

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 on Thursday 9th August 2018

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

Part 1

1. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted for Cllrs Brooks and Farrell

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

4. Public Participation

There were no Members of the Public present

5. Minutes of the Meetings of the Parish Council 14th July 2018

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

6. Matters arising from the Minutes of 14th July 2018

There were no updates to report from the meetings held in May that were not already included on the Agenda.

7. Co-Option – Jake Cowperthwaite

Jake Cowperthwaite was considered for Co-Option to Sedbergh Parish Council following the uncontested Election in May, and was duly co-opted.

8. Report from District/County Council

Apologies were received from CCC Cllr Cotton. However, he wished to raise the query of the future of Scroggs Bank field, understanding that the field is currently on the market. This could have a significant effect on the Appleby Fair migration through Sedbergh in 2019 if the field was no longer secured for a settlement site. Cllr Ian Mitchell also gave apologies, but advised that he is due to meet with South Lakes Housing later this month in regard to parking at Maryfell. The Clerk was able to update Members with correspondence recently received from SLH, advising they are now considering additional parking, however, this is only in very early stages and that there are no formal plans currently. Cllr Sheila Capstick queried who was responsible for street furniture on pavements, in particular noting that some businesses were encroaching onto the pavement by having seating outside. Members recognized that this can be problematic for prams/wheelchair/mobility scooters etc. however, also noted that some pavements along Main Street/Finkle Street were unable to accommodate prams etc. anyway due to their narrow nature. The Clerk was instructed to include a note of being courteous to pavement users when arranging items in front of their premises, in the September Lookaround report. Cllr Lancaster advised that a Respect Group meeting was also scheduled for the near future. In addition, he was able to report that B4RN continued to make excellent progress in Cautley and Dowbiggin.

9. Highways Matters

Cllr John Capstick agreed to become the CCC Highways coordinator for Sedbergh Parish Council, allowing a single point of contact for queries/concerns raised.

10. Planning

The attached Planning minutes were received by the meeting.

11. Finance

The attached Policy and Resource minutes were received by the meeting and all requests for payments were approved.

12. Grants

The following grant was considered by Members.

- a) Sedbergh Playgroup - £600.00 – Members discussed the amended grant application following an update from Cllr Arnold and the sum of £600 was approved. Thanks, were also noted to Cllr Arnold for his assistance.

13. Amenities Committee

The attached Amenities minutes were received by the meeting. Of particular note was the wet pour works at the playground on Howgill Lane and the request to The Clerk to consider building a reserve of £2500 annually for future improvement works at the park.

14. Mayfell playpark

The Clerk had met with SLDC in July and was able to confirm that further grants are still being sought. However, SLDC were hopeful that procurement may begin later this year when funds have been finally secured. SLDC hopes to update SPC further before the September meeting.

15. Queen's Garden

The attached Queen's Garden report was noted by Members and all three points recommended were approved.

16. Tennis Courts

Members noted that works were due to commence on replacement of perimeter fencing and resurfacing of the court on 20th August. Some preliminary cleaning of the surface being scheduled for this week. Members agreed that the former Tennis Club Sinking Fund account (NS&I) should now be closed and Cllr Lancaster and the Clerk should sign the necessary paperwork to facilitate this. Cllrs McPherson and Lancaster had briefly met with Mr Dalton in regard to the proposed sub-lease for the tennis courts and a meeting with representation from the Tennis Club would now be arranged to discuss further.

17. Joss Lane car park

The Clerk is awaiting a further update from SLDC's Property Services Contract Manager - Mr Thomas and will report in due course in relation to resurfacing proposals. It was noted that the Clerk had also recently submitted the annual report for income/expenditure to SLDC for the car park

18. Correspondence

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

- i) URC/Manse building, Main Street, Sedbergh – it was noted that the Methodist Minister had offered to address SPC with an update on the future of the New Street site, however, the Clerk was requested to seek a written report for Members in the first instance
- ii) Chamber of Trade – Marketing, members noted a response by the Chair of Sedbergh CofT, however noted that marketing was being discussed as part of the Economic Partnership at a future meeting and understood that Marketing Strategies were to be considered then.

- iii) Bus/Book Shelter – Members noted the installation and it was agreed that first impressions on appearance were good.
- iv) Sedbergh CIC – Members noted that the CIC were due to hold a meeting on 13th August 2018 and consider the SPC nominee.
- v) Interchangeable Parking Permits – accommodation providers – Members noted that where an accommodation provider purchases tickets for guests, then 24 hour permits should be bought. Consideration of interchangeable Parking Permits will be discussed further when permits are reviewed for 2019/2020.

19. Date and Time of next meeting - Thursday 13th September 2018 at 7.30pm in the Committee Room, People's Hall, Howgill Lane, Sedbergh.

Part II

20. Clerks Remuneration

Members agreed the recommendation of the Policy & Resource committee, in that the Clerk should be appointed to NJC34 with increased hours of 24 weekly. Members noted the significant increase in responsibility and time given over recent months. Cllrs Lancaster and McPherson would consider any necessary amendments to the Contract.