

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

Minutes of the monthly Meeting for the Parish Council of Sedbergh, held in the Committee Room, Sedbergh People’s Hall, Howgill Lane, Sedbergh at 8.15 pm on Thursday 12th May 2022 (the meeting followed the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council)

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

Part I

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Cowperthwaite and McPherson and accepted by the meeting. One Vacancy.

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Public Participation

No comments were raised by Members of the Public.

5. Minutes of the Meetings of the Parish Council 14th March 2022

Members had resolved to adopt the Minutes at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

6. Matters noted from the Minutes of 10th March 2022

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

7. Report/update from District/County Council

Apologies were received from County Cllr Cotton and District Cllr Pye. Cllr Mitchell attended to introduce himself as new Member for the shadow authority of Westmorland and Furness Council, along with Cllr Hazel Hodgson.

8. To receive an update on the Local Government Reorganisation/Notice of Election – Westmorland and Furness Council Elections 2022

See Item 7 (above).

9. Planning

The Planning Committee scheduled a meeting for 18th May 2022 at 7.30pm in the Parish Council office.

10. Finance

Members received the minutes from the meeting held on 2nd May 2022. In addition to payments already made/agreed under delegated authority on 2nd May, Members resolved to approve further payments of £244.92/99.98 Toilet Supplies, Misc £33.25/£9.90 Community Project, £1560.00 Annual room rental, £176.68 car park fees, £85.50 Main Street toilets (water) and the annual insurance renewal £1867.20 which had been received, since the earlier meeting. These were approved to avoid any further delay. The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled later than usual on 13th June 2022.

11. Grants

There were no Grant applications, though Members were aware that a request for funds was likely from the Sedbergh Economic Partnership, toward the Economic Advisor role and Town Twinning support.

12. Amenities Committee

No meeting had been held in May, due to Elections. The following items were noted at the meeting.

i) United Utilities – playing field/playground (burst water pipe). Members received an update following the site visit on 5th May 2022. United Utilities had now completed a repair/backfill, however, Members asked the Clerk to liaise further over an improved finish. It was noted that UU had agreed to reimburse expenses for the repair of the wet pour damage close to the burst pipe. Further communication is anticipated from UU in respect of a potential replacement pipe, ahead of the path project. ii) Market - a query had been raised from an existing stall holder at the Wednesday weekly market, over the current rules/potential duplication. It was agreed that Cllr Arnold would reply to the Trader, highlighting (as previously) that no rules were being broken in relation to produce sales and that diversity of products was encouraged.

13. Update on Projects

Loftus Hill car park – the Clerk was awaiting a copy of the completed lease.

Jubilee Fountain – the Clerk advised that the fountain was almost ready for commissioning into use, various final checks/risk assessment/public health regulations to be confirmed prior official reopening. Thanks were noted to the local contractor for their perseverance and support in completing the internal workings and to United Utilities for reconnecting the supply.

Joss Lane car park – the Clerk confirmed an initial meeting with a consultation to obtain fee proposal to complete a specification/information that would be required for a future tender. i) Electric Vehicle Charging -

Electric Vehicle Charging – the Clerk continues to investigate potential funding via The Energy Saving Trust, On-Street Residential ChargePoint Scheme (ORCS), Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV) and potential future tender for EV installation at Joss Lane and (also) Loftus Hill car park. Cllr Longlands will additionally complete some investigations over EV installations. It was noted that Sedbergh School would support EV at Loftus Hill car park/or consider their own installation.

14. Queen’s Garden

The Queen’s Garden Committee were scheduled to meet later this month to discuss next steps including i) bandstand proposal.

15. Highways Matters

Following the continuing concerns raised about parked cars at Station Road (and Castlegarth/Thorns Lane and Loftus Hill/Busk Lane – the Clerk advised that CCC Highways were not able to add these areas to the list of potential Traffic Regulation Order consultations in the short term, due to lack of available funding at this time. Members were extremely disappointed to note this update and it was agreed that this should be followed up further.

i) Proposed footpath at Howgill Lane. Members noted that final confirmation of the proposed project was awaited from Cumbria County Council.

16. Correspondence

The attached Clerk’s Correspondence list was noted by the meeting:

- i) Sedbergh Economic Partnership meeting – no further update (See Item 11)
- ii) United Utilities – the Clerk noted that Yorkshire Dales National Park were now in contact with United Utilities over the discharges close to Birks/and the reported discharges into the river.
- iii) Sedbergh School Challenge Week – Members thanked Sedbergh School for the request for projects, Cllr Arnold advised several already in the early planning stages, and town benches was added for consideration.

- iv) South Lakeland District Council – it was confirmed that the PSPO (Public Space Protection Order) was now added to the paddock area adjacent to the playground at Maryfell – prohibiting the exercise of dogs. This followed a request by the Parish Council some time ago, so that residents/children could use the area as an extension of the playground/recreation area following the significant refurbishment in 2019.

17. Date and Time of next meeting – monthly meeting of Sedbergh Parish Council, to be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 16th June 2022 in the Committee Room, Sedbergh People’s Hall, Howgill Lane, Sedbergh. (Delayed one week, to accommodate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee).

Part II

It was resolved and agreed that the public should be excluded from the meeting for reason of the financially sensitive and confidential nature of the items to be discussed.

18. Road Safety A684

Members resolved to go into part two to discuss an update from CANS (Councils Against Noise and Speed).

19. Legacy monies/Update Solicitors

No update on legacy monies at this time. Members continued to discuss future legal representation arrangements of the Council.