

Minutes of the Meeting of Sedbergh Parish Council Finance Committee

Held at the Rawthey Room, Sedbergh Information Centre, 72 Main Street, Sedbergh on 7th June 2021 at 5pm

Present:

Cllrs Lancaster, Capstick, Arnold, Brooks and the Clerk, Miss Hassam

1. Elect a Chairperson

Cllr Lancaster was nominated Cllr Arnold and seconded by Cllr Brooks and duly elected.

2. Apologies

All Members of the Finance Committee were present.

3. Declaration of Interests

There were no Declarations of Interest.

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting held Monday 4th May 2021

The minutes were agreed and signed, as a true record, by the Chairman Cllr Lancaster. It was noted that further to Item 12 – Proposed Footpath, no further actions had been taken.

5. Any Urgent Business – Government Roadmap updates

Following current guidelines, the Finance Committee will continue to meet in person (as regulations allow). The next scheduled Government announcement to ‘unlocking’ restrictions is due on 14th June 2021.

6. Financial Summary and Bank Reconciliation

The Financial Summary for May 2021 had been circulated to Members and it was resolved that all payments were approved for payment immediately, including annual maintenance/support packages for the Parish Council laptop and the car park ticket machines. (Please see Sedbergh Parish Council Finance meeting minutes 5th April 2021 and subsequent resolution at Full Council 8th April 2021 for amendment to authorisation of payments, by the Finance Committee only, in May and June 2021). In addition, it was resolved to make two payments in relation to the refurbishment works at the former BT phone box at Millthrop. These were payments for gravel £53.40 and weed control £12.89. The Bank Reconciliation for May was checked and found to be correct. Members also discussed the current signing mandate and potential to investigate other bank accounts that would allow dual authorisation (online), and look at potential improved interest rates.

7. Income and Expenditure 2020-2021 and 2021-2022

The Income and Expenditure report for 2020/2021 was circulated for information. The Clerk noted that the first payment of the Precept had been received, by SLDC, on 28th April 2021 (£18,942.84) along with their Grant (£1869.31).

8. Grant Applications

There were no Grant applications for May 2021.

9. Electric Vehicle Charging

i) **proposed lease at Joss Lane car park - Charge My Street (CMS).** Members noted that formal written consent had now been received from South Lakeland District Council. Points raised in the letter would be referred to Charge My Street for final confirmation. These included consideration of planning, health and safety, insurance, fire regulations, cdm regulations, licensing and environmental health and any other relevant statutory requirements.

10. Date of next meeting – Monday 5th July at 5pm, Members resolved to meet in the Parish Council Office, 72 Main Street, Sedbergh.