

Meeting of Sedbergh Parish Council, Finance Committee meeting, held Monday 6th December 2021 at 5.30pm

Minutes of the Meeting of Sedbergh Parish Council Finance Committee held at the Rawthey Room, Sedbergh Information Centre, 72 Main Street, Sedbergh on Monday 6th December 2021 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 15th November 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 November 2021 had been circulated to Members and it was resolved that all payments (attached) were recommended to Full Council for approval. In addition, payments for Main Street toilets (water) £650.99 and £42.00 for peat free compost at Queen's Garden were recommended. The quarterly water payment for Main Street toilets included additional monies for an underestimated Bill in August. This quarterly invoice would now be switched to monthly direct debit for future payments and a direct debit mandate was signed by Cllr Brooks and the Clerk. It was also noted that the Parish Lighting (unmetered supply) invoices, currently with Eon, had been transferred to Npower. In addition, it was noted that Cllr Longlands and the Clerk were meeting with Friends of the Lake District in January 2022, to discuss an audit of the Parish Lights and a report would be made to Council Members thereafter. This might include consideration to current usage/efficiency/safety and future Dark Skies (YDNPA). The Bank Reconciliation for November 2021 was checked and found to be correct and signed by Cllrs Brooks and Capstick.

5. Income and Expenditure 2021-2022

The up-to-date Income and Expenditure report for 2021/2022 was circulated for information. The gross parking permit tranche of funds had now been received from the Information Centre for sale of annual permits - £13,050.00. In addition, it was noted that there had been emergency tree works required at Queen's Garden following Storm Arwen 26th November 2021. The fallen trees had narrowly missed the Monument at the centre of the Garden.

- i) Draft budget proposals for 2022/2023 – the draft budget (adopted at the November meeting) was circulated for further information/comment.
- ii) Precept information from South Lakeland District Council – the tax base/precept information form had not yet been received from the Council.

6. Grant Applications

There had been no grant applications received in November.

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.

No further information or update had been received from SLDC. The Clerk was asked to follow this up again with particular emphasis, for example, on any commuted sum that may (or may not) be available in respect of the Cemetery. Members are aware, of course, that with the Local Government Reorganisation scheduled, some decisions/responses may be slower than hoped and might not be fully available until the Shadow Authority has been elected in May 2022.

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

It was noted that an initial design had now been received for the proposed path, however some amendments were needed prior to further progression and potential Tender for the project. Members of the Committee recommended that Delegated Powers should be given to Cllrs Lancaster and/or Arnold to progress as required along with the Clerk and in the meantime, the Clerk was requested to arrange a site meeting as soon as practical to discuss the design further.

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

Following some initial discussions in October, the Clerk will look to progress possible options in early 2022.

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