

## SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Wednesday 11 January 2017 Venue Sedgwick Village Hall at 7:30pm

**Present:** Cllr B Holmes (Chairperson), Cllr R Gill, Cllr D Willacy, Cllr J Stoker, Mrs S Roberts (Parish Clerk), District Cllr Eccles, PCSO Boaks and one member of the public.

#### 108/16 Apologies

It was resolved for apologies with reasons given to be noted from County Cllr B Gray, Cllr Oscroft, and G Willacy.

#### 109/16 Minutes

It was resolved for the Chairperson to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2016 as a true record.

#### 110/16 Declarations of Interest / Dispensation Requests: None

#### 111/16 Public Participation

Police Report: In Sedgwick Area: No crimes were reported in the Area. A note of Community Interests was reported; these will be displayed on the Noticeboard.

A report was discussed outlining Cold Calling in a neighbouring parish; it was agreed to display the report received. The report highlighted the local problem and gave contact details for residents to use if further incidents occur.

District Cllr S Eccles – Cllr Eccles reported that the planning application for change of use of 'Millers Beck Guest House' has been withdrawn its planning application. There was nothing else to report at present.

County Cllr B Gray – No report was received

#### 112/16 Planning: - None Received

Chairperson had received an email from a resident expressing concern about the proposed extension of the substation along Natland Road so that it would occupy both sides of the road. The deadline for comment has passed.

#### 113/16 Flood Action

##### SLDC Communication:

On Thursday 24 November, Cllr D Willacy attended the LAP Flooding Event and reported back to Council how informative the event was.

It was reported that the flood defence work we had requested following the floods (in December 2015) were carried out on Back Lane in December 2016 and Cllr D Willacy commented that the work was carried out to a satisfactory standard.

#### 114/16 Highways/Footpaths

**Road Repairs:** Clerk updated Council on the progress of the present repairs.

**Aqueduct Bridge Work:** Cllr Eccles agreed to ask Cllr Gray if she would update Council on the proposed work at the aqueduct at the next meeting.

It was reported an unidentified Lady was seen picking litter along the river bank.

#### 115/16 Playground /Millennium Field

- The monthly playground inspection report had been completed by Cllr G Willacy in December and January with nothing to report.
- Safety Inspection Actions: Floor covering under the swing, has been repaired by Cllr G Willacy but this was not satisfactory. It was agreed for Cllr G Willacy to obtain quotes to replace the area with new matting, with a further quote for a small slide with matting and further matting in the basketball area. Community Funding is available and it was agreed Cllr Holmes would apply for this with the quotes obtained. Cllr D Willacy agreed to liaise with Cllr G Willacy as there is a very short deadline for applications. Cllr Holmes still awaiting quotes for the signs, update at the next meeting.

#### **116/16 Canal**

- 1) Cllr D Willacy reported 2/3 of the work had been completed; further work would be dependant on the weather but hopefully to be finished in a few days. Cllr D Willacy would contact Council to arrange a site visit. A full progress report would be made at the next meeting. It had been reported that a length of the stone wall near Stokers Seat had deteriorated; Councillors would investigate and report back at the next meeting. Chairperson would take photos of the canal project as required for the grant given along with the billing receipts.

#### **117/16 Sedgwick Village Hall**

- Mr J Goodland is the New Chairman of Sedgwick Village Hall who reported he had previously been Chairman and had taken up post again. He thanked Cllr D Willacy for all his hard work and it was agreed Cllr Willacy would advise if need be. The Village Hall was in a good state of repair and decoration. A fire inspection was due shortly.
- Broadband and a phone line have been fitted at the Village Hall as part of our transparency funding initiative but the internet is still not working. Council has received a credit note for the service to offset bills we have been charged in error. The clerk will report this to BT and update Mr Goodland.

#### **118/16 Councillors Funding for the Village Requirements**

Councillors agreed to source funding for the Millennium Field Maintenance and purchase of a slide from the Community Fund, Later in the year it may be possible to apply for further funding for the Canal Project part 2, should it go ahead and for further transparency funding.

#### **119/16 Budget Meeting: Set Precept for 2017/18**

It was agreed by Council to set the precept with the same 1.8% as SLDC; this would mean a charge from £50.28 will increase to £51.67 to each household raising the precept to £9,742.89.

#### **120/16 Finance**

- a) It was noted the bank statement as of 30 November, was £17,492.90
- b) Receipt: 11 November SLDC Cllr Eccles Funding £250.00
- c) Payments: None
- d) Payments submitted October 2016 and approved have cleared the bank statement and signed off by Chairperson.
- e) Parish Clerk: The Pension Regulator has been informed of the registration and exemption.
- f) Chairperson agreed to contact Bank to open a savings account to run alongside the current account and transfer £10,000.

**121/16 Emergency Plan:** Council all agreed this was required for the Village and training was available in February by the CVS, Cllr Holmes, Cllr Stoker and the Parish Clerk would attend the training session, to report back at the March meeting

#### **122/16 Correspondence:**

##### **Parish Council Engagement with the NWCCP Project:**

Correspondences emailed to Cllrs, was discussed and noted.

**Draft Development Management Policies DPD Consultation:** received, noted and it was agreed any advice or update particularly regarding changes that might affect the canal would be reported by District Cllr Eccles or County Cllr Gray.

**SLDC Parish Remuneration Panel Report:** received and noted.

**Development and Training for 2017:** received and discussed, it was agreed if any Cllrs wish to attend any training programmes they would contact the Parish Clerk.

**SLDC Parish Charter 2017/18:** received and noted

**Buckingham Palace Garden Party 2017:** It was agreed to nominate Chairperson, who agreed to complete the application form

**Battles Over. A Nations Tribute:** Chairperson would raise this with Station Parish Council and the School. To discuss further at the next meeting

**SLDC Annual Review Constitution 2017:** Received and noted

**Road Safety, Use of Speed Indicators:** It was agreed Information not relevant for the size of the village

**Elements – OutREACH Cumbria:** Information received and noted

**Letter- Handyman:** Information noted and file for future requirements

**Request from Arnside Walking Group:** Council agreed the group could use the benches in the millennium field for their lunch break on 14<sup>th</sup> January. Clerk to notify Group Leader

**Helsington Community Land Trust:** Information received and noted.

**Register of Electors 2016/17:** Clerk has updated the documents which are approved and will be displayed on the noticeboard.

**Cold Calling Report:** Discussed under section Police Report,

**Reported from Graham Wadsworth:** Work at Raines Farm to fell trees in an area of 6 metres either side of the railway has been halted, as Mr Wadsworth has raised concerns with Network rail over the protocol of the contractors.  
It was also noted that a large new fencing has been erected along the railway boundary.

**123/16 Items for consideration for a future agenda**

- Canal – Update on Phase 1 and consideration of funding for Phase 2 of the Canal Management Plan
- PCSO Report
- Transparency Funding
- Village Hall update
- APM – Thoughts about a Speaker
- Spring Newsletter

**124/16 Date of next meeting**

It was confirmed that the next meeting on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February will commence at 7.30pm and will be held in the Sedgwick Village Hall.

*The meeting closed at 9 10 pm*

Signed: ..... (Chairperson)  
Date: 8 February 2017