

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

Minutes of the monthly Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in the Committee Room, The People's Hall, Howgill Lane, Sedbergh at 7.30 pm on Thursday 12th September 2019

Present: Councillors Lancaster, Brooks, Capstick, Welti, Longlands, McPherson, Cowperthwaite, Arnold, Bromley and Saunders

Part I

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Sedgwick and accepted by the meeting.

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. Declarations of Interest

Members received no declarations of interest

4. Public Participation

Representation from Sedbergh People's Hall (PH) – following proposals to commemorate VE Day 2020, a further short presentation was made updating Members in relation to ongoing planning. These include various activities for all ages throughout the day. It is envisaged that all activities will be free and, therefore, the PH Committee will be seeking donations/grants toward set up costs. The Clerk was requested, therefore, to forward a Grant application for their further reference and submission for consideration at a future meeting. Members thanked the PH for their attendance. Langstone Fell car parking area – (see Item 7)

5. Minutes of the Meetings of the Parish Council 8th August 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th August 2019 were agreed as a true record and were adopted and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Lancaster.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes of 8th August 2019

There were no matters arising from the meeting held on 8th August 2019, not already included on the Agenda.

7. Langstone Fell informal car parking area – update

The freehold owner of the part of Langstone Fell currently under consideration left the room as the Council moved into Part II of the Agenda to confidentially discuss the matter in detail and to consider various legal matters relating thereto. He was then invited to return to hear the Council's decision which was as follows. Following a site meeting, and taking further advice thereon, the Council now notes the present situation. Any further practical actions will need to be negotiated between the owner and interest parties. Cllr Lancaster will, additionally, meet with the landowner to advise the current position.

8. CCTV – proposals for Police monitored CCTV for Sedbergh, consultation summary

Following the meeting in August, the Clerk circulated a summary of the recent CCTV questionnaire (attached). It was noted that seventy responses had been received, with 55 saying they think SPC should take up the offer of CCTV and 15 saying no. Additionally, of those that completed the form, 45 responses had indicated that they would prefer to see CCTV at the Market Place and Joss Lane/Main Street junction locations. Members discussed the results in detail and agreed to progress a grant application to the Police & Crime Commissioner in the first instance. Cllrs McPherson and Arnold abstained.

9. Report from District/County Council

CC Nick Cotton and DC's Ian Mitchell and Suzie Pye gave their apologies. Cllr Lancaster acknowledged the recent Tour of Britain Cycling event that had passed through Sedbergh on 10th September 2019 – noting the excellent coverage on television.

10. Planning

The Planning Committee meeting minutes were received by Members. It was noted that Cllr Arnold had attended the YDNPA Planning Committee scheduled for 13th August 2019 in respect of 6 Finkle Street (S/03/6161A). And that it was being referred to YDNP committee call back – Members had voted 8 to 4 in support of SPC's position and contrary to the officer's recommendation.

11. Finance

The attached Finance Committee meeting minutes and finance papers were received by the meeting and all requests for payments were approved. However, it was noted that the payment for the recent Main Street toilet repairs/works be held by Cllr Brooks until snagging is complete. Members noted that a Market SLA review meeting had taken place with representation from Sedbergh CIC and that further updates would follow at a future meeting. Finally, Members agreed that the Notice of conclusion of audit would now be published, along with Sections 1,2 and 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return – noting the comments therein.

12. Grants

Further to the approach made in August in respect of the Marketing proposals being developed as part of the Sedbergh Economic Partnership Sub Committee. Members were advised that a further sub group meeting had taken place and that Cllr Saunders had been in attendance. It was understood that those Consultants shortlisted would be invited to present their ideas to a small selection from the sub group and further information would follow. Members agreed, therefore, that they would look forward to the further developments so that they may consider any future contribution.

13. Amenities Committee

The Amenities Committee meeting had met, but the minutes were not yet available and would be circulated as soon as practicable.

14. Update on Projects

Sedbergh School Challenge Week (plans for the future) – Cllr Arnold advised that the Challenge Week was to be an established annual event and was keen to receive ideas for projects in the future.

Joss Lane car park – Cllr Arnold has not yet met with SLDC. **Loftus Hill car park** – Cllrs Lancaster and McPherson had met with the Solicitor in regard to the ongoing lease and it was envisaged that the draft lease would be available for Members consideration in the near future.

Maryfell play area – the Clerk is awaiting information in regard to a potential change of roundabout at the playpark to allow full use by wheelchair users and will report further in due course. Although there will be a financial implication, SLDC have already indicated their financial support and remaining funds will be sought from other bodies with the support of a local parent. **Maryfell parking area** – the parking area is now complete.

Telephone kiosk at Millthrop – information awaited and will be a future Agenda item. **Jubilee Fountain** – the Clerk was able to confirm that investigative works by UU for the potential reconnection of water at the fountain are due to take place in October (a formal road close notice is required prior).

15. Queen's Garden

The Queen's Garden Committee have not met. It was noted that the events planned at the Gardens during August, both had to be cancelled due to the weather. Cllrs Lancaster and McPherson hope to convene a meeting as soon as practical.

18. Correspondence

The attached Clerk's Report was considered by the meeting:

- i) PCSO – a police summary was circulated to Members. Members noted a comment over parking at the junction of Blackhorse/B6256. Whilst the junction is not within the Parish Council boundary at the east side, the west exit/entrance was within SPC boundary, Members expressed their desire that no width restriction be imposed, as the road is often used for access in the event of flood/road closures etc, as well as access to Killington and Middleton.
- ii) YDNP – Parish Forum scheduled for October.
- iii) Sedbergh Cemetery (Busk Lane) – Members noted recent observations in regard to the current state of repair of the cemetery, the recent turfing of the main flower bed and the condition of the toilets. Cllr Lancaster advised that he will speak informally with SLDC in the first instance, with regard to the cemetery, and report further at a future meeting. Cllr Arnold noted that the toilets, for example, could be added to SS Challenge week in 2020.

19. Date and Time of next meeting – normal monthly meeting on Thursday 10th October 2019 – in the Committee Room, Sedbergh People's Hall, Howgill Lane, Sedbergh.

In accordance with Standing Orders it was proposed and resolved that the public should be excluded from the meeting by reason of the confidential information to be discussed in relation to the following item

Part II

7. Langstone Fell informal car parking area – update

Following the Parish Council meeting held on 8th August 2019 a site visit had taken place at Langstone Fell on 20th August 2019. A query was raised at the site meeting, principally in relation to Common Land and Cllr Lancaster had sought legal guidance. Councillors then discussed the matter in considerable detail before making their decision recorded under Agenda Item 7 above.