

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in the Committee Room of the People's Hall, Howgill Lane, Sedbergh at 7.30pm (following the AMPC) on Thursday 10th May 2018

Present: Councillors Lancaster, McPherson, Arnold, Capstick, Longlands, Bromley, Brooks and Sedgwick

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Sedgwick and McPherson – Item 16 - Correspondence

4. Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes of 12th April 2018

There were no updates to report from the meeting held in April

6. Report from District/County Council

Apologies were received from CCC Cllr Cotton and Capstick. Three SLDC Councillors had recently been elected, Kevin Lancaster, Sheila Capstick and Ian Mitchell. Cllr Mitchell attended to introduce himself to the meeting and is looking forward to supporting SPC with future projects.

7. Planning

The attached Planning Report was considered and adopted by the meeting. Those elected to the Committee will meet on 15th May 2018 to discuss arrangements for forthcoming planning meetings.

8. Finance

- a) Bank Reconciliation and Financial Summary - Members received the Bank Reconciliation, along with a current summary of income and expenditure and the current bank statements, these were accepted by SPC and signed by two Members.
- b) Request for payments – payments were noted on the Financial Summary and agreed by Members.

9. Grants

There were no Grant applications this month.

10. Amenities Committee

The (attached) minutes of the meeting – 2nd May 2018, were received by Members. In particular, Members noted that the reported pot holes at Joss Lane car park would be filled prior to Wednesday (Market day) 15th May 2018. It was further noted that former Cllr, Ann Allan, was willing to continue to assist with the Main Street toilet coin donations on a voluntary basis, and this was gratefully accepted. Finally, in respect of 014/05/18 - Handyman, the Clerk was requested to add an Agenda item to the June meeting.

11. Mayfell playpark

Members were advised that SLDC are continuing with their endeavours to assist with grant applications, whilst funds are still being assembled for the planned project later in 2018.

12. Queen's Garden

The Committee had not met recently, however, it was noted that The Friend's Of Queens Garden were holding an 'Afternoon Tea' in the gardens on Saturday 12th May 2018.

13. Tennis Courts

The attached updating report was received by Members. The Clerk was able to advise Members that the Tender Invitation for the refurbishment proposals had now been issued, with the Tender also being advertised on 'Contract Finder' as per current Standing Orders, and the Westmorland Gazette. Members were also updated in regard to the recent Asbestos Report for the pavilion.

14. Joss Lane car park

Members received the attached updating report, additionally noting that the former Chair Cllr Atkins, along with the Clerk had recently met with SLDC's Property Services Contract Manager and that Mr Thomas would report further to SPC in due course.

15. Correspondence

The attached Clerk's Report was considered by the meeting.

- i) Street Name Plates – the Amenities Committee noted the request from a resident in regard to the potential to improve some street name plates in Sedbergh and will liaise directly.
- ii) Co-Option following Uncontested Election – those that expressed an interest in the vacancies would be invited to put their names forward to the June meeting – and The Clerk to include in the Lookaround report for June – closing date for names 8.6.2018.
- iii) Low Branthwaites (Frostrow) – (Cllr Sedgwick left the room for this item and Cllr McPherson did not speak or vote). A letter was received asking for support for the potential to convert, to forest, some existing grazing land (approx. 7 acres). Dialogue has already been undertaken with YDNPA and the Millennium Trust by the applicant and the support of Members was now being sought prior to further continuation of proposals. It was noted that a full land analysis would be carried out prior to any conversion taking place, and that all trees planted would be native species. Members discussed the proposal at length, summarizing that whilst the loss of grazing land for local farmers was regrettable - any initiative to arrest the decline of habitat for wildlife was, of course, positive. Therefore, Members concluded that it was hoped that the advice of those bodies mentioned, would ensure the scheme is as successful as possible in realising the potential benefits whilst also complimenting the local landscape.
- iv) PebbleArt – Members noted a letter received by the Clerk in regard to the potential for PebbleArt in Sedbergh. The Clerk was able to advise Members that an initiative had already recently started, however, a letter to congratulate the young author of the letter would be sent by the Clerk, to say thank you.

16. Date and Time of next meeting - Thursday 14th June 2018 at 7.30pm in the Committee Room, People's Hall, Howgill Lane, Sedbergh.