

## SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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

**Present:** Cllr B Holmes (Chairperson), Cllr B Tanham (Vice), Cllr G Stoker, Cllr W Burrow, Cllr V Macconnell, Unitary Shadow Cllr D Rathbone and Mrs S Roberts (Parish Clerk) no members of the public attended.

**64/22 Apologies:** It was resolved for apologies with reasons given that were accepted by Sedgwick Parish Council, District Cllr R Bingham due to not wishing to drive in dark evening.

**65/22 Non-Attendance:** County Cllr B Gray and Cllr A Holmes

**66/22 Minutes:** It was resolved for the Chairperson to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022 as a true record.

**67/22 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.

**68/22 Public Participation:** None received

### **69/22 Reports**

**Police Report:** The Council are receiving Police Updates and a monthly community newsletter.

**District Cllrs:** Cllr R Bingham – emailed report which is displayed on the Noticeboard and Website

**County Cllr B Gray: Shadow Unitary Cllr D Rathbone** reported The Shadow Unitary New Council has appointed three Officers and further Officer can be appointed in December. Present staff will be TUPED across from SLDC with no redundancies. Councillors have received training over the weekend about Children's Services. At present there are so many unknowns so if SPC have any questions to refer them to Cllr Rathbone or Cllr Brook but the Unitarian Council priorities are for Safety and Legal. Local parliamentary constituency boundaries are changing, and Sedgwick will become part of Morcombe Bay and Lunesdale whose current MP is David Morris. This will have an impact on how we are represented.

**Village Hall Report** – we have received the Village Hall updated Village Hall Committee for 2022.

Changes have been made to the website and all the user groups contacted asking if they wish to advertise their classes on the website as space is available. Defibrillator Training is available on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November @ 7 pm places are limited. Also received a receipt of payment £180.00

**70/22 Training:** Calc update September – December 2022, Cllr Macconnell attended code of conduct training on 3<sup>rd</sup> November- certificate received and module 1 Effective Councillor on 21<sup>st</sup> November.

### **71/22 Planning Application submitted/received:**

- Land Allocation for the Local Planning Review - Cllr B Holmes has collated concerns and forward this information to the review, an acknowledgement receipt arrived 26<sup>th</sup> October from Alastair McNeill Senior Specialist SLDC. He stated all correspondence would be inputted on to the online system including SPC which would be eventually available to the public.
- TR/2022/0165 Sedgwick House- application to crown lift trees to driveway and parking areas. This information was noted but the Parish Council would not be making any comment as they didn't have the expertise on this application.
- Storey Homes- Natland/Kendal- Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> November @ 2pm – Attended Cllr B Tanham, who reported the development details are a build of 350 houses 35% affordable. The development will have two access roads of Burton Road. The developers would hope to start the build in 2024. At present Natland has 300 houses so it will more than double the size of the village and will change its character. It is anticipated that the purchases for the new homes will be working couples so that will create approximately 700 extra cars on the roads. It is inevitable that Sedgwick will be used by those wanting to access the development from A591 to avoid traffic in Kendal (Milnthorpe/Burton Rd and Romney Bridge). The Council questions whether the present infrastructure (sewage, roads, schools, doctors, dentist ect) will be able to accommodate 350 homes. It will have a huge impact on the environment especially pollution in the River Kent. It was agreed Sedgwick Parish Council would raise these concerns via Cllr B Tanham the Planning Officer and make a direct request that if planning permission

is granted, there should be attached , a condition for the developers to have to fund and organise a 20mph speed limit zone in Sedgwick and Natland.

#### **72/22 Highways/Footpaths**

- a) Highways Report – Councillors reported repairs have been done across the village. Faded signs have not been replaced.
- b) Correspondence with Paul Holdsworth regarding 20mph speed limit– Mr Holdsworth explained about his campaigning in Kendal and suggested we should campaign to be a 20 mph limit not a zone. (A zone includes traffic calming measures in addition to a speed limit) He felt it would be better to push the project forward when the new Unitary Council is in place. As the subject was complicated, he said he would be available to speak to the PC.
- c) Cllr R Bingham has not given an update on the replacement of the Back Lane sign so Cllr Rathbone agreed to investigate the situation.
- d) Bus Shelter Installation. The Council were approached by residents to provide a bus shelter for people waiting for both service buses and school buses It is not known whether this application has been successful. The cost of the Shelter from Glasson is £6,000.00. but there is also a deliver charge Cllr Tanham will contact Glasson to establish this price and 3 quotes will be acquired for the groundwork.
- e) Rubbish Bins: The Clerk has contacted Andrew Vickers Delivery and Commercial Officer SLDC who has assessed a rubbish bin by the Millennium Field and by the River Kent (to avoid the grit bin being used as a rubbish bin). He states there is insufficient reasons for SLDC to install bins in these locations. The Council agreed to appeal this decision because of the dog poo bags in the grit bin are a safety issue and requested the Clerk to action the appeal.
- f) Abandoned Peugeot - Cllr Macconnell reported she had contacted SLDC to report the abandoned Peugeot had been by the Aqueduct for several months now and the Council would be investigating this matter. Results are - No further action. The police have been informed but are unable to take action.

