

## **THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in the People's Hall Committee Room, Howgill Lane, Sedbergh at 7.30pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Present:** Councillors Lancaster, McPherson, Brooks, Capstick, Arnold, Welti, Longlands, Bromley, Cowperthwaite and Sedgwick (One vacancy)

#### **1. Apologies**

There were no apologies.

#### **2. Requests for Dispensations**

There were no requests for dispensations.

#### **3. Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

#### **4. Public Participation**

Members welcomed PCSO Marion (Maz) Jeffery, recently appointed to area and thanked her for actions already taken in relation to parking/causing obstruction close to Settelbeck School – also noting other problematic areas.

Item 15 – Sedbergh Book/Bus Shelter, following up from meetings in June and September 2018, a presentation was made by representation for the Bus/Book Shelter, including note of a recent petition in support for the project. Varying views were shared and were noted and acknowledged. It was agreed that the parish would take no further action at this time.

Item 17 – Correspondence, Members noted two items of correspondence received and a short presentation was made by B4RN. In the first instance, Members noted a request to consider whether B4RN would be required at the Bowling Green in the future. Members requested the Clerk to contact the Bowling Club for their thoughts. Finally, Members were asked if B4RN would be able to cross Joss Lane car park in the future (when/if required). Members noted the request and supported, however, also acknowledged that any work would have to be timed/considered having regard to any future proposals to improve the surface/drains. It was agreed that the B4RN work should be done prior to any final resurfacing work. It was also noted, that any necessary formal consent would also be required from SLDC as landlord of the car park.

#### **5. Minutes of the Meetings of the Parish Council 13<sup>th</sup> December 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 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

Item 6 – Bainbridge Road, advisory sign. Cllrs Arnold, McPherson and Bromley had considered options and the following wording was agreed at the meeting. Caution, severe bend ahead. Long vehicles are advised not to proceed further. The Clerk was instructed to progress the matter further, including obtaining a sign, though consideration will also be required for siting/positioning of the sign.

Item 19 – Correspondence, electric charging points, Members noted a short update in relation to also considering Loftus Hill car park as a location for electric vehicle charging.

#### **7. Casual Vacancy**

As agreed in December, the Vacancy will be advertised in the February Lookaround and on the Town website and notice board.

## **8. Report from District/County Council**

Apologies were received from CCC Cllr Cotton and Cllr Mitchell. Cllr Sheila Capstick was present and noted recent concern over private water supply testing regulations (where more than one property is supplied from one source). Members noted that this was an ongoing discussion and will look forward to a further update in due course. Cllr Sheila Capstick was also able to inform Members of a project to include young people running their own market stalls, and wondered if The Project Manager/Sedbergh CIC may pursue this in due course.

## **9. Highways Matters**

Thanks, were noted as County Cllr Nick Cotton had recently circulated a full list of problematic drains/gullies within the Parish (attached). It was also noted that drains/gullies at Joss Lane had now been cleaned, with additional thanks to County Cllr James Airey. The Clerk was able to update Members in regard to potential proposals at Scrogg Bank (Little Ash Beck) in that consent would be required from CCC for any works to the water course. If Members wished to proceed matters with the landowner, then exact proposals would be required along with an application to CCC for consent.

## **10. Planning**

The attached Planning minutes were received by the meeting.

## **11. Finance**

The attached Policy and Resource minutes and finance papers were received by the meeting and all requests for payments were approved. The increase in car park income was noted. The Budget for 2019/2020 was agreed. The attached Precept for 2019/2020 was discussed. It was proposed by Cllr Lancaster, seconded by Cllr McPherson and agreed by Members to request a Precept of £37,629.32 (in addition to the SLDC Grant for £1869.76) for 2019/2020. Request for payment would be issued to SLDC, by the Clerk, prior to the closing date of 25 January 2019.

## **12. Grants**

There were no Grant applications received.

## **13. Amenities Committee**

The attached Amenities Committee minutes were received by the meeting. Members noted that work to begin laying the hedge at the playing field had now begun, and that work to fell the tree on the boundary was planned to commence week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

## **14. Update on Projects**

Maryfell Parking – there had been no further update from SLH at the time of the meeting.

Maryfell play park – Members noted that confirmation of the winning Tender had been notified and works were planned for March/April 2019.

The Tennis Courts and parking area. Members noted that a response in regard to the draft sub-lease was awaited from the Tennis Club. The Clerk was asked to follow up a response from the Club and SLDC.

Loftus Hill car park – Cllrs Lancaster and McPherson are meeting with Sedbergh School later this month and hope to feed back in due course.

Sedbergh School Challenge Week – Cllr Arnold reminded Members of plans by Sedbergh School to work on a series of projects again in the Summer and invited Members to consider work that could be completed. Cllr McPherson wondered if there was a suitable area to consider tree planting and would feedback further in due course.

## **15. Sedbergh Book/Bus Shelter**

(see Item 4 – Public Participation.

## **16. Queen's Garden**

Members noted that the Clerk had been instructed to arrange a meeting for later this month, to allow the Committee to consider the tree survey and recent feedback from The Friends of QG.

## **17. Correspondence**

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

- i) YDNPA – Farm Advice event planned for 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019.
- ii) SLDC – Public Toilet Exemption – an initial response had been received from SLDC in regard to recent announcements over public toilet exemption. However, further investigations were required in regard to hereditaments. Further details would not be known for some time.
- iii) Sedbergh United Charities – a new nominee was required for SUC, Members advised that a new nomination would be considered at the Annual meeting in May.
- iv) Sedbergh Medical Practice – Patient Participation Group – a new representative was required and would be considered as soon as practicable. It was noted that their next meeting was scheduled on the same day as the February Parish Council meeting.
- v) Howgill's Fell Race – Members noted that the next event, planned April 2019, was likely to attract some 400 runners.
- vi) Sedbergh CIO – Members noted the attached briefing paper in regard to a proposed Pump Track – The CIO hoped to attend the February meeting to discuss further.
- vii) Lancaster University – permission was sought to take off/land a drone on the playing field at Howgill lane and acknowledged and agreed by Members. Usual regulations to be observed.
- viii) Cumbria Police – information in regard to CCTV had been received and Members were keen to establish further information. The Clerk will feedback in due course.
- ix) Kirkby Stephen Town Council – Members noted the planned meeting in regard to collaboration over Appleby Horse Fair, Cllr John Capstick and DC Sheila Capstick will attend.

**18. Date and Time of next meeting - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the Committee Room, Sedbergh People's Hall, Howgill Lane, Sedbergh. Members /public are invited to attend from 7.00pm for an informal talk by SLDC about Localism.**