

**Minutes of the Sedbergh Annual Parish Meeting**  
**Committee Room, Sedbergh People's Hall, Sedbergh, held on**  
**Thursday 18th May 2023 at 7.00 pm**

**In attendance - Cllrs Lancaster (Chair), Arnold, Brooks, Capstick, Longlands, Welti, Sedgwick, Hutt, McPherson and Cowperthwaite.**

**There were four Members of the Public at the meeting.**

1. Apologies for absence  
Received from Cllr Bromley.
2. Introduction and Welcome  
The Chairman welcomed Members and the public to this open Annual Parish meeting. Giving a brief introduction to the purpose of the meeting which allows those on the electoral role, within the Parish area, the opportunity to discuss any matters of interest or concern that relate to their local community.
3. Minutes of 2022 Annual Meeting of the Parish  
The Minutes were adopted as a true record and signed by the Chair, Cllr Lancaster.
4. Chairman's Report for 2022/2023  
The attached Report had been circulated to Members (and public), and will be available online. Thanks were noted for the report and it was agreed that a shortened version be submitted for inclusion in the Lookaround, as previously.
5. To receive the Draft Accounts for 2022/23  
The Clerk presented the attached draft summary of accounts to the meeting. It was noted that there was £247341.45 held in the bank, however, £202942.95 were ear marked reserves – leaving a free reserve of £44398.50. Ear marked reserves included Legacy money (with some funds being considered for a project to improve the play area at Howgill Lane in the future) funds for the Parish Lighting project, EV Charging and future resurfacing/enhancement of the car parks, as well as 'sinking/maintenance' funds for the tennis courts and Queen's Garden.
6. Forum – an opportunity to discuss or ask questions on any matters of interest or concern within the Parish, including the ongoing car parking strategy.
  - a) Car parking – the Chair was able to advise that there were ongoing meetings with Westmorland and Furness Council in respect of parking and how visitor and resident parking may be improved in the future. This included the consideration of moving coach parking away from the town centre, for example, potentially allowing an increased number of parking bays. A question was raised over whether the Council might include the feasibility of a 'shared space' Main Street and provision of overspill parking during busy periods.
  - b) Pump Track – a question was raised over whether there was still an aspiration for a Pump Track in the town, and the Chairman advised that the Community Trust were still pursuing the project and hopeful to secure suitable land in the future.
7. Close  
The meeting closed at 7.25pm