#### **73/22 Playground /Millennium Field**

- a) Monthly Safety Report- by Cllr Stoker reported that he carried out the monthly inspection early in the week and said the field was well used, rubbish bins emptied, and equipment checked over. The Tree Slide has a section of rotten wood under the slide which needs repair, and the Clerk was asked to contact D Willacy for an update in this matter.
- b) Equipment replacement – The Freestyle slide on wetpour at a cost of £33,285. was agreed so funding can now be applied for. Updates would be presented at the January meeting by Cllr W Burrow. Cllr Macconnell offered to assist with funding by organising a village fun run. This was thought to be a great way to start fund raising and she was thanked
- c) Sedgwick Parish Council Safeguarding Officer –Cllr V Macconnell offered to take up this post, which was proposed by Cllr B Homes and seconded by Cllr G Stoker, all agreed to the proposal and thanked Cllr Macconnell for her offer.

#### **74/22 Canal Wildlife Area Report**

- a) Monthly report by Cllr B Homes- This is available on the website and noticeboard; The Chair will meet with the contractor James Park when plants have died back to instruct on the winter maintenance tasks. At present there is a high level of usage along the Wildlife Area footpath including cyclists who are using the path even though it is not permitted.
- b) The No Cycling signs are still in situ.
- c) Cllr B Tanham reported The Canal and River Trust – Angela Parkinson -Green has been off work ill and will shortly be going on maternity leave but there will be a contact while she isn't available., She stated Vegetation – there has been non identified from the latest survey that was conducted in August that pose as high risk. The survey completed may have identified ash die back, but again this would go into a program of works it would not be immediate this next two years due to the tree works already planned for this autumn/winter. Tunnel vegetation – has been completed to date. James has some days in December / January booked in so that will help mitigate the vegetation.
- d) Cllr B Tanham reported Historic England could not identify ownership of the steps and suggested that this information was with Land Registry with the link provided.
- e) CRT hope to install the artwork installations at the end of the year but is still awaiting planning approval. A notice has been erected on site for an extension to the temporary closure extended to 31 March 2023 but still no date of installation.
- f) Cllr B Tanham reported LCRP Chairman Chris May has requested SLDC Ruth Leahy to forward the feasibility plan of March 21. He has responded to inform us that he is standing down and that the plan has been published and given to SLDC and that Ruth Leahy could forward a copy . This has been requested but no report received. This to be followed up. Mr May was unable to comment on the lack of minutes and transparency. Cllr Rathbone to follow up.

**75/22 Website/social media:** Cllr B Holmes reported that the website has been updated with Village Hall Committee information, The Art Club information, and Parish Councillors information update along with the Meeting dates for 2023 and updated minutes.

**76/22 Finance**

- a) The bank statements were received - Bank Balance as of 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022 £ 8,755.07
- b) To approve payments: Continental Landscapes Ltd £408 Grass Cutting July- Oct 2022 and S Roberts Parish Clerk salary/expenses July-Nov £1,629.68, S Roberts back pay April- Nov 22 Nalc pay scale 23-£208, Calc Training 3/11 £20 and 21/11 £30
- c) Sign the accounts agreed on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and cleared the bank account.
- d) Bank reconciliation from 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022- received and accepted
- e) Nalc Pay Scale award from April 2022 with Parish Clerk report. It was agreed by all Councillors to pay the Nalc pay award update from April -Nov 22 backpay of £156 and from to date pay £15.67 SCP 23
- f) Appointment of Accountant for 2023: it was agreed by all Councillors to appoint M Richardson a retired accountant as the internal Auditor for 2023

**77/22 Winter Newsletter:** It was agreed to send a “Christmas Card” style A5 size card, and add information about the Land Allocation Plan, Proposed Bus Shelter, success of the Vaccination Clinic, Defibrillator update, Fund raising for the replacement play equipment and call for Coronation Celebration Volunteers with fundraising ideas.

**78/22 Items for consideration for a future agenda**

- Highways/Millennium Field/Website/Canal Report
- Local Government Reorganisation
- Millennium Field/ funding and replacement equipment
- To set the Parish Precept for 2023/24 at January 2023 meeting
- Budget update for 2022/23 and outline budget for 2023/24

**79/22 Correspondence:** All the documents have been circulated to the Councillors

**80/22 Open Action: all received and noted**

- **CALC- Local Government Reorganisation Newsletters 13/10, 17/10, 27/10,** received and noted
- **CALC – WF local councils survey Oct 2022,** completed by Cllr B Holmes
- **CALC -AGM 29<sup>th</sup> October 22 End of year Accounts-** received and noted
- **CALC- new Calc Parish Council Support Officer – Kate McGibbon,** received and noted
- **DLUHC Committee Funding Inquiry, NALC request to PC,** received and noted
- **Cumbria Local Authority Climate update 15/10/22 - 28/10/22,** received and noted
- **South Lakeland Support- Slimming World Offer of free 12-week referrals –** not added to the web site as SPC policy states no businesses are publicised

**81/22 Date of Next Meeting**

It was confirmed that the next Parish Meeting will be on **11<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7 30 pm** at Sedgwick Village Hall.

*The meeting closed at 9: 30 pm*

Signed:..... (Vice Chairperson) Date: 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023