

Meeting of Sedbergh Parish Council, Finance Committee advisory online meeting, held Monday 10th January 2022 at 5.30pm

[Minutes of the advisory meeting of Sedbergh Parish Council Finance Committee held via online conference \(Zoom\) on Monday 10th January 2022 at 5.30pm](#)

Present:

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

1. Apologies

All Committee Members were present at the meeting.

2. Declaration of Interests

There were no Declarations of Interest for this meeting.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting held Monday 6th December 2021

The minutes were agreed and will be signed, as a true record, by the Chairman Cllr Lancaster at the next appropriate meeting.

4. Financial Summary and Bank Reconciliation

The Financial Summary for December 2021 had been circulated to Members and it was resolved that all payments (attached) were agreed and ought to be paid as soon as practicable, as they were in line with Budget/anticipated expenditure. All details will be circulated to Members of the Council for their ongoing reference pending face to face meeting. VAT due for Quarter three is £3008.44. The quarterly water payment for Main Street toilets has now been amended to direct debit £103.04 monthly. Members also discussed the electricity tariff for Main Street toilets (due to end 31.1.22). Given the current volatile market for energy prices, Members resolved to fix the rate for one year only, as this price was significantly lower than the current standard variable rate. The Bank Reconciliation for December 2021 was checked and found to be correct and will be signed by Cllrs Brooks and Capstick when practical.

5. Income and Expenditure 2021-2022

The up-to-date Income and Expenditure report for 2021/2022 was circulated for information.

- i) To formally recommend the annual Precept demand to South Lakeland District Council, following previous adoption of Budget. Members noted that the tax base for calculations had increased from 1052.38 to 1078.62. With the previously agreed 6% increase (to allow for increased expenditure) for an average Band D property, the Present request would now be £41160.14, an overall increase from £37,885.68 (8.643%). However, this is equivalent to the 6% increase for an average Band D property previously agreed. This equates approximately to £38.16 for 2022/2023 for an average Band D property (previously £36.00), with an increase therefore of approximately 0.05p per week.

6. Grant Applications

There had been no grant applications received in December.

7. Consider Parish Council assets in preparation for future Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) and discussion with South Lakeland District Council and update on Sedbergh Cemetery.

South Lakeland District Council had responded in respect of Sedbergh Cemetery, advising that due to the LGR, no individual asset would be considered at this time for transfer. Any transfer of assets, in the future, would be considered as part of any ongoing LGR organisation/review.

8. Playing field path – update on potential pathway project, Howgill Lane

A site meeting had not yet been possible; however, Cllr Arnold hopes to schedule a site visit for week commencing 17th January 2022.

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9. Bank Mandate/Online Banking – future provision of banking arrangements

The Clerk will look to progress possible options, also noting any adjustment that might be required to Council Risk Assessment (online banking security).

10. Date of next meeting – Monday 10th January 2022 at 5.30pm, Members resolved to meet in the Parish Council Office, 72 Main Street, Sedbergh LA10 5AD