

## SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7:30pm Venue: Sedgwick Village Hall

**Present:** Cllr B Holmes (Chairperson), Cllr G Stoker, Cllr B Tanham, Cllr A Holmes, Cllr D Rathbone District Cllr R Bingham and Mrs S Roberts (Parish Clerk) and No members of the public attended.

- 126/21 Apologies:** It was resolved for apologies with reasons given that were accepted by Sedgwick Parish Council, to be noted from Cllr W Burrow- work commitment
- 127/21 Non-Attendance:** County Cllr B Gray
- 128/21 Minutes:** It was resolved for the Chairperson to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 as a true record.
- 129/21 Declarations of Interest / Dispensation Requests:** Cllr B Tanham declared that as she is the owner of a part of the canal towpath, she can take part in discussion regarding the Canal but cannot vote on any decisions. Sylvia Roberts the Parish Clerk also declared that her Son-in-Law Stuart Lambert would be a useful contact for providing a quote for the construction of a stone/slate bus shelter. It was agreed that if there are any further dealings with this contractor that Cllr B Holmes would deal with the matter not the Parish Clerk.
- 130/21 Public Participation:**  
A resident has requested details of fireworks displays at The Villa to be displayed on the notice board. It was noted that The Villa sometimes only gives the Council 24 hours' notice and that information is displayed on the website and Facebook page in the agreed format. It was agreed to advise the resident to contact The Villa directly so they can pursue the matter themselves.
- 131/21 Reports**  
**Police Report:** The Council are receiving Covid Police Updates and a monthly community newsletter. It included an incident in Milnthorpe – youths taking drugs who were asked to tidy up and “no further action taken if behaviour improved”. Cllr Bingham agreed to communicate our concern to Milnthorpe Parish Council that this seemed inappropriate. Two incidents in Hill Close were noted.  
**District Cllrs:** Cllr R Bingham – full report displayed in the noticeboard. Financial News -thanks to government funding there will be no increase in the County's share of the Council Tax for 2022/23 but a premium of 2%for Social Service will be levied and an increase for the PCC- so rates will go up by that amount.  
**County Cllr B Gray:** Cllr D Rathbone added that SLDC Programme Board was organising the shadow Council which had to be in place by May 2023.  
Play Equipment funding – he suggested contacting Polly Straker SLDC who is very helpful and the Cumbria Community Foundation. To help us understand the Unitary Authority Reforms Cllr Rathbone offered to invite Cllr Jonathan Brook- SLDC Leader to attend the next meeting- it was agreed to invite him to SPC AP Meeting as well on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
**Village Hall Report :** The Clerk sent details of funding available to VHC. The Broadband upgrade is scheduled for 16/2/22. The Village Hall Report 16<sup>th</sup> January was received - it was noted that finances were healthy with over £32,000 held. Both the Treasurer and Secretary will be retiring in September and the vacancies need to be filled. It was agreed to support recruitment by mentioning this in the newsletters.
- 132/21 Vacancy of a Parish Councillor:** The Parish Council have advertised the Casual Vacancy - to date no applications have been received. It was agreed to advertise in the newsletter.
- 133/21 Cumbria Association of Local Councils. South Lakeland District Association Meetings 27<sup>th</sup> January**  
Reported by Cllr B Tanham – copy of the minutes are available by contacting the Parish Clerk
- 134/21 Planning Application submitted/received:** None received
- 135/21 Sedgwick Parish Council COVID 19 –** Cllr B Holmes reported that restrictions may be lifted before the end of the month. Council to follow correspondence as updates are received.  
**Correspondence:** SLDC news Release 20/1/2022 and 3/2 2022.

**136/21 Highways/Footpaths**

- a) Highways Report - Cllr A Holmes reported that changes in the CCC reporting system meant that it was no longer possible to monitor existing faults so it was difficult to compile an update of the Highways Report. The Council have asked Helen Karaaslan if she could look into this issue and the outstanding highways faults. The ability to track and monitor reported issues was promised at training attended when the system was changed. It was agreed Cllr A Holmes would report issues again and hopefully receive a better response for the next PC meeting
- b) It was noted that Wellheads Lane would be closed for up to 18 months to carry out repair works to prevent future flooding. Cllr D Rathbone confirmed the closure would not be for a whole 18 months but as required and Highways apologised for not informing the Parish Council.
- c) Correspondence with Helen Karaaslan – we are still waiting for a response from our email of January 6<sup>th</sup>. The speed monitoring exercise had been completed in November and data was being reviewed in early December, but we received no information. Then the monitoring was repeated in January. HK was liaising with the landowner to agree where the new aqueduct pedestrian sign would be located. The Village sign is still missing despite it being ready for re-installation. Cllr A Holmes to follow up.
- d) Cllr R Bingham has requested a replacement of the Back Lane sign but it has not happened - he agreed to find out what was happening.
- e) Bus Shelter Installation- It was agreed that Cllr B Holmes will write to Linda Hardy (Bus infrastructure Officer) to request a site visit to ascertain whether the site is suitable for a shelter, before discussing the project further and starting consulting with residents. Funding is available for this project, but the Parish Council would be responsible for the shelter. The Clerk will ask Stuart Lambert for a rough costing of a stone/slate bus shelter if the site visit confirms the project is feasible.
- f) Flood Training Sessions availability 3<sup>rd</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022- received and noted.

