

SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Wednesday 08 June 2016 in Sedgwick Village Hall at 7:30pm

Present: Cllrs B Holmes (Chairman), J Oscroft, R Gill, D Willacy, J Stoker, Mrs S Roberts (Parish Clerk), County Cllr B Gray and three members of the public.

21/16 Results of Uncontested Council Election: to be displayed in the noticed board and updated on the website. All councillors had completed the required documentation and the Parish Clerk had hand delivered it to South Lakeland House Monday 6th June.

22/16 Welcome & Declarations of Acceptance

All welcomed Cllr J Stoker as elected Parish Councillor. A Declaration of Acceptance form for 2016/17 was signed by Cllr Stoker and witnessed by the Parish Clerk.

23/16 Apologies

It was resolved for apologies with reasons given to be noted from Cllr G Willacy, District Cllr S Eccles and PCSO Boaks.

24/16 Minutes

It was resolved for the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 04 May 2016 as a true record.

25/16 Declarations of Interest / Dispensation Requests: None

26/16 Public Participation

Police Report: this was received and will be displayed on the notice board

District Cllr S Eccles – due to a family emergency no report received, although Cllr Eccles asked the council to discuss what they would like to spend the budgeted funds on.

It was agreed to adjourn it to the next meeting when District Cllr Eccles would be present.

County Cllr B Gray:- Reported she had been busy with the elections and would be considering the budget June/July time. Nothing else to report with regard to Sedgwick Parish.

Members of the Village

It was reported that the grass cuttings along Back lane had not all been collected, it was agreed for the Parish Clerk to contact contractor and report back.

A request for the Councillors to give permission for a rhododendron bush to be moved a verge on Back Lane. Councillors noted that they were not the landowners and therefore were not able to give but had no objections.

Village Website: It was asked if the Parish Council would consider upgrading the Village Website. It was agreed to consider this at the next meeting as funding was available with the Transparency Funding.

Village Hall- Broadband: Although the Parish Council had given the Village Hall Committee funding for broadband, the committee had received conflicting regarding its installation. It was agreed for the Parish Clerk to contact BT and liaise with the Committee and report back at the next Parish Council meeting.

27/16 Planning

No planning application had been submitted to SLDC since the last meeting.

28/16 Flood Action

SLDC Communication: Chairperson has received a reply from P Hosking apologising for the delay in response, agreeing to meet on site with the appropriate Officers and agreeing to contact Chairperson when this was arranged. Chairperson to report back at the next meeting.

29/16 Highways/Footpaths

Councillors meet before the meeting to inspect the poor road condition at the junction of Crosscrake Road/ Wellhead Lane which had been reported 4/4/16 and also during 2015 as part of the poor condition of Crosscrake Lane from carex Farm to Raines Hall. The condition of the road is now a cause for concern on safety grounds and there have been many near misses involving cyclists and motorists. The lack of road markings on the junction, present an additional hazard. County Cllr Gray agreed to contact Highways and would report back at the next meeting. It was agreed for the Parish Clerk to contact Natland Parish Clerk with the information about the repairs for the road between Sedgwick & Natland reported 4/4/16 and Stainton Parish Clerk about the repairs on Crosscrake Road to Shyreakes Lane reported 4/4/16. The Clerk will also follow up the response from highways that no fault was found along the road by the river.

Chairperson had contacted the Police with regard to the Cold Calling Incident reported last month. Police Response is that protocol states that any one reporting a Cold Calling Incident must ring 101 with the information including the vehicle registration number if possible. It is also advisable to report the incident to Trading Standards.

Cyclist Complaint: Cllr G Stoker agreed to take the lead on this matter, he requested the Parish Clerk to forward him the complaint and would champion this issue for the Council and report back at the next meeting.

30/16 Playground /Millennium Field

The monthly playground inspection report had been completed by Cllr G Willacy Saturday 4th June and there was nothing to report.

31/16 Canal

- 1) Council had now received three quotes for the work required to undertake the canal project and it was agreed by unanimous decision to accept Mr J Park's quote. Clerk to write to all three candidates about the Council's decision. Although the Council has been successful in applying for a felling licence this has not been received as yet.
- 2) Funding has been applied for from the Environmental Partnership Funding
- 3) Cllr G Willacy reported the path invoice had not been received he would hopefully receive it for the next meeting. The edge of the path is still unfinished.

32/16 Sedgwick Village Hall

This was reported under Public Participation (26/16)

33/16 Grant Application:- Cricket Club

The Chairman of the Cricket Club presented two application forms for Sedgwick Parish Council to fund the update of equipment required and the annual sponsorship of match balls.

SLDC had given the Cricket Club planning permission to carry out this work and the neighbouring landowner had given permission to access his land. The Chairman presented a report outlining the project and explaining how well the club was supported by local youths and adults

The Parish Council unanimously supported these grants of £40 for the match balls and £1500.00 contribution towards the projects costs.

34/16 Finance

- a) It was noted the bank statement as of 20th May was £23,707.92
- b) No payments submitted this month.
- c) Accounts which were agreed on 14th April 2016 and 4th May 2016 had cleared the bank account and been signed off by Chairperson.
- d) Bank Correspondence:- Parish Clerk contacted NatWest bank to report to statement had been sent and was told to go into the branch. The branch could not give account information as the clerk had no authority to sign on the account. They agreed to send a duplicate statement and said the only other way was for the account to be online with the Parish Clerk having the authority to access the account.
- e) Councillors Change of Signature, due to the resignation of Cllr Goodland who was a signature on the bank account, it was agreed for Cllr Gill to completed bank details so that Cllr R Gill to be added to the account.

35/16 Correspondence

Sedgwick No Cold Calling Zone (NCCZ) : Trading Standards have supplied leaflets and residents window stickers, Chairperson had created a poster to explain the results and next steps required in creating the NCCZ. Councillors agreed to purchase 10 signs and agreed to the best places to display 8 signs, which required approval by the Highways Department. Also it was agreed that the launch of the project could be carried out alongside the distribution of the Summer Newsletter and be evaluated as part of the Winter newsletter. Further action would be required in the next month's meeting to organise distribution.

Letter: Complaint of weeding killing sprayed on wild flowers in Sedgwick Parish.

It was agreed that it was a complaint that was SLDC responsibility and the Parish Clerk was to notify the appropriate Council Officer and inform the complainant of this action.

Letter: Draft recommendation of Electoral review of South Lakeland District Council

It was agreed for The Parish Clerk to email all Councillors the email link so they may consider the content, which will be discussed at the next meeting.

36/16 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- Canal Update
- 'No Cold Calling'
- PCSO Report
- Transparency Funding
- Draft Recommendation of Electoral Review of South Lakeland Council
- Cyclist Update
- Summer Newsletter

37/16 Date of next meeting

It was confirmed the dates of the next meeting 13th July, which will commence at 7.30pm and will be held in the Sedgwick Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9 :05 pm

Signed : (Chairman)
Date : 13 July 2016