

## SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10 June 2015 in Sedgwick Village Hall at 7:30pm

**Present :** Cllrs B Holmes (Chairman), J Oscroft, D Willacy, G Willacy, Mrs J Davidson (Clerk), District Cllr S Eccles, County Cllr B Gray (*arrived at 8 pm*) and no members of the public.

#### **20/15 Apologies**

It was resolved for apologies with reasons given to be noted from Cllr Gill and Cllr Goodland.

#### **21/15 Minutes**

It was resolved for the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2015 as a true record.

#### **22/15 Declarations of Interest / Dispensation Requests**

None.

#### **23/15 Public Participation**

- District Cllr Eccles advised there is to be an electoral review of South Lakeland District Council. A public consultation on new electoral ward boundaries will be carried out between October 2015 and January 2016.
- County Cllr Gray advised there is some grant funding available from Cumbria County Council. Applications from locally based voluntary and not for profit groups who are involved in community projects or initiatives are welcomed.

#### **24/15 'No Cold Calling'**

The Clerk reported she had spoken with Cumbria Trading Standards regarding the feasibility of establishing Sedgwick as a 'No Cold Calling Zone'. Zones are usually set up by Trading Standards following consultation with householders and whilst every area will not be considered to be suitable, advice and guidance will be provided. The role of Cumbria Trading Standards is currently being reviewed and one outcome could be for the introduction of a more community driven approach. Trading Standards expect that the position will be clarified during the next few months and in the meantime has noted Sedgwick's interest. It was agreed that this topic should be considered again at the meeting to be held in September.

#### **25/15 Planning**

It was noted the following planning application has been granted by SLDC since the last meeting:

##### **SL/2015/0352 – High Riverside, Sedgwick, Kendal**

Alteration and conversion of detached garage and stable to self contained annexed flat

#### **26/15 Highways/Footpaths**

It was reported some fencing has now been attached to the posts which had previously appeared adjacent to the new wall next to the river between Cooper Hill/Force Bridge. Disappointment was expressed regarding the overall quality of the work which has been carried out.

#### **27/15 Playground /Millennium Field**

- a) It was noted a request had been received from the WI as to whether it would be possible to use the Millennium Field to hold a Strawberry Tea as part of the WI Centennial Celebrations to be held on 1 August 2015. The WI has already been booked the Village Hall and, weather permitting, would also like to be able to use the field. The Clerk had consulted with all of the members of the Parish Council individually and had conveyed a response to the WI. No objections had been raised regarding the use of the field as long as it was understood younger members of the community may wish to play there during the event.
- b) Cllr D Willacy reported that more bark is needed to be placed around the base of the slide. It is estimated that around 6 bags costing around £6 each would be required. Cllr D Willacy was given the action to make arrangements for the bark to be provided.

- c) Cllr G Willacy reported he had stained the benches and appreciation was conveyed to him for carrying out this task.
- d) It was reported the longer than usual period of time which had elapsed between the last two grass cuts had been understood to be due to a lawnmower fault.

#### 28/15 Canal

- a) The following Press Releases from the Lancaster Canal Trust were received and noted :

**21/5/2015 - Lancaster Canal Trust and Canal and River Trust Joint Working Party** - Organised by Beryl Bowcott of Preston on behalf of Lancaster Canal Trust who recognise that their extensive restoration work on the Northern Reaches at Stainton, near Kendal, is taking volunteer workers away from the Lancaster to Preston section. Said Beryl – ‘Many thanks to all who attended our joint working party organised with Canal and River Trust on Wednesday 20th May at Aldcliffe Road in Lancaster. Blessed with sunny weather the team rubbed down and prepared part of the long fence alongside the towpath, did some minor repairs (thanks, Nigel) and then started painting. As the rails were to be painted white and the uprights black there was some competition between the two colour groups’. Well! What colour would you paint the old Black and White canal?

**22/5/2015 – ‘Move ‘em out’ - ‘Land and Water’** moving out from a job well done dredging the Lancaster Canal Northern Reaches at Crooklands, near Kendal. A spokesman for the Lancaster Canal Trust said the Canal and River Trust have done a fine job for us at the old ‘Black and White’ Northern Reaches Canal, at Crooklands. It was a pleasure to watch their contractors, Land and Water, and the way they coordinated their massive equipment with such skill, that the wildlife were actually waiting for the food they disturbed. Lancaster Canal Trust Chairman, Richard Trevitt, said ‘We are extremely grateful to Canal & River Trust for organising this dredging contract. The 2015 Trail Boat Festival will be all the better for the improved channel and we can run our own trip boat ‘Waterwitch’ more efficiently to promote the restoration of the Northern Reaches’. The name ‘Black and White’ was given due to transporting coal from the Wigan coal fields and return with limestone from the Kendal quarries.

- b) The Clerk advised she has contacted Lancaster Canal Trust regarding possible dates for a meeting to discuss the proposed updating of the Sedgwick Canal Management Plan and is still waiting for a reply.
- c) Cllr D Willacy reported that Mr Stoker has had a glass case made for the panoramic sign which is proposed to be placed near to the ‘Stoker Seat and is currently exploring ideas for the design with the Sedgwick Art Group.

#### 29/15 Sedgwick Village Hall

Cllr D Willacy had no relevant matters to bring to attention regarding Sedgwick Village Hall.

#### 30/15 Finance

- a) The bank balances as of 30 May were noted.
- b) It was noted the Internal Audit has now been completed and no matters have been raised.
- c) Appreciation was conveyed to District Cllr S. Eccles who has made the offer to award a grant of £250 to be used towards a Parish project to be decided by the Parish Council. It was agreed the funding could be used towards the provision of a new Community Notice Board.
- d) Two quotations, one written and one verbal, for a replacement of the Community Notice Board were received and considered. It was agreed to defer any further decision regarding this project until a third quotation had been received.

#### 31/15 Administration

- a) The resignation of the Clerk with effect from 1 September 2015 was received with regret. The Clerk advised she is relocating to South West England due to her husband’s employment and will be sad to leave Sedgwick Parish Council and the community they represent.
- b) The Clerk reported she had received a registration of interest in the vacancy created by her future departure. It was resolved that a Working Group comprising of all members of the Parish Council would be created to explore the suitability of the prospective candidate and a report would be presented at the next meeting of the Parish Council to be held in July.

**32/15 Meetings Attended/Correspondence/**

- Cllr Holmes reported she had attended the last meeting of the South Westmorland Local Area Partnership which had been held the night before at Sedgwick Village Hall. Items on the agenda had included a talk from Electricity North West regarding the protection of vulnerable people and the priority service register; a discussion regarding Parish/Highway communication; and a talk about Parish Plans. Cllr Holmes had found the meeting to be useful and she had received positive comments regarding Sedgwick Village Hall.
- Any correspondence, notices and publications received since the last meeting and not included on the agenda was noted.

**33/15 Items for consideration for a future agenda**

- Appointment of a new Parish Clerk
- Canal Management Plan
- Community Notice Board
- Parish Newsletter
- Parish Plan
- Highway Steward
- 'No Cold Calling' (September)

**34/15 Date of next meeting**

It was confirmed the date of the next meeting of the Council for will be 8 July 2015 and will commence at 7.30pm in the Sedgwick Village Hall.

*The meeting closed at 9 :10 pm*

Signed : ..... (Chairman)  
Date : 8 July 2015