

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

Minutes of the monthly Meeting for the Parish Council of Sedbergh, held at The People’s Hall, Sedbergh 7.00 pm on Thursday 27th May 2021. (Meeting followed Annual Parish Meeting and The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council)

Present: Councillors Arnold (Chair), Welti, Longlands, Brooks, Capstick, Sedgwick and Bromley.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Lancaster, Cowperthwaite and McPherson (Covid/health concerns) and accepted by the meeting. Whilst Cllr Lancaster had been present as the meeting commenced, and for the two previous meetings he was called away urgently as this meeting commenced. Newly elected Vice Chairman Cllr Arnold therefore presided at the meeting. One Casual Vacancy.

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Public Participation

One Member of the public present for information only at Item 10 Planning.

5. Coronavirus Covid 19 – update on relevant information, including any urgent matters

There were no urgent matters to consider. Members were reminded that the next Parish Council meeting was due to be held on 8th July 201 (no monthly meeting in June). Cllr Welti was able to confirm that the Covid Support line would continue until 30th June 2021, advising that calls to the support line had dwindled substantially in recent weeks.

6. Minutes of the Meetings of the Parish Council 8th April 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th April 2021 had been adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

7. Matters noted from the Minutes of 8th April 2021

There were no other matters to note, all ongoing items were included on the Agenda.

8. Report/update from District/County Council

Apologies were received from CCC Cllr Cotton. District Cllrs Pye and Mitchell did not attend. It was acknowledged that there were restrictions on numbers attending the meeting.

9. Casual Vacancy

No applications had been received; Members resolved to review this at a future meeting.

10. Planning

The Planning Committee had met via Zoom in May and subsequently attended a site visit for S/03/696B. The full report (attached) was recommended for approval and Members resolved to adopt the observations in regard to S/03/696B land adjacent to 17 New Street. Cllr Arnold advised committee Members that a meeting would be scheduled for June for recent updates on other applications.

11. Finance

Members resolved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on Monday 4th May 2021.

12. Grants

There were no grant applications in April/May 2021.

13. Amenities Committee

The Amenities Committee had not met; however, it was noted that additional weed control was required at the playing field. Members were also updated with plans for a planter on the corner of Joss Lane/Main Street. The Clerk had approached SLDC for funds from the Welcome Back Fund to potentially purchase a planter and CCC Highways had attended to confirm a potential site/location. It was noted that a formal Agreement would be necessary in due course, and that the planter would need to be moveable to allow access to any services.

14. Update on Projects

Maryfell Street sign, the winning design drafts were awaited, the Clerk confirmed there had been some progress.

Joss Lane car park – no progress to report in regard to resurfacing at this time. Members noted a request received from the Sedbergh Economic Partnership in regard to prioritizing resurfacing at the car park, with a view to improving car parking and ultimately potentially increase space available. The Clerk was asked to contact SLDC to progress proposals with the new Leader of SLDC and Cllr Arnold in due course. Members were minded to consider implications to parking during any refurbishment work, including considering alternative parking space as might be necessary.

Loftus Hill car park – the Clerk has requested an update on the lease, with Sedbergh School, from the Solicitors.

Jubilee Fountain – delayed due to Covid restrictions/availability of United Utilities/contractor.

B4RN – an update on the outlined proposals at Queen’s Garden had been received and is noted at Item 15 ii) Queens Garden. There was no update on proposals at the Playing Field.

Electric Vehicle Charging – The Chair and the Clerk had requested an update from SLDC in regard to consent at Joss Lane car park, but no further update had been received.

15. Queen’s Garden

No Members of the Committee were present. The Clerk was able to confirm, however, that a Tree Safety Survey had been scheduled for June 2021.

- i) Bandstand – the Clerk was able to advise that an introductory report was currently being completed for Members to consider at a future meeting.
- ii) B4RN – Members considered the request for a formal wayleave at the garden, previously circulated, and it was resolved to progress. In the absence of Queen’s Garden Committee Members, the wayleave was signed by Cllr Arnold. Members wished to note that B4RN would have to make good any damage while completing work, with particular note for the wall along the western boundary (closest to the intended route). Members also highlighted potential tree root damage and the requirement for extreme care by B4RN.

16. Sedbergh Economic Partnership – Sedbergh Growth Framework, Members to consider priorities within the Framework

Members are aware of the request for the Council to consider their priorities within the Framework, however, the Clerk was asked to liaise further with the SEP. Currently there are ten sections listed, ranging from ‘Housing for the future’ to ‘Grow the Tourism Sector’ with several priorities within each of the headings. Members thought, therefore, that focusing on a reduced number of priorities would be more beneficial once the SEP had met formally and discussed their focus areas further.

17. Highways Matters

There were no specific matters to update, however, the Clerk was able to advise that CCC Cllr Cotton had confirmed that the proposal for a footpath at Howgill Lane had reached the next stage with CCC. Cllr Arnold proposed that he meet further with Cllr Cotton and Highways to progress potential plans.

Additionally, following the last meeting, the Clerk will follow up potential costs for indicative place name signs. For example, Dowbiggin, Row Lane and Bluecaster Lane. Following the meeting with District Cllr Pye and CCC Highways in regard to the Sedbergh Road Safety group in April, there had been no further feedback/update received.

18. Correspondence

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

- i) General enquiry about a potential milk machine in Sedbergh – Members were advised of an enquiry into the possibility of a milk dispenser in Sedbergh and had been asked generally about Joss Lane car park. Members thought, however, this was not a viable location due to space/power required/SLDC consent etc.
- ii) Sedbergh Economic Partnership – request for Members to consider problematic parking (see Item 14).
- iii) Cllr Bromley raised a request from a resident in regard to the potential provision of a litter bin at Millthrop Bridge. The clerk will write to SLDC.

21. Date and Time of next meeting –the normal monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday 8th July 2021, commencing 7.30pm in Committee Room, Sedbergh People's Hall, Howgill Lane, Sedbergh