

SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th April 2022 at 7:30pm Venue: Sedgwick Village Hall

Present: Cllr B Tanham (Vice), Cllr A Holmes, Cllr W Burrow, Cllr D Rathbone, and Mrs S Roberts (Parish Clerk) and 1 member of the public attended.

- 168/21 Apologies:** It was resolved for apologies with reasons given that were accepted by Sedgwick Parish Council, Cllr B Holmes – Family bereavement, Cllr G Stoker- family holiday commitments and District Cllr R Bingham – not available as he is attending clergy duties/electioneering.
- 169/21 Non-Attendance:** County Cllr B Gray
- 170/21 Minutes:** It was resolved for the Vice-Chairperson to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2022 as a true record.
- 171/21 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.
- 172/21 Public Participation: None**
- 173/21 Reports**
- Police Report:** The Council are receiving Police Updates and a monthly community newsletter. PCSO Newman has introduced herself but stated she will not be attending any PC Meetings and they no longer provide Parish Reports. The Council are disappointed with this lack of community engagement compared to areas adjacent to the Parish. It was noticed that PSCO Newman had arranged a drop-in session in Arnside. The Clerk had contacted PSCO Newman to report the thief and vandalism of the No Cycling signs along the Canal path. PSCO Newman asked the PC to report the incident and she would like a meeting arranged with the PC to show her the area. It was agreed for Cllr Tanham to meet with her, the Clerk to report the incident and Cllr Tanham would request a drop-in session to be held at Sedgwick.
- District Cllrs:** Cllr R Bingham – was not able to attend and no report available
- County Cllr B Gray:** Cllr D Rathbone reported as it was the election period nothing was happening SLDC Programme Board was organising the shadow Council which would be in place by May 2023. Cllr Rathbone has donated £500 to kick start the Play Equipment funding this was being processed and The Parish Council thanked him for this funding. He also told the Council the Parish would be in the Kendal South Ward and if they had any queries to contact SLDC Lead Cllr J Brook.
- Village Hall Report:** It was reported that the VHC are having a meeting on 19th April and a representative from SPC would be welcome, the meeting was to discuss the heating system. Also, several boxes of glassware have appeared in the VH kitchen. The PC do not know anything about the glassware and Cllr A Holmes would attend the meeting if she is available, she will check her diary and notify the Parish Clerk.
- 174/21 Vacancy of a Parish Councillor:** The Parish Council have advertised the Casual Vacancy – a resident has shown an interest, but she wishes to attend a meeting before she commits herself.
- 175/21 Calc Training Update –** Calc training schedule was received on the 30th March all Cllrs have received the programme and would contact the Clerk if they wish to attend any training.
- 176/21 Planning Application submitted/received:** None received
- 177/21 Highways/Footpaths**
- Highways Report - Cllr A Holmes updated the Council on outstanding repairs and confirm the Sedgwick sign near the River Kent has been installed although this is not the original one as agreed to be installed but a much smaller version. She agreed to Photo all the Sedgwick signage to collate an inventory so there would be no disputes with the Highways Department in the future.
 - Correspondence with Helen Karaaslan – we are still waiting for a response from our email of 29th March which was promised in a weeks' time. The speed monitoring exercise had been completed in November and data was being reviewed in early December, then the monitoring was repeated in January.
 - Cllr R Bingham has requested a replacement of the Back Lane sign, but it has not happened - he is still pressing SLDC for the reinstallation of the street sign.
 - Bus Shelter Installation- a site visit had been undertaken to appraise the need for a shelter. The County infrastructure officer has confirmed a shelter would be recommended and that funding is available. The

contractor has been approached and is not available to undertake this project. It was agreed to contact three other building contractors to provide quotes. It was also raised that the size agreed was small that the average bus shelter so it was agreed to liaise with SLDC to find out if it could be agreed to be the average size shelter. Cllr B Tanham requested the Clerk to send her the information details so she could raise this with Linda Hardy at SLDC.

- e) Grass Cutting for 2022: It was agreed to accept the current contractors who's cost to the PC would remain the same as 2021. The Clerk agreed to contact the contractors to ask them not to add crass cuttings on the old heap but start a new pile in the empty space at the side.
- f) Cllr G Stoker has received good feed back about the canal information sign which has been placed by the Aqueduct and it was agreed a photo of it would be added to the website.

178/21 Canal Wildlife Area Report

- a) Monthly report by Cllr B Tanham reported spring had sprung the bulbs looked great. She thought the brownies have had an egg trail and it looked good. Sadly, the problem of dog poo & poo bags was evident. The path had been waterlogged but had dried out today.
- b) Vandalism of No Cycling signs- reported to the police- discussed in item (5) police reports. Cllr G Stoker was unsure of where to put the new signage so it was agreed to meet early at the next meeting and do a short canal walk so the signage could be installed.
- c) Usage remains high and is expected to be well used over the easter break.
- d) Restocking of the woodland in line with the felling license was undertaken by the contractor and completed to the Councils satisfaction.
- e) LCRP Interpretation Installation of iron sculptures/way markers at Sedgwick Aqueduct - An application has been made to closure the footpath for a period to allow this work to be carried out.
- f) SLDC had notified the PC of a footpath closure which would coincide when the installation of the iron sculptures were approved by the planning department, and a date set for installation. The licence is now valid for two years.

