

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

Minutes of the monthly Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in the Committee Room, The People's Hall, Howgill Lane, Sedbergh at 7.30 pm on Thursday 8th August 2019

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

Cllrs Lancaster and McPherson paid tribute to North Yorkshire and Richmondshire District Cllr John Blackie following news of his recent death, noting his contribution towards Sedbergh as a member of YDNP for 22 years.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Arnold and Saunders and accepted by the meeting.

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. Declarations of Interest

Members received no declarations of interest

4. Public Participation

Millthorp Resident – representation was made on behalf of a group of residents in regard to the recent adoption of the BT phone kiosk at Millthorp. The group had hoped for a mini information point for residents and visitors (for example, those walking the Dales Way). However, it was understood that days before the refurbishment was due to take place by Sedbergh School Challenge week, another resident had objected and suggested a defib for the kiosk and wished for SPC to consider this option too. A letter had since been received to ask Members to consider a Defibrillator at the kiosk.

Members agreed (in the absence of Cllr Arnold) that any potential project should return as an Agenda item in January 2020 – in order that a mini consultation exercise could take place in Millthorp. The Clerk was asked to respond to the resident, requesting a defib, asking how they hoped to raise funds for the equipment/progress etc? The Clerk was also asked to clarify ownership of the area of land where the phone box is situated, thought to potentially be SLDC, so that matters could be progressed in 2020.

Langstone Fell car parking area – representation was again made in regard to progress for the informal car parking area (fifth month of attendance). Cllr Lancaster apologised and advised that no further progress had been made, however, assured that contact would be made with relevant parties prior to the September meeting.

5. Minutes of the Meetings of the Parish Council 11th July 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2019 were agreed as a true record and were adopted and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Lancaster.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes of 11th July 2019

There were no matters arising from the meeting held on 11th July 2019, not already included on the Agenda.

7. Report from District/County Council

CC Nick Cotton and DC Ian Mitchell gave their apologies. DC Suzie Pye was able to advise Members over a recent concern relating to access to Fell Close, due to repeated inconsiderate parking, causing difficult access for the recycling wagon. DC Suzie Pye was also able to highlight the recent discussions around idling engines and the concern for the environment/health generally. DC Lancaster reflected on the recent opening of the bridge at Middleton Hall and Members expressed their relief that it was now open following the bridge reconstruction – originally destroyed during Storm Desmond in 2015.

8. Planning

The Planning Committee meeting minutes were received by Members. It was noted that Cllr Arnold hoped to attend the YDNPA Planning Committee scheduled for 13th August 2019 in respect of 6 Finkle Street (S/03/6161A).

9. Finance

The attached Finance Committee meeting minutes and finance papers were received by the meeting and all requests for payments were approved. Cllr Longlands was able to confirm the recent works at the playing field in regard to weed prevention and the payment was agreed. Members additionally agreed to approve the virement of £2,000 from Main Street donation reserve to the Amenities Committee to assist with recent repair works and the planned refurbishment.

10. Grants

Members had been approached to consider a contribution toward the Marketing proposal being completed as part of the Sedbergh Economic Partnership Sub Committee. Members heard that other organisation, including SLDC had contributed to the fund for PR/Marketing, however, felt that more information was needed to allow them to consider their support further. Members agreed, therefore, that they would look forward to further development of the plan so that they may consider any future contribution.

11. Amenities Committee

The Amenities Committee meeting had met but there were no minutes available. A brief verbal report was given, which included an update on progress at Main Street toilets, advising of the recent urgent plumbing repairs in the Gents toilets. Cllr Brooks is due to meet with the contractor completing refurbishment works at the Ladies toilets later this week. A concern over the condition of two benches at Maryfell was raised, and the Clerk was able to advise that an approach had been made to CCC and SLH in regard to potential replacements and will report further at a future meeting. Members also discussed the problem of dogs on the paddock area next to Maryfell play park. The Clerk has reported this to SLDC and signs are due to be erected as soon as possible. It was hoped that the addition of goal posts (potentially) in this area would also help to dissuade dog owners using the area to exercise their dogs. The Clerk will seek information on potential goal posts and seek guidance on relevant permissions from SLDC.

