

SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th February 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, District Cllr Cooper and Mrs S Roberts (Parish Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

107/18 Apologies: It was resolved for apologies with reasons given, to be noted from PCSO Boaks and District Cllr T Harvey.

108/18 Minutes: It was resolved for the Chairperson to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2019 as a true record.

109/18 Declarations of Interest / Dispensation Requests: None

110/18 Public Participation: None

Police Report: 57 incidents have been reported in the wider area with 11 being recorded crimes; the report will be displayed on the noticeboard and website.

District Cllrs: Cllr Cooper had attended a meeting about the scrutiny report; people today do not seem to be as healthy as previous generations as they are not taking enough exercise nor eating healthily, which will impact on spending in the future. Cllr Bingham reported the Grange Lido was to be discussed at the next meeting, funding had been sourced but more was needed if the project was to happen. The revamp of Kendal Town Hall and offices had been agreed at a cost of five million pounds. The bridge at Crooklands has been closed by The Canal Trust because it has been damaged and there is much disruption in local area; Cllr Bingham felt this was an issue which the Highways Department and the Canal Trust should have been working together on in order to quicken the repair work. Cumbria Police Committee had agreed to raise the budget by 10% to cover increased costs and SLDC agreed to raise the budget to 1.99%.

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

Village Hall Report: Diana Holmes has agreed to provide a report for the APM and give the Clerk an update of the Village Hall User Groups. The broadband contract is up for renewal next month, it was agreed for the Clerk to investigate what deals are available and email the councillors for approval.

111/18 Annual Revision of Councillors Attendance rates to Parish Meetings 2018.

This was discussed and it was agreed it would be monitored annually.

112/18 Planning Update: Cllr Willacy reported on the following updates which were noted Sedgwick Lodge SL/2018/0598 – full planning granted with conditions and SL/2018/0599 – Listed Building with conditions.

Builders Yard adjacent to Fox Hall – SL/2018/1041 – Discharge of conditions 31/1/19 – Approved.

113/18 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. Cllr Stoker agreed to inspect the Village highways before he next meeting to assess any further repairs. Cllr Holmes raised the need for repairs on the pavement from the aqueduct to opposite Sedgwick House and agreed to report them to CCC.
2. Road Gritting took place on Wednesday 30th January 2019.
3. Highways Report of temporary road closure A591 slip road, start date Monday 21st January for two weeks, times between 18.30 - 04.30. It was noted that this work was still on going and that there are diversions via the Village, these we think are for road repairs/ closures in Natland. The Council felt this was hazardous because of ungritted roads. It was agreed for the Clerk to report this matter to Highways department so they may agree to grit the roads if while diversions are in place.

114/18 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 and Cllr Willacy agreed to clean the picnic tables in the spring. The Clerk was asked to obtain permission from the Village Hall Committee to use the power source in the building when sanding the picnic tables.

115/18 Canal

1. Cllr Gill reported that all was in order along the canal woodland, paths and bed.

116/18 Data Protection

ICO Newsletters have been received and sent to all Councillors. It was noted that when the UK was to leave Europe the name would be changed.
Data Protection Invoice received for 2019 the charges are £40 per year with a discount of £5 as payment is received by direct debit.

117/18 Website: see report by Cllr Holmes.

118/18 Finance

- a) Bank Balance as of 30 January 2019 Current a/c £5,878.13
- b) Payments Approved: Broadband Village Hall February £18.99, Roll Board update £38.58
- c) The Accounts Report from Meeting Dated 9 January 2019, the transactions cleared was signed.
- d) Consideration to purchase a projector. Several quotes were received and it was agreed to purchase the projector at a cost of £229.00 - clerk to action.
- e) Future Priorities: It was agreed allocate money to cover any repairs necessary to the fence along the Millennium Field. Suggestions included: to plant fruit trees or maybe soft fruit bushes in the field near the canal, or along the canal, install signage where work had been completed by the Parish Council, replacement of the 50th anniversary of VE Day, weeping ash tree, consideration of a loop path on the canal.
- f) Digital Vat Returns: information was received from CALC, Scribe and MHRC about the new way VAT should be reclaimed from 2019. It was noted that measures needed to be implemented before October 2019 in order to reclaim VAT. In the meantime, the payment spreadsheet will be split between items with and without VAT and all information required by the new system would be included.

119/18 Annual Parish Meeting Preparations

Lancaster Canal Trust had been approached and Peter Jones agreed to do a presentation about the anniversary celebrations and renovation project at Stainton. It was agreed to donate £30 for the speaker to Lancaster Canal Trust.
Councillors agreed to speak about the areas of expertise which had taken place in the last twelve months. The Clerk to send out the invitations and provide the draft expenses & budget report. Cllr Holmes to purchase refreshments.

120/18 Spring Newsletter with APM information: Information agreed and after all Cllrs have received the draft copy it will be sent to the printers next week for production, in order for distribution.

121/18 Correspondence:

- The Great British Clean Up and Cumbria Litter Pick, information with dates and it was agreed to raise this at the Annual Parish Meeting.
- CALC February Newsletter, received and distributed.

122/18 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- Highways Report
- Canal Report
- PCSO Report
- Website Report, annual contract and Cookie Policy Update
- Digital VAT information
- Annual Review of Emergency Plan
- Broadband Contract

123/18 Date of next meeting

It was confirmed that the next Parish Meeting will be on **Wednesday 13th March 2019 at 7 30 pm** and will be held in the Sedgwick Village Hall. **APM Wednesday 20th March 2019 at 7 30 pm.**

The meeting closed at 8 50 pm

Signed: (Chairperson)

Date: 13th March 2019