

Minutes of the Sedbergh Annual Parish Meeting
Committee Room, Sedbergh People's Hall, Sedbergh, held on
Thursday 16 May 2024 at 7.00 pm

In attendance - Cllrs Lancaster (Chair), Arnold, Capstick, Longlands, Welti, Sedgwick, Hutt, Bromley, and Cowperthwaite

Cllr Hodgson arrived during the meeting, there were no other Members of the Public at the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence
Received from Cllrs Brooks and McPherson.
2. Introduction and Welcome
The Chairman welcomed Members to this open Annual Parish meeting.
3. Minutes of 2023 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 2023/2024
The attached Report had been received by Members, 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 2023/24
The Clerk presented the attached draft summary of accounts to the meeting, along with financial report. The recent Internal Auditor report was also noted.
6. Forum – an opportunity to discuss or ask questions on any matters of interest or concern within the Parish, including questions on projects completed (for example, Parish Street light improvement project and EV Charger installation). Also hear about potential future projects, including the new playground proposal at the playing field, Howgill Lane
 - a) Pharmacy services in Sedbergh – whilst no Member of the public was present, Councillors discussed recent concern raised in connection with the new pharmacy service in Sedbergh. It was noted that Boots Chemist had sold the business to a new independent pharmacy (Jhoots) and that there had been some settling in issues. Notably in respect of medication availability and general stock, though hope that this will improve. However, Members were particularly concerned in respect of the change to opening hours, with the store now due to be closed on Saturdays. This would leave no access to times outside of normal office hour provision (or emergency prescriptions) for residents in the town. Those present agreed that the Clerk should write a letter, on behalf of the community/parish to Tim Farron MP and David Morris MP, the General Pharmaceutical Council and Jhoots Head Office with their concerns.
7. Close
The meeting closed at 7.25pm