

Minutes of the Meeting of Sedbergh Parish Council Finance Committee

Held at the Rawthey Room, Sedbergh Information Centre, 72 Main Street, Sedbergh on 6th September 2021 at 5pm

Present:

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

1. Apologies

All Members were present.

2. Declaration of Interests

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting held Mon 9th August 2021

The minutes were agreed and signed, as a true record, by the Chairman Cllr Lancaster.

4. Financial Summary and Bank Reconciliation

The Financial Summary for August 2021 had been circulated to Members and it was resolved that all payments were recommended to Full Council for approval. In addition, payments were recommended for Viking (stationery) £100.07 and Water Plus Ltd (Main Street toilets) £167.47. The Bank Reconciliation for August 2021 was checked and found to be correct and signed by Cllrs Brooks and Capstick.

5. Income and Expenditure 2021-2022

The Income and Expenditure report for 2021/2022 was circulated for information. The Clerk additionally noted recent communication received by Cllrs Lancaster and McPherson in respect of CANS (Councils Against Noise and Speed) whereby the group were looking at the prospect of financial support from all Parish Councils on the 'Devil's Bridge Triangle'. The request being to fund a poster campaign in the future. In particular there was a question over whether larger Parish Councils on the route would be prepared to donate say £200.00, with smaller Parishes contributing, say £100.00. Members discussed the proposal, including whether funds might be better donated toward a potential campaign to reduce the speed limit of the 'triangle' and the matter was, therefore, referred to Full Council – 9th September 2021. Members also noted the recent quotation for the outstanding safety works at Queen's Garden (some works completed by Parish Handyman) as recommended on the Tree Survey report – June 2021. Members resolved that the contractor, Charlesworth Tree Care & Fencing, should be asked to proceed as soon as practicable, noting the 'Risk of Harm' ratings from the report and the timescales recommended for the remedial works.

6. Grant Applications

- i) Donation – Members discussed the recent request for funds towards the Defibrillator currently being considered by residents at Millthrop (in conjunction with The First Responders) and agreed that they would welcome an application for a Grant toward the installation of the cabinet within the former BT phone box.
- ii) Sedbergh Young Farmers - £750.00 Members discussed the application from the YFC for funds towards a replacement gazebo. It was noted that there had not been a request for financial support for several years from the Club and it was, therefore, resolved to recommend an increased sum of £1,000 toward the total cost of the gazebo. Members also noted that the Club was well supported in the Parish and was of benefit to many young people.
- iii) Sedbergh Walking and Cycling Group - £500.00 Members discussed the application toward the production of a new guide book – The Friends Way. However, Members were not clear on whether this was ultimately a commercial project and therefore rejected the request. The Clerk was asked to write to the Group seeking further clarification.

7. Electric Vehicle Charging

- i) **proposed lease at Joss Lane car park - Charge My Street (CMS).** Members noted that following the meeting with South Lakeland District Council, outstanding queries relating to insurance/consent had been resolved. A further site meeting had now arranged for 7th September 2021 to discuss location/installation progression.

8. Consider Parish Council assets in preparation for future Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) and discussions with South Lakeland District Council

Members had previously raised a query with South Lakeland District Council over the potential to take back responsibility for the Cemetery. Feedback from the Council had been that Sedbergh Parish Council should consider all its assets, leased from SLDC, and then discuss further in due course. Cllr Arnold wished to make clear that the proposed resurfacing at Joss Lane car park, meeting previously requested with SLDC, should not be delayed in the interim. The Clerk has requested an update from SLDC in respect of this meeting, to discuss progressing the proposed resurfacing/lining works needed at Joss Lane car park. For further note, the current leases with SLDC are as follows; land adjacent to river bank and river Rawthey (land and path at New Bridge) (5.12.2011, 99 years), Joss Lane car park (1.4.2012, 75 years), Main Street toilets (1.6.2011, 99 years) and land at Guldrey Tennis (Tennis courts and informal parking area) (5.12.2011, 999 years).

9. Date of next meeting – Monday 11th October 2021 at 5.30pm, Members resolved to meet in the Parish Council Office, 72 Main Street, Sedbergh LA10 5AD