

## SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7:30pm**  
**Venue: Sedgwick Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllr B Holmes (Chairperson), Cllr R Gill, Cllr G Stoker, Cllr R Smith, Cllr D Willacy  
District Cllr R Bingham, Mrs S Roberts (Parish Clerk) and no members of the public.

**89/18 Apologies:** It was resolved for apologies with reasons given, to be noted from PCSO Boaks, Cllr J Oscroft, County Cllr B Gray, District Cllr B Cooper and District Cllr T Harvey

**90/18 Minutes:** It was resolved for the Chairperson to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 as a true record.

**91/18 Declarations of Interest / Dispensation Requests:** None

**92/18 Public Participation:**

BT building previously reported – poor state of repair - ref MON0189470 – Cllr Stoker reported that there are no funds available until April to carry to the work. He would continue to liaise and update the Council when he had any news.

**Police Report:** 59 incidents have been reported in the wider area with 13 being recorded crimes; the report will be displayed on the noticeboard and website.

**District Cllrs:** Cllr R Bingham thanked the Council for their support following his illness, he is pleased to say he is now on the mend. He reported that SLDC are considering reinstating the car park by the River in Kendal. He is also writing to SLDC regarding the removal of all the trees marked along the River Kent Bank, to ask if it is deemed necessary as part of the flood relief because the town has so few trees. It was agreed that the Parish Council supported his views.

**County Cllr B Gray:** Cllr Gray sent her apologies. Report as follows: - Cumbria County Council are well into the budget rounds, which are out for consultation. There is much talk about the NHS and its future with Social Care. Extra funds are being applied for Highways the scheme for the whole of South Lakeland is £600k. If I can assist with any problems that crop up during the evening please contact me.

**Village Hall Report:** None received

**93/18 Parish Clerk Pay Scale and Grade for 2019/20:** The National Joint Council for Local Government Services have set a new pay grade for Clerks from April 2019. It was agreed to follow the recommendations and implement the change in the clerk's position on the payscale from SCP 27 to SCP27b which is also specified in the contract of employment. This will take effect from April 2019

**94/18 Parish Council Development and Training for 2019/20:** received and noted- session topics are not relevant at the current time.

**95/18 Planning: None**

**96/18 Highways/Footpaths**

1. Highways report by Cllr Stoker- see attached report. Cllr Stoker reported that several repairs have been completed and further repairs would be done after April. Repairs to be reported as follows: On Cooper Hill (collapsed drain), pothole by the river Kent and pothole near School House. The request for the sign to be re-sited on Wellheads Lane has been declined by Highways as they have no funds to carry out this work. It was noted that the village had several diversion signs which had been moved over the Christmas period and now were confusing, if followed. It was agreed for the Clerk to report this issue to the Highways Department.
2. South Westmorland Maintenance Programme Accounts and Report were received: There is sufficient funding for 2 more gritting runs and after that Councils must self fund. The accounts are difficult to understand and it was agreed for the Clerk to clarify the costs and whether future funding is available.
3. SLDC Policy for the use of VAS in Cumbria received and noted.
4. Highways Report of temporary road closure A591 slip road, start date Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January for two weeks, times between 18.30 - 04.30

**97/18 Playground /Millennium Field**

Cllr Stoker has carried out the monthly check on the Millennium Field and reported that there are no faults. Bins have been emptied.

**98/18 Canal**

1. Correspondence from Zurich Insurance had been received stating the requirement for a Risk Assessment of the Canal Woodland. Cllr Holmes presented a Canal Risk Assessment, based on advice from Treescapes Consultancy Ltd. It was agreed to add the Risk Assessment to the Canal Management Plan which is reviewed annually in June.
2. Cllr Gill reported that all was in order along the canal woodland, paths and bed.
3. We have been successful in our bid for a grant of £500 from The Gateway Group and a cheque has been received; it will cover the Treescapes Inspection and part of the maintenance programme. It was agreed that Cllr Holmes will provide the information required by the Gateway Group and would include photos provided by Cllr Gill.

**99/18 Data Protection**

ICO Newsletter had been received and sent to all Councillors.

**100/18 Website:** see report by Cllr Holmes.

**101/18 Finance**

- a) Bank Balance as of 28 December 2018 Current £6,156.57 & Reserve £10,006.87
- b) Payment received 26 Nov 18- Canal Grant £500.00
- c) Payments Approved: Broadband Village Hall December £18.99 and January £18.99, Treescapes Consultancy Ltd Woodland Report £290.16, Cartridgesave colour tones Printer £99.94 and Printing Plus newsletters £159.51
- d) The Accounts Report from Meeting Dated 17 October, 30 November, 30 August 2018, the transactions cleared was signed.
- e) Consideration for 2019-20 Precept,  
It was noted that the Sedgwick's Council Tax Base has decreased by 2 which equates to a reduction in income of 1%. The 2019-2020 budget requires an increase of 3% to cover increased costs. It was agreed to raise the precept by 3% and reduce the Parish Project allocation to balance the budget. The paperwork was completed at this meeting.
- f) Pension Regulator information received highlighting Councils responsibilities to the staff
- g) Digital Vat Returns: information was received from CALC about the new way Vat could be reclaimed from 2019.
- h) Information was received from CALC about Section S19 being raised to £8.12

**102/18 Christmas Newsletter:** feedback has been excellent, and the heavier printing paper will be used again next year.

**103/18 Parish Notice Board:** Cllr Willacy agreed to arrange for the Councillor's Roll board to be updated as two of the Councillors had resigned and two new members have been co-opted

**104/18 Correspondence:**

Commissioner Launches Council Tax Consultation & addition information: received and noted  
SLDC Parish Remuneration Report 2019/20: received and noted  
Kendal Future Flood Risk Management – Ms Debbie Binch : It was agreed for the Clerk to put forward Sedgwick Parish Council as an interested party and Cllr Stoker is the lead in this matter.  
Emergency First Aid at Work Training: received and noted  
Buckingham Palace Garden Party 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019: It was agreed for Cllr Holmes to be nominated.  
Cumbria Art and Culture Network: received and noted  
CALC Newsletter: received and noted  
Parish Electoral Register form request for 2018/19: received and noted  
Cumbria CVS Ebulletin- December 2018: received and noted  
Rural Services Network Funding Guide: received and noted  
Committee Services, Standard Arrangements: received and noted

**105/18 Items for consideration for a future agenda**

- Highways Report
- Canal Report
- PCSO Report
- Website Report
- Purchasing a projector
- Blue Sky thinking – on future spends including Bark required in the Spring
- APM- Canal 200 years celebration – need a speaker
- Spring Newsletter
- Update on Gritting Accounts

**106/18 Date of next meeting**

It was confirmed that the next Parish Meeting will be on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7 30 pm** and will be held in the Sedgwick Village Hall.

*The meeting closed at 9 05 pm*

Signed: ..... (Chairperson)  
Date: 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019