

SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllr B Holmes (Chairperson), Cllr R Gill, Cllr R Smith, District Cllr R Bingham, District Cllr B Cooper, District Cllr T Harvey and Mrs S Roberts (Parish Clerk). No members of the public attended.

20/19 Apologies: It was resolved for apologies with reasons given, to be noted from PCSO Boaks, Cllr G Stoker and Cllr D Willacy

21/19 Non-Attendance: County Cllr B Gray and Cllr J Oscroft

22/19 Minutes: It was resolved for the Chairperson to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2019 as a true record.

23/19 Declarations of Interest / Dispensation Requests: None

24/19 Public Participation: no persons attended

Police Report: 42 incidents have been reported in the wider area with 25 being submitted; the report will be displayed on the noticeboard and website. Cllr Bingham was asked to query the meaning/relevance of the opening paragraph in which it states "quite a number of the recorded crimes this month relate to a sensitive subject not having any impact on the community"

District Cllr Harvey: The electoral role canvass is being emailed/mailed to residents and Cllr Harvey asks that they are completed and returned. He also reported being involved in the homeless strategy initiative, which supported homeless people in the area and had cross party support.

District Cllr Cooper: Reported the Council had written off funds not received by rent arrears, planning department and building control. Money had been received from Car Parking fees, but these are offset by expenditure.

District Cllr Bingham: Reported if a relative who lived in council property dies, the family are still liable for any rent whilst the house has not been cleared of their belongings even if the deceased person was receiving benefits. The Council is working to reduce 'doorstep waste'. CCTV is being considered in the county lines parishes to help police in reducing crime.

County Cllr B Gray: Did not have anything significant to report. CCC is beginning the budget round with social care and highways issues prominent. The project for the drainage vehicles to clear blockages and map them has been very successful. The help from PCs was very helpful with the mapping.

Village Hall Report: No report

25/19 Councillors roles and responsibilities: These were agreed and are displayed on the noticeboard and website

26/19 Planning: Application with a Decision
SL/2019/0337 24 Hill Close, Sedgwick – rear extension, SLDC – grant full planning with conditions.
SL/2019/0305 Sycamore View Sedgwick – New Dwelling – Withdrawn

27/19 Highways/Footpaths

1. The Highways report was reviewed. Repairs have been made to Riverside and Raines Hall. Outstanding faults are still being assessed - Castle View pavements and opposite Sedgwick House Gateway.
2. Cllr Holmes and Stoker had met with the grass cutting Contractors and discussed problems regarding previous cuts. A refund was agreed and the existing contract will continue with 5 further cuts at 3-4week intervals. The canal cut was arranged.
3. Correspondence has been received about the parking near Brettagh Holt roundabout. Residents have raised concerns over many near misses caused by dangerously parked cars. The Clerk had contacted PC Boak. His reply indicated he was unable to monitor the situation or take action unless incidents are reported on 101. Councillors expressed disappointment in this response and the Clerk agreed to reply to PC Boak outlining Council's concerns about parking and the police response.

28/19 Playground /Millennium Field

1. Cllr Stoker has carried out the monthly check on 4th July at the Millennium Field and reported that there are no faults. Bins have been emptied.
2. The Clerk report the annual ROSPA inspection would take place in August 2019.

29/19 Canal

1. Cllr Gill carried out the monthly inspected of the canal and reported the grass by the path had been cut and the boundary stone walls repaired.
2. Correspondence received from Cllr Willacy regarding the canal boundary adjoining his property has been forwarded to and acknowledged by SLDC but no response has been received.
3. Vandalism of the no cycling signs and viewing point picture had been reported by Cllr Stoker. He has repaired the damage but already some repairs have been vandalised again. The damage has been reported to the police.
4. Cllr Willacy had informed the Clerk that the stone wall along the canal pathway had been repaired in 4 places at a cost of £48
5. Woodland Management Strategy: Issues arising out of the annual inspection of the woodland have been added to the Canal Management Plan. The Woodland Management Strategy Document which includes the CMP and Risk Assessment was discussed and approved. It now contains information relating to Ash Die Back. It was agreed to audit all ash trees along the canal - Cllrs to meet at 6:30 in August 7th to map and assess the trees.

30/19 Website:

Cllr Holmes reported the financial information relating to 2018/9, agendas, minutes and reports from Junes Council meetings had been added and the website is regularly visited.

31/19 Finance

- a) Bank Balance as of 31 May 2019 Current a/c £13,182.24
- b) Payments Approved: Broadband Village Hall June/July £ 35.98, Clerk Salary/Expenses £1,462.64, Continental Landscapes Ltd £ (awaiting amended invoice) and Mr P Airey £48.00 repair to Canal boundary stone wall
- c) The Accounts Report from meeting dated 12 June 2019, including transactions cleared was signed.
- d) Financial Report i) The Certificate of Exemption status
ii) The notification of completed Audit has been displayed in the cabinet and on the website.

32/19 Summer Newsletter: circulated and approved, Clerk to send to the printers, who will inform Council when it is ready for distribution.

33/19 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- Highways Report
- Canal; report, ash audit and boundary
- ROSPA Annual Report for Millennium Field
- Millennium Field report
- PCSO Report and response
- Review newsletter

33/19 Correspondence:

- Join the Climate Change Conversation: received and noted
- Flood Risk Management Scheme update June 19: received and noted
- ACT Gazette Summer 2019: received and noted
- SLDC Tree Planting Scheme: no trees are currently required
- ICO Latest News: received and noted
- NALC legal Update: received and noted
- CALC- September Training Programme: no training relevant

34/19 Date of next meeting

It was confirmed that the next Parish Meeting will be on **Wednesday 11th September 2019 at 7 30 pm** and will be held in the Sedgwick Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:50 pm

Signed: (Chairperson) Date: 11th September 2019