

**Minutes of the Sedbergh Annual Meeting of the Parish**  
**People's Hall, Sedbergh, on Tuesday 15th May 2018 at 7.30 pm**

**In attendance - Cllrs Sedgwick (Vice Chair), Arnold, Bromley, Brooks, Capstick and Longlands.**

**Members of the public were also welcomed to the meeting. (Including representation from Sedbergh Community Trust, the Chamber of Trade and Sedbergh Town Twinning.**

1. Apologies for absence  
Received from Cllrs Lancaster and McPherson
2. Minutes of 2017 Annual Meeting of the Parish  
The Minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Vice Chair, Cllr Sedgwick.
3. Chairman's Report for 2017/2018  
Cllr. Sedgwick read the attached address to the meeting, prepared by the former Chair, Jim Atkins. Thanks, were noted for the time and consideration give in preparing the comprehensive report for the meeting and, of course, for his valued time and support over the past 10 years.
4. To receive the Draft Accounts for 2017/18  
The Clerk presented the attached draft accounts to the meeting. It was noted that although there remained significant balances, large sums were again reserved for planned and future projects. Including the resurface/refurbishment of Joss Lane car park, substantial repair works to the retaining wall at The Bowling Green, the resurfacing at the Tennis Courts, Guldrey Lane and the planned refurbishment project for Maryfell play park. The Period for the Exercise of Public Rights, Accounts for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 will be published following approval of the Accounts by Members at their meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and will be available for a period of 30 days (to be confirmed) during 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 and 10<sup>th</sup> August 2018.
5. Updates on projects/schemes  
Members noted that most projects and schemes both current and planned were included within the Chairman's Report. In addition, it was noted that the inspection chamber/catch pit located at Guldrey had now been installed.
6. Questions  
Some questions were raised by members of the public and short summary noted below.
  - Marketing Sedbergh - could Sedbergh Parish Council consider how they would assist Marketing the town in the future. Are there any monies available to assist, say, the Chamber of Trade or Sedbergh CIC? Members noted that applications could be made for a Grant, by application.
  - Sedbergh Town Twinning - will SPC continue to have representation on the Town Twinning Group – Members noted that Cllr Lancaster will remain, and that SPC will always endeavor to send along a Member in his place when unavailable. Minutes of meetings may still be forwarded to SPC for information.
  - Car parks and parking – it was noted that the Information Centre have recently received some comments with regard to the parking machines at both car parks and the lack of reliability. The Clerk was able to advise that, often, when this happens and they are subsequently checked - they are working as expected. Sedbergh CIC will, therefore, provide a list of issues to SPC for further investigation and comparison to the parking logs. Sedbergh First Responders additionally wished to highlight the continuing issue of parking in Sedbergh and the difficulties there can be in accessing areas of town. Areas noted were Main Street, Maryfell, the brow of Loftus Hill and Busk Lane.
7. Any other business - none

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm and the Vice Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and valued contributions.