

# SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2018



Signs of Spring....Daffodils and Raines Hall Lambs – just a few hours old and their first time out!  
*If you have a photograph you would like to showcase in our next newsletter or on our website, please send it to us*

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## SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**Wednesday 21st March 2018 at 7.30 pm**

**Sedgwick**  
**NO COLD CALLING ZONE**

To report a Cold Caller; call Cumbria Police on 101 immediately and if possible, report them to Cumbria Trading Standards via the Citizens Advice Helpline on 03454 04 05 06

## **SEDGWICK**

### **Community Emergency Plan**

*Sedgwick has developed a Community Emergency Plan to help minimise the impact of a major local emergency on residents.*

*In event of a major emergency, contact our*

### **Community Response Group**

*Coordinator Gerry Stoker - 4 Wakefield Meadow Tel 60939*

*Richard Gill - Old School House Tel 60116*

*Boyan Holmes - The Oaks Tel 61644*

*Our Emergency Control Point is Sedgwick Village Hall*

**New Website; [www.sedgwickparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.sedgwickparishcouncil.org.uk)**

**Email; [sedgwick.parish@gmail.com](mailto:sedgwick.parish@gmail.com)**



**Find us on Facebook and Twitter too!**

*Welcome to our Spring Newsletter and an invitation to attend our*

## **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

### News

**New Councillor** We are delighted to introduce our new Councillor, Dr Robert Smith who joined our Council in January.

**Our New Parish Website** The Government has recently introduced a new TRANSPARENCY CODE which aims to improve the accountability of Parish Councils by increasing the range of financial and other information that has to be published online. Grants have been made available to assist smaller councils, like ours, to cover the extra costs involved in becoming compliant. In January, we learnt our bid for such a grant has been successful. This will enable us to expand our website; we will be able to publish all the statutory transparency information and also extend its scope to include pages available to showcase village groups and community issues. Please contact us if you would like to know more. All this would not be possible without the amazing support of Ann Allwright our Community Website Co-ordinator. Our new website can be found at [www.sedgwickparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.sedgwickparishcouncil.org.uk)



**Canal Wildlife Area** The regeneration of the Canal Wildlife Area continues and as Spring comes, it is very satisfying to see how the canal bed habitats are recovering. The maintenance and management of the area is a never-ending commitment and in February, we reviewed our Canal Management Plan. We continue to liaise with the Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership about their plans for the Lancaster to Kendal towpath trail. They have confirmed that the proposals to involve local privately owned sections of the existing towpath and develop Sedgwick as a “development hub” are not being considered but that existing rights of way in the Parish will be used to give us all the benefits of being linked into the larger footpath and cycle canal trail network.

**Highways and Footpaths** After a year-long campaign we have at last heard about significant improvements planned for the village. The delayed project to improve the pavement under the aqueduct (which will retain the existing footpath and add coloured textured paint and road markings.) is now scheduled for Easter. This, together with the installation of the light at the entrance to the Village Hall, means pedestrian safety in the centre of the village will be increased. In addition to this work, all distance signage regarding the height restriction at the aqueduct is to be refreshed or replaced and a new sign installed at Brettagh Holt. This should prevent large vehicles entering the village only to have to turn at the aqueduct. Our requests to establish a 20mph Zone have again been turned down; the results of the recent speed monitoring investigation further re-enforce that such a scheme is not applicable. Whilst we have been successful in getting emergency repairs to potholes and gullies carried out in the village and a promise of replacement white lines at Carex Farm, Wakefield Meadow and Castle View junctions, securing longer term repairs and resurfacing of our worn-out highway remains our main priority. We continue to log all highway faults, but cannot stress highly enough that we need residents to add weight to our complaints.

If you notice any problems, please report them using the following methods:

The Cumbria County Council Highways “Report a fault” interactive map

<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport/highways-pavements/reporting-problem-on-highway/WDM/default.asp>

Use the **HIGHWAYS HOTLINE 0300 303 2992** (postcode of fault location required – refer to council minutes)

# OUR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting is held each year, so we, the Parish Council can explain what we have achieved over the last 12 months and give you, the electors, the opportunity to have your say or ask questions about local issues.

We use the meeting to learn about what residents think are the important Parish priorities and through this, the outcome of the meeting helps shape our agenda for the coming year.