179/21 Playground /Millennium Field

- a) Monthly Safety Report- by Cllr Stoker reported he had checked the field, the safety checks fine other than the replacement stumps which will be installed soon, all the Covid signage and hand gel has been removed. The bins have been emptied; the entrance gate Cllr Stoker has repaired, and the compost heap tided.
- b) Equipment replacement – update costings report by Cllr B Holmes was discussed until more funding was raised a commitment to which equipment was not agreed. Cllr Burrow was liaise with asda community funding and had further ideas to raise funds and then look for match funding
Cllr Stoker has indicated his preference is the freestyle plus or the juke box plus from Playdale at a cost of £21k.
- c) Safeguarding Policy – was discussed and points agreed to be added on next month's agenda with training and policy approval

180/21 Website/social media: The Parish Clerk reported that the website has been updated and was well used

181/21 Finance

- a) The bank statements were received - Bank Balance as of 30th March Current £4,879.98
- b) To receive £ 500 SLDC Funding and £535.24 Maintenance funding
- c) Payments Approved: S Roberts /Norton annual fee £64.99, Shell Energy Broadband March £16.98 and April £16.98 and Calc & Nalc annual subscription £151.99
- d) Accounts reported on 9th March which cleared the bank account on 30th March was approved by Cllr A Holmes
- e) Appoint of PKF Littlejohn for Smaller Authorities Audit Appointment Auditor for 2021/22 Accounts was accepted by all Councillors.
- f) The Accounts have been prepared for internal Audit with the AGAR statement being compiled along with the necessary paperwork, the financial risk & risk assessment was updated and approved by the Council. The Clerk was instructed to liaise with the internal accountant so the accounts could be completed for approval at Mays meeting.
- g) Vat to claim from January 2021- March 2022 £468.81
- h) Zurich Insurance Quote for 2022-23 was discussed and it was agreed for the Parish Clerk to contact BHIB Council Insurance for a quote and ask CALC of a recommendation of Parish Council Insurance. The Clerk would update the Councillors of all information received so a decision for Council insurance would be agreed at the Mays meeting.

182/21 Sedgwick Annual Parish Council Meeting 16th March 2022 – All Councillors agreed it was a successful meeting, the arrangements went to plan. The speaker Johnathan Brook SLDC Leader was excellent and very informative to all who attended the meeting.

164/21 The Queens Platinum Jubilee Beacons- 2nd June 2022:

Correspondences received: 15/3 Jubilee printing solutions, Zurich Planning the Jubilee 17th March 2022, SLDC News release 1/4/22 The Clerk presented the notes of the meeting on 23rd March which Cllr B Holmes attended outlining the progress and schedule of the event. A volunteer from Sedgwick had requested an update it was agreed Cllr B Tanham would liaise this information.

165/21 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- Highways/Millennium Field/Website/Canal Report
- Local Government Reorganisation
- Millennium Field/ funding and replacement equipment
- Safeguarding Policy training and approval at the next meeting
- 2021/22 Accounts completed for the audit

166/21 Correspondence: All the documents have been circulated to the Councillors

- Clean up the River Kent Campaign – Invitation 5th April 2022- further information would be obtained from a resident how attended this meeting, who was told it was one of the worst polluted rivers in the country with high levels of E.coli
- New NALC Briefing – GB1 -22 Ukraine: received and noted
- CALC Support for the Ukraine- Survey 15th March 2022: received and noted
- SLDC Briefing notes- Homes for Ukraine Scheme 31/3/22: received and noted
- SLDC News release- Council backs Great British Spring Clean 2022: received and noted
- CALC – Local Government Reorganisation 21/3, 25/3, 31/3, 7/4: received and noted
- CALC – LGR -Interim Appointments: received and noted
- CALC New Resilience Project – to support Parish Councils in the rapidly changing world: Parish Clerk completed the questionnaire on behalf of the Council
- Orsted Spring 2022 Newsletter; received and noted
- SLDC News Release – Free Covid testing ends in Cumbria for most people – what happens next: received and noted
- ICO April newsletter; received and noted
- Calc- Ennerdale PC meeting 14th April – impact on introduction of beavers into the communities: received and noted
- Website Update – Business request: the parish Clerk was instructed to reply that the Council did not promote any business.

167/21 Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next Parish Meeting will be on **Wednesday 11th May 2022 at 7 30 pm** at Sedgwick Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9: 10 pm

Signed:..... (Chairperson) Date: 11th May 2022