**137/21 Canal Wildlife Area Report**

- a) Monthly report with the monitor of usage- see website and cabinet.
- b) Usage remains high and there is evidence of dog fouling.
- c) Restocking of the woodland in line with the felling license will be undertaken by the contractor when the Woodland Trust saplings arrive.
- d) LCRP Interpretation Installation of iron sculptures/waymarkers at Sedgwick Aqueduct - A decision by SLDC has yet to be made.
- e) CRT representative Angela Parkinson Green and James Ormrod have agreed to meet with Cllr B Tanham on 8<sup>th</sup> March to discuss ongoing maintenance and access issues at the aqueduct.
- f) Information Sign- Cllrs G Stoker reported that the information board had been repaired and would be reinstalled near the Footpath Board shortly.
- g) Cumbria Country Wildlife Site Event -17<sup>th</sup> February at 6 45- virtual meeting. It was noted but clashed with another meeting councillors are attending.

**138/21 Playground /Millennium Field**

- a) Monthly Safety Report- by Cllr Stoker reported he had checked the field and replacement stumps will be fitted in the spring.
- b) Councillors have begun research into suitable equipment for older (5-12) children and possible funding streams and they will be discussed at a meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> February. Correspondence had been received from David Willacy with photos and the history behind the Tree Slide with advice on future planning of this project. Cllrs Stoker and B Holmes will meet Playdale on 16<sup>th</sup> February to discuss their suggestions and advice on funding streams.

**139/21 Website/social media:** Cllr Holmes reported that the website has been updated and was well used. A request to add a links to the Queens Jubilee celebrations, walking site and the Anne Robinson Fund was agreed. Highways information contact details would be updated.

**140/21 Finance**

- a) The bank statements were received - Bank Balance as of 28 January Current £7,639.41
- b) Payments Approved: Shell Energy Broadband -January £16.98,
- c) Accounts reported on 9<sup>th</sup> February which cleared the bank account was approved by Cllr A Holmes

**141/21 Sedgwick Annual Parish Council Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022** – arrangements were agreed. Cllrs would discuss their specific areas of responsibility; the invited speaker would be Johnathan Brook SLDC Leader tbc. The Parish Clerk invite participants and prepare the draft budget.

**142/21 March Newsletter** – to include Jubilee Celebrations, Councillor Vacancy, Village Hall information, Tree planting, Canal Path repair and APM invitation/agenda

**142/21 The Queens Platinum Jubilee Beacons- 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022:** Meeting scheduled 16<sup>th</sup> February with Stainton PC & Crosscrake Church. It was agreed to purchase a Royal British legion Queen's canopy plaque for the newly planted trees to commemorate the Jubilee Celebrations. A further email would be sent to the WI inviting them to the installation of the plaque.

**143/21 Items for consideration for a future agenda**

- Updates on Covid-19
- Highways/Millennium Field/Website/Canal Report
- Local Government Reorganisation
- Millennium Field/ funding and replacement equipment
- Arrangements for SPC Annual APM-16th March 2022

**144/21 Correspondence:** All the documents have been circulated to the Councillors.

- **Articles on Short Walks in Cumbria-** agreed to a link added on the website
- **Latest News from ICO January 2022-** was received and accepted
- **Local Government Reorganisation Newsletter 19/1 & 28/1 & 3/2 2022-** received and noted
- **Community Electric Car Club request –** Cllr B Holmes completed to reflect the unrealistic chances of such a scheme being feasible in a small community such as ours.
- **NALC Policy Consultation Briefing – OFCOM Postal Regulation Consultation-** received and noted
- **Advertising Anne Robinson Trust pre-bereavement help line-** was agreed to put on the noticeboard and website

**145/21 Date of Next Meeting**

It was confirmed that the next Parish Meeting will be on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7 30 pm** at Sedgwick Village Hall.

*The meeting closed at 9: 30 pm*

Signed:..... (Chairperson) Date: 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022