**Please come along!**

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## SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

*To be held in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1972*

**Wednesday 21st March 2018 at 7.30 pm at Sedgwick Village Hall**

### A G E N D A

**1. Welcome and Introduction**

**2. Apologies**

**3. Minutes of the 2017 Parish Meeting**

**4. Annual Reports**

Kendal Neighbourhood Policing Team  
Parish and Local Groups  
District Councillor Sheila Eccles  
County Councillor Brenda Gray

**5. Council's Annual Review**

- Emergency Planning
- Website and Transparency
- Canal Wildlife Area
- Millennium Field
- No Cold Calling Zone
- Financial Report
- Highways

**6. Discussion and Consultation on Future initiatives**

Website and community groups Data Protection Armistice Beacon  
Canal Wildlife Area Dog Fouling Internet Speed - opinions  
Millennium Field Litter Pick (organisers and volunteers needed)

**7. An opportunity for residents to ask questions or raise other issues**

**8. Defibrillator DVD and future training (Village Hall Committee)**

***Refreshments will be served***

***We will also be distributing Community Messaging/Anti Scam Advice leaflets***

**IMPORTANT EMERGENCY ADVICE** Recently, a resident reported seeing an Ambulance having to turn round at the aqueduct. We have checked with the local Emergency Services and they have confirmed that some Fire Engines and Ambulances are too big to pass under the aqueduct; this has been the case for some time and they have reassured us that all local teams are familiar with the height and width restrictions in our area. However, if you do have to call the Emergency Services, it seems sensible to make doubly sure they know which side of the aqueduct a vehicle is needed.



**From our PCSO** South Lakes Police are offering cycle security marking again to deter thieves. Anyone requiring more information, please contact our Police Community Support Officer, Martin Boak 5251 Email: [martin.boak@cumbria.police.uk](mailto:martin.boak@cumbria.police.uk)

**Armistice Beacon 11/11/18** In commemoration and remembrance of the end of the First World War and the many who were killed or wounded, a thousand "Beacons of Light" will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, at 7pm on the 11th November 2018 – a century after the guns fell silent. Stainton and Sedgwick Parish Councils are planning to join together and light a beacon. We need volunteers to help – please register your support by phone on 61644.

**Dog Fouling** There has been a significant increase in dog fouling, particularly along the canal path. Dog owners are reminded to use bags and clear up after their dogs.

## SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL CONTACTS

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### PARISH COUNCILLORS:

**Chair: Boyan Holmes;**  
The Oaks, 61644

**Vice Chair: Richard Gill;**  
Old School House, 60116

**John Oscroft;** 15 Castle View, 60517

**Robert Smith;** Stable Cottage, 60314

**Gerry Stoker;** 4 Wakefield Meadow, 60939

**David Willacy;** Top Of t Hill, 61858

### Future Council Meetings

March 14<sup>th</sup> April 18<sup>th</sup> May 9<sup>th</sup> June 13<sup>th</sup> July 11<sup>th</sup>

At Sedgwick Village Hall at 7.30pm - Residents are always welcome

*Each meeting includes a Public Forum as part of the agenda for residents to ask questions, raise items of concern or simply comment on issues- Submission of questions in advance of the meeting are welcomed, so that they can be answered more fully. Matters raised that are not included on this agenda will be considered for subsequent agendas which are published at least 3 days before each meeting*

### CUMBRIA COMMUNITY MESSAGING (CCM)

is a web-based network of community safety information managed by the Cumbria Neighbourhood Watch Association which enables individuals and groups across Cumbria to sign up to receive important and up to date information from a range of agencies and organisations.

Registration is quick, simple and completely free and you can tailor the information you receive to suit you e.g. from Farm/Caravan/Boat/Neighbourhood Watch, Environment Agency, Age UK, CCC etc. If you would like to join Cumbria Community Messaging then visit:

[www.cumbriacommunitymessaging.co.uk](http://www.cumbriacommunitymessaging.co.uk)

### Message From The Village Hall Committee

Since the installation of the defibrillator at the Village Hall, 2 years ago, there have thankfully been no incidents requiring its use. The committee believe it could be worthwhile arranging a refresher training session in the summer. A short DVD provided by the British Heart Foundation will be shown at the Parish Council APM on March 21st to increase awareness and find out who would be interested in attending.

The Village Hall Caretaker has been in post for many years and would like to step aside, whilst being willing to act in a relief capacity to cover holiday or illness. The committee is therefore hoping to recruit a willing person to take over. The duties are to keep the hall and furniture in good condition, to ensure all is secure and that safety measures are functioning. The hours are flexible, with a total of 4 hours per week, paid according to the minimum wage. If you could offer to support our village hall in this way, please contact

John Goodland on 60921 or Diana Holmes on 60317

