

Minutes of the Sedbergh Annual Parish Meeting
People's Hall, Sedbergh, on Thursday 27th May 2021 at 7.00 pm

In attendance - Cllrs Lancaster (Chair), Arnold, Brooks, Capstick, Longlands and Bromley.

There were two Members of the Public at the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence
Received from Cllrs Cowperthwaite, Sedgwick, Welti and also from Cllr McPherson under continuing Covid concerns.
2. Introduction and Welcome
The Chairman welcomed Members and the public to this open Annual Parish meeting. Giving a brief introduction to the purpose of the meeting which allows those on the electoral role, within the Parish area, the opportunity to discuss any matters of interest or concern that relate to their local community.
3. Minutes of 2019 Annual Meeting of the Parish
The Minutes were adopted as a true record and signed by the Chair, Cllr Lancaster. There was no meeting held in 2020 due to Coronavirus restrictions.
4. Chairman's Report for 2019/2020 and 2020/2021
The attached Report had been circulated to Members (and public), for their full reference. Thanks were noted for the report and it was agreed that a shortened version be submitted for inclusion in the Lookaround.
5. To receive the Draft Accounts for 2020/21
The Clerk presented the attached draft summary of accounts to the meeting. It was noted that there had been a significant reduction in income due to lost revenue on the car parks during lockdown periods throughout the financial year. The Council had, however, been successful in receiving two Discretionary Grants from SLDC totaling £13,000. These had assisted the Council's finances during the challenging year. Also noted, Sedbergh Parish Council had maintained the Precept for 2021/2022, as the previous year, as a small token gesture to residents of the Parish.
6. Forum
Given current Covid restrictions, and the limit on those able to attend within current Covid guidelines, Members agreed that further opportunity could be given to residents to attend a future meeting. The monthly meeting would commence earlier, allowing additional time at Public Participation. It was noted, from those present, that the whole of YDNPA had been designated a Dark Sky Reserve.
7. Close
The meeting closed at 7.15 pm