

SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10th April 2019 at 7:30pm Venue: Sedgwick Village Hall

Present: Cllr B Holmes (Chairperson), Cllr R Gill, Cllr R Smith, Cllr Stoker and Mrs S Roberts (Parish Clerk). No Public Attended

155/18 Apologies: It was resolved for apologies with reasons given, to be noted from PCSO Boaks, Cllr J Oscroft and Cllr D Willacy

156/18 Non-Attendance: County Cllr B Gray, District Cllr T Harvey, District Cllr R Bingham and District Cllr B Cooper

142/18 Minutes: It was resolved for the Chairperson to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2019 as a true record.

143/18 Declarations of Interest / Dispensation Requests: None

144/18 Public Participation:

- 1) Correspondence was received from a neighbour of the BT exchange building, requesting the over hanging branches to be removed. Clerk has reported this request to pshelpdesk@bt.com and will inform the Council of its reply.

Police Report: 49 incidents have been reported in the wider area with 14 being submitted; the report will be displayed on the noticeboard and website. ACTION: SR to contact PC Boak to ask for more information about report of traffic disruption due to flooding in the Parish.

District Cllrs: No District Cllrs attended the meeting

County Cllr B Gray: Cllr Gray did not attend the meeting.

Village Hall Report: Following correspondence received from the Village Hall Committee, Cllr Holmes reported that 4 members of SPC had met with Trustees of the Village Hall Committee to explore ways of working more closely together to support the work done by the Committee. It was a very productive meeting with many ideas being discussed including assistance with publicity via the website, social media, newsletter and mailings. Cllr Willacy has agreed to make the small noticeboard available for Village Hall publicity and notices. Council has already received further correspondence from the Secretary thanking Council for the meeting. It was agreed for the Clerk to renew the Broadband contract next month.

145/18 Review of Emergency Policy:

The policy has been updated and was approved.

146/18 Planning Update: BE/2019/0007 24 Hill Close Sedgwick – Big rear extension, Application with a decision – SLDC refused 23/3/19

147/18 Highways/Footpaths

1. Highways report discussed by Cllr Stoker. All repairs have been reported - the pothole along Riverside has been repaired. It was agreed to update the list before the next meeting.
2. The Highways update system is removing repair details after 3 months, County Cllr Gray has been asked to raise this on our behalf - she has acknowledged receipt of the request but has yet not replied.
3. The replacement signs in the Millennium Field which Cllr District Cllr Cooper and Bingham agreed to fund will be ordered by Cllr Holmes and fitted by Cllrs Stoker and Gill.
4. The Sedgwick Walk Leaflet was discussed, and it was agreed that Cllr Gill would walk the path and identify any updates with the Clerk. It was agreed to request funding for leaflet containers with an honesty box to make the leaflets more available. Any funds collected could go to Sedgwick Village Hall. Action: The Clerk to contact Carrie House- Project Officer for Canal River Trust to establish if this project can be funded.
5. Cllr Stoker has erected the new signposts. Council wished to thank Cllr Stoker for his work which is much appreciated.

148/18 Playground /Millennium Field

1. Cllr Stoker has carried out the monthly check on the Millennium Field and reported that there are no faults. Bins have been emptied.
2. Cllr Stoker reported he would commence painting the benches and tables when the weather was better. The perimeter fence would be inspected on the Parish Walk in June. Cllr Willacy has replaced the broken post and Council wished to thank him as his work was much appreciated.

149/18 Canal

1. Cllr Gill reported that all was in order along the canal woodland, paths and bed. It was agreed the die ash back and the stone wall by the path which needed repair would be monitored on the Parish Walk in June.
2. It was reported that sheep were escaping from the field below the easy path and getting on the Canal; it was agreed for the Clerk to write to Mr Simpson informing him of this.
3. Several residents have complained about cyclists using the Canal path illegally and acting in an intimidating manner when challenged. It was agreed that Cllr Holmes would order 4 A4 size "No Cycling" signs costing approximately £7.08 each.
4. Dog fouling is on the increase, caused by a minority of users' dogs. It was agreed for Cllr Holmes to investigate via SLDC whether the Parish Council can update the penalty warning signs to deter dog owners from letting this happening.
5. NLHF Stainton Project Steering Group - 9 30am Wednesday 24th April Strickland Gate House in Kendal – It was agreed for Cllr Stoker and Cllr Smith to be Sedgwick's representative.

150/18 Website:

1. Cllr Holmes reported the agendas, minutes and reports from the APM and monthly council meetings were added monthly and the website is regularly visited.

151/18 Finance

- a) Bank Balance as of 29 March 2019 Current a/c £3,807.33
- b) Payments Approved: Broadband Village Hall April £18.99, N Hurst – Sign Post £365, S Roberts AGM Expenses, G Stoker – renewals & repairs £30.04, Norton Security (S Roberts) £49.99, Calc fees £ 130.11, Zurich annual insurance £404.76
- c) The Accounts Report from meeting dated 13 March 2019, including transactions cleared was signed.
- d) Digital Vat Returns: information was received from CALC stating that the online version would stay the same. The Clerk had completed the VAT repayments for 2019 online and payment would be processed shortly.
- e) Last year's Auditor P Hull was appointed to audit the accounts for 2018-19
- f) The updated budget for 2019/20 was discussed and accepted.
- g) The Financial Risk Assessment, Risk Assessment and Asset Register for 2019 was agreed and accepted.
- h) The Bank Reconciliation April 2019 figures meet the same as the draft Accounts which was accepted. The 2018/19 Accounts would be forward to the Auditor for inspection and completed at the next meeting in June.

151/18 Annual Parish Meeting Review

All agreed the well-attended meeting ran smoothly and how informative the speaker was about the Canal Trust Project.

152/18 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- Highways Report
- Canal Report
- Canal and Millennium Field Inspection - 6:30pm before next meeting
- NLHF Steering Group report
- Millennium Field report/repairs
- PCSO Report

153/18 Correspondence:

- NALC- Audit Code of Practice: received and noted
- Cumbria Action for Health Network Bulletin: received and noted
- First Utilities -rebranded Shell ENERGY Broadband: Received and noted
- Adoption of the Development Management Policies DPD and the Arnsdale & Silverdale AONB DPD: received and noted

- CALC – Practitioners Guide: received and Sedgwick Parish Council has produced a report on the Financial reserves for this meeting.
- SLDC District Association meeting Thursday 9th June at Kendal Town Hall: information received and noted
- Gateway Group requesting information about the funds Council received: The Clerk has contacted them, and they now acknowledge previous receipt of this information.

154/18 Date of next meeting

It was confirmed that the next Parish Meeting will be on **Wednesday 12th June 2019 at 7 30 pm** and will be held in the Sedgwick Village Hall.

The 8th May meeting is cancelled as the Parish Council will not be Quorate.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Signed: (Chairperson)
Date: 12th June 2019