

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

Minutes of the monthly Meeting for the Parish Council of Sedbergh, held at 7.30pm in the Committee Room, Sedbergh People’s Hall, Howgill Lane, Sedbergh on Thursday 11 April 2024

Present: Councillors Lancaster (Chair), Arnold, Longlands, Capstick, Welti, Brooks, Hutt and Cowperthwaite

1. Apologies for absence and authorisation of continued leave of absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs McPherson, Sedgwick and Bromley.

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no new requests for additional Dispensations at this meeting.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Public Participation

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

5. To adopt the Minutes of the normal monthly meeting, held Thursday 14 March 2024

The Minutes of the monthly meeting held on 14 March 2024 were adopted, and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Lancaster, as a true record of the meeting.

6. Matters to note from the Minutes of 14 March 2024 not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda

All matters were included on the agenda.

7.. Report/update from Westmorland and Furness Council

Cllrs Mitchell and Hodgson had sent apologies for the meeting.

8. Planning

The following application was discussed at the meeting. S/03/712A Catholes Cottage, Millthrop, Sedbergh, householder planning permission for erection of greenhouse in the garden of the house. Members resolved no objections. **i) Strategic Housing Market Assessment (Yorkshire Dales National Park)** it was noted that a response had not been submitted.

9. Finance

Members resolved to accept the minutes from the meeting held on 9 April 2024, which included approval of all payments recommended. **i) Draft Annual Governance and Accountability Return preparations for Internal Audit.** Draft documents, along with draft annual accounts were shared and it was agreed that all papers now be shared with the internal auditor ahead of the May meetings.

10. Amenities Committee

Members had not met; however, it was noted that the replacement door project, for the toilets on Main Street, would be completed in July. It was further noted that the donations received from the collection boxes at Main Street, would be a large contribution toward the cost of these improvements.

11. Update on Projects

Sedbergh Playground – Members noted that the inaugural meeting of the advisory group had taken place, with a further meeting scheduled for later this month. Members resolved that the Clerk make early enquiries with YDNPA in respect of pre-application planning advice, with a site visit, for the playground and future aspirations for the car parking area. Finally, it was noted that the Electric Vehicle installation at Joss Lane car park was now complete and in operation

12. Queens Garden

Members of the Committee had met, and the informal notes (attached) circulated for reference. The Clerk was awaiting confirmation of a date for the planned tree inspection. In respect of the stone steps, it was agreed that Members of the Committee should begin to liaise with YDNPA (which might ultimately require formal pre-application advice) over continued hopes to engage a specialist to carry out preliminary investigations. Finally, it was noted that Cllr Longlands had been asked to attend The Bowling Club to discuss groundwork that may need attention.

13. Highways Matters - to receive any update/report on Highways matters

i) any update on culverts/drains Guldrey/Howgill Lane/playing field. No further update from W&F Council. However, for reference, the Clerk advised that The Lune Rivers Trust were hoping to meet with Members of the Council, informally, in respect of future flood reduction ideas. It was resolved that Cllrs Lancaster and Arnold would meet with them initially. ii) any updates on matters raised with W&F Council 8 February 2024, including New Bridge layby proposal, yellow lining – no update from W&F Council. In respect of the FOI for the A684, information had been received and was available for inspection if required. Finally, in respect of M6 J37, the Clerk noted that representative from the Lune Gorge Project (M6) had asked to attend a future meeting, and it was resolved that they would attend in June to give a brief introduction to their scheme. This might also give Members further opportunity to highlight their general concerns over safety at J37. Finally, the Clerk advised that some lining work, including the mini roundabout and the stop line at Howgill Lane (junction of Main Street) were scheduled for repainting in April (reported summer 2023).

14. Correspondence

Receive any items of correspondence (late items to be tabled at the meeting) and additionally consider items for the Agenda in May 2024.

- i) Sedbergh Economic Partnership – the Clerk noted the recent Event held by W&F with the SEP. And notes from the March meeting were circulated for reference.
- ii) 20mph zones in W&F – information had previously been received from W&F (December 2023) and circulated, but not formally discussed. A proposal by Cllr Longlands, for Members to consider a potential 20mph zone for Main Street, was rejected and, ultimately, remaining Members resolved not to progress an application.
- iii) Borrett Gate Toll Board – Members noted that Kendal Museum had asked if the Council would consider a permanent donation to the museum (currently loaned) after being with them for over 40 years. However, Members were minded to retain ownership of the important item of Sedbergh history, being content for it to remain on loan for a rolling 5-year period.
- iv) Lune Gorge Project – request to attend future meeting for early introduction to the scheme (see Item 14). Members noted that they had been invited to attend the June meeting.
- v) Benches – New Bridge. Members noted a further request from the volunteer in respect of the picnic benches, asking if they might submit a grant application in the name of the Parish Council – Members resolved to reject the request and the Clerk was asked to liaise further.
- vi) Height of Winder – Members noted a request from a resident to place a plaque on the existing bench at Howgill Lane and Members agreed to the request.
- vii) Members noted that an official portrait of His Majesty King Charles III had been received by the Council, and Members resolved to donate the portrait to the People’s Hall (if accepted).
- viii) Members noted that an in-person consultation in respect of the newly introduced 563 bus service was scheduled in Sedbergh on 23 April 2024.
- ix) Yorkshire Dales National Park Management Plan meeting – scheduled 7 May 2024, Settle, Cllr Lancaster is hoping to attend.
- x) The Clerk noted an invite to 80th Anniversary of D-Day by RBL – Saturday 8 June, 11am.

15. Date and Time of next meetings. Annual Parish Meeting, commencing 7.00pm on 16 May 2024 in the Committee Room, Sedbergh People’s Hall, Howgill Lane, Sedbergh. Followed, directly, by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the normal monthly meeting.