application*). Members voted, by a majority to reject her request for a refund of £30.00. The Clerk will advise accordingly.

- c) Parking on Main Street and Finkle Street – Members noted the concerns raised by residents over certain vehicles habitually parked without consideration of pedestrians/prams/wheelchair users/mobility scooters on Main Street and Finkle Street. The Clerk was asked to contact CCC enforcement officers.

17. Date and Time of next meeting - Thursday 9th November 2017 at 7.30pm – Sedbergh Parish Council, monthly meeting at the People's Hall, Howgill Lane, Sedbergh.