

SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 16th March 2022.

*This meeting took place at Sedgwick Village Hall
The Annual Parish Meeting was held in accordance with the
requirements of the Local Government Act 1972.*

Present: Cllrs B Holmes (Chairman), Cllr B Tanham, Cllr G Stoker, Cllr A Holmes, District Cllr R Bingham, Cllr D Rathbone, SLDC Leader Cllr J Brook Mrs S Roberts (Parish Clerk) and 13 Members of the Parish.

1. Welcome and Introduction.

2. Apologies

Apologies it was resolved for apologies with reasons given that were accepted by Sedgwick Parish Council to be noted from Cllr W Burrow – covid positive. Group representatives Village Hall Committee, Crosscrake c of e School, Sedgwick Cricket Club and a Resident

3. Minutes of the 2021 Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 17 March 2021 were approved and signed as a true record.

4. Councillors Reports for 2021/22

Parish Councillors

- Chairperson: Introduction and COVID response - gratitude was expressed to volunteers who supported the COVID neighbourhood resilience group.
- Vice/ Cllr Tanham: Planning/local Planning/Dark Skies Cumbria/Boundary Commission Review
- Cllr Tanham reported on behalf of Cllr W Burrow: Millennium Field/Play Area- repairs and future project
- Cllr A Holmes: Highways/Gritting
- Cllr G Stoker: Emergency Plan update

Financial – Draft Report: The Clerk

Summing up - Cllr B Holmes - continuing management of the Canal Wildlife area and proposed bus shelter, Communications - via newsletters/ facebook/website/cabinet. Thanks given to retiring Councillors R.Smith and D Willacy

District Cllr Bingham - Report given

County Cllr Gray/Cllr Rathbone- Report given

Copies of the reports are available for inspection from the Clerk.

5. Reports from Parish Organisation

Reports were presented on behalf of the following Parish Groups:

- Village Hall Committee
- Crosscrake CE School
- St Thomas Church
- WI Group
- Creative Embroidery
- Brownies/Guides/Rainbows

- Scouts/Cubs/Beavers
- Art Group

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**6. Jonathan Brook, Leader of SLDC – reporting on Unitarian Changes
CALC will have an input to the role of Parish Councils**

Questions raised by residents

- Highway's service inadequate – thought Unitarian changes will improve the service
- Where was funding coming from for a shadow Council as well as a Council – No government help but through cost savings
- It should have been Cumbria who made the unitarian decisions not the government.

7. Public Participation: Questions and Future Priorities

- Retiring of Copper network: help for PC requested by a venerable resident to keep his landline in cases of emergencies. Cllr B Tanham would consult with Openreach and contact the resident on what service they can provide.

Future Priorities

- Covid-19 recovery
- Jubilee Plans
- Safer Roads/pavements initiatives/speed monitoring
- Woodland Management in the Canal Wildlife Area
- Highway Maintenance
- Local Government Reorganisation
- Climate Change/darker skies initiative/ nature recovery
- Bus Shelter Project
- Funding/Installation of new play equipment
- Consideration for Electric vehicles

The Chairperson conveyed thanks to everyone for attending the meeting

Meeting closed at 9 10 pm

Signed : (Chairman)

Date : March 2023