12. Update on Projects

Sedbergh School Challenge Week (plans for the future) – Cllr Arnold absent. **Joss Lane car park** – Cllr Arnold has not yet met with SLDC. **Loftus Hill car park** – Cllrs Lancaster hopes to gain an update on the proposed new Lease from Sedbergh School when he meets with them later this month. Members agreed that the Clerk should continue to liaise with SLDC over electric car charging points. **Maryfell play area** – the Clerk was able to advise Members that there was a desire to update the roundabout at the playpark to allow full use by wheelchair users and will report further in due course. Although there will be a financial implication, SLDC have already indicated their financial support and remaining funds will be sought from other bodies with the support of a local parent. **Maryfell parking area** – South Lakes Housing have advised that works are due to commence in August. **Telephone kiosk at Milthrop** – (see public participation). **Jubilee Fountain** – the Clerk was able to confirm that investigative works by UU for the potential reconnection of water at the fountain are due to take place in October (a formal road close notice is required prior).

13. Queen's Garden

The Queen's Garden Committee have not met. It was noted that the felling works to the 3 x thuja trees has now largely been completed. It was additionally noted that there had been a significant branch fall from another tree on the west boundary, and that this had been dealt with by the Parish Handyman. A further resident had queried trees close to their boundary on the east boundary and Members will consider their concern, relating to overhanging branches, in due course. Members agreed that a meeting of the QG Committee should be convened in due course, not least to discuss future plans for the Garden. Finally, Members noted the forthcoming BBQ and Teddy Bear Picnic

scheduled for later this month. In regard to any staging required for events, it was recorded that the previously agreed scaffolding would no longer be permitted due to insurance complications.

14. CCTV – proposals for Police monitored CCTV for Sedbergh

Further to recent discussions over the potential of Police monitored CCTV for Sedbergh, Members were now advised of the potential subsidies available (see Finance Minutes 5/8/2019) and were minded to seek feedback primarily from members of the parish. It was agreed, therefore, to insert the attached consultation/questionnaire in the next Lookaround (and local shop/s) for return to Sedbergh Parish Council prior to 9.9.19. This would allow Members to discuss the topic further at their September meeting, being mindful that there were strict deadlines to adhere to in respect of potential grant funding from the PCC/SLDC if CCTV was to be progressed further.

15. Castlegarth footpath – update from Cllr Lancaster

Cllr Lancaster advised that the deadline for challenging PROW was sometime in the future (2026) and would therefore progress at a later date.

16. Review of Service Level Agreement – Sedbergh CIC

Members noted the comments from the Finance Committee and agreed that this should be pursued further by them when additional information had been received from the CIC in regard to current costs relating to the market and future plans.

17. SLDC – Tree planting scheme

Members noted that SLDC hoped to include the highlighted areas at the playing field for tree planting later this year.

18. Correspondence

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

- i) PCSO Boak – a police summary was circulated to Members.
- ii) Tour of Britain – the clerk had received a request for Members to consider donating a cash reward for the 'sprint' section of the ToB as it passes through Sedbergh. Members felt this was not a relevant use of Council funds and declined the request. However, Members agreed that some consideration needed to be given to potential parking problems on the day (depending on number of visitors) and Cllr Lancaster advised that he would speak to Sedbergh School in regard to potential over flow parking if required. Members noted the planned Land Art by Sedbergh School and the plans for Sheepfest to place some 'sheep' around town prior to the Tour to help promote Sedbergh during any televised coverage.
- iii) Query over boundary to Maple Close – Members noted that the Clerk had received correspondence from the Agent, acting on behalf of the boundary query previously reported, and that they were to complete the necessary repairs to prevent further short cuts on private land.
- iv) VE Day preparations – Members noted the numerous events being planned by the People's Hall Committee in respect of VE Day 8 May 2020 and welcomed representation to attend a future meeting to present details.
- v) Sheepfest – Members noted the request to potentially place two gazebos at Joss Lane car park (close to 72 Main Street) for the Field to Fork display on the weekend of Sheepfest and confirmed their agreement.

20. Date and Time of next meeting – normal monthly meeting on Thursday 12th September 2019 – in the Committee Room, Sedbergh People's Hall, Howgill Lane, Sedbergh.