

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 10th October 2019

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

1. Apologies

There were no apologies, all Members present with one Casual Vacancy.

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. Declarations of Interest

Item 11 – Grant Applications – Cllr Longlands.

4. Public Participation

Greg Stephenson, on behalf of GunDog PR – following the recent approach to Sedbergh Parish Council by the Chamber of Trade (September 2019 - Item 12 Grants) to support a Marketing Strategy for Sedbergh, GunDog PR attended to give a brief presentation on their Marketing/PR plan. This followed their recent successful selection by the Marketing Sub Committee of the Sedbergh Economic Partnership. A plan would now be forwarded and circulated to Members for consideration further at the November meeting.

5. Minutes of the Meetings of the Parish Council 12th September 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2019 were agreed as a true record and were adopted and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Lancaster.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes of 12th September 2019

Item 7 – Langstone fell informal car parking area – Cllr Lancaster had now met with the landowner to update further following the meeting in September. Sedbergh Parish Council remain mindful of potential legal issues concerning Common land and will await any further updates. Members additionally noted an unrelated item of correspondence received in regard to the informal car parking area – the Chairman had responded directly.

7. CCTV – proposals for Police monitored CCTV for Sedbergh, grant update

The Clerk was able to confirm that two grant applications had been submitted for the proposed two locations discussed at the September meeting. A decision on the applications was awaited.

8. Report from District/County Council

Members wished to take this opportunity to congratulate District Cllr Suzie Pye on the recent arrival of her daughter.

CCC Cllr Nick Cotton gave his apologies and confirmed that, following issues raised locally, CCC were investigating the issue of parking in the areas of Castlegarth and Thorns Lane.

9. Planning

The Planning Committee had not met.

10. Finance

The attached Finance Committee meeting minutes and finance papers were received by the meeting and all requests for payments were approved, along with the updated Financial Regulations. Members were also invited to consider any Budget requirements for 2020/2021, in particular Joss Lane car park.

11. Grants

Chamber of Trade – Late Night Opening. An application for the sum of £400 had been received in respect of the annual Late-Night Opening event in December. Members noted that there was currently some uncertainty over lights/insurance and agreed, therefore, to defer the application pending further clarification. It was additionally raised that there was potential, perhaps, for the ‘town’ to consider purchasing their own Christmas lights for future use.

12. Amenities Committee

The Amenities Committee meeting minutes were received by Members. It was noted that the recent Artisan Market (incorporating Sheepfest) had attracted a significant number of visitors to the town and it was unfortunate that parking had been problematic. Members agreed that ‘trader’ parking for markets should be a consideration for the future Service Level Agreement currently being reviewed with the Sedbergh CIC. Members also noted the concern raised by a member of the public during the recent grass mowing at the playing field/play park at Howgill Lane and the Clerk was requested to remind the contractor to ensure appropriate warning signs were erected during mowing. Finally, it was noted that the planned refurbishment of the Ladies toilets at Main Street, were due to commence later this month.

13. Update on Projects

Joss Lane car park – Cllr Arnold agreed to contact SLDC and meet later in October in regard to future proposed resurfacing, being mindful of potential budget considerations. **Loftus Hill car park** – The Clerk was able to advise Members that Sedbergh School was pursuing the notion of electric car charging points at Loftus Hill car park. **Maryfell play area** – the Clerk awaits further contact from SLDC in regard to the proposal to replace the roundabout. **Telephone kiosk at Millthrop** – to be an Agenda item in January. **Jubilee Fountain** – the Clerk was able to confirm that investigative works by UU were due to commence later this month. **Guldrey Tennis Courts** – Members noted that the Tennis Club had made a recent approach in regard to ongoing maintenance costs and this would be added to the Agenda in November. It was also agreed that a plaque could be sited on one of the benches at Guldrey in memory of a former member of the Tennis Club.

14. Queen’s Garden

The Queen’s Garden Committee have a meeting scheduled on 15th October 2019.

15. Correspondence

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

- i) PCSO – a police summary was circulated; Members noted the concerning uplift in rural crimes in the surrounding area.
- ii) YDNP – Parish Forum – Cllr Welti to attend.
- iii) Sedbergh United Charities – Following the resignation of Cllr Cowperthwaite, a replacement Trustee was now required.
- iv) A Vision for Sedbergh – Chairman of the Sedbergh Economic Partnership sent a revised draft Vision for Sedbergh, Members agreed to add this to the Agenda for November for comment.
- v) Resident – concern over speed/number of vehicles travelling around Maryfell. Cllr Saunders advised Members of a project elsewhere that included the local Primary School designing a ‘please slow down’ sign and this idea would be investigated further. Cllr Saunders to liaise further with the Clerk.

16. Date and Time of next meeting – normal monthly meeting on Thursday 14th November 2019 – in the Committee Room, Sedbergh People’s Hall, Howgill Lane, Sedbergh.