

## SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14 October 2015 in Sedgwick Village Hall at 7:30pm

**Present:** Cllrs B Holmes (Chairperson), J Goodland, R Gill, D Willacy, Mrs S Roberts (Clerk) and no members of the public.

#### **66/15 Apologies**

It was resolved for apologies with reasons given to be noted from Cllr Oscroft, Cllr G Willacy, District Cllr S Eccles, County Cllr B Gray and Community Police

#### **67/15 Minutes**

It was resolved for the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2015 as a true record.

#### **68/15 Declarations of Interest / Dispensation Requests**

None

#### **69/15 Appointment of new Parish Clerk:**

It was confirmed Sylvia Roberts would commence work as Sedgwick Parish Clerk from 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015. The Parish Council fully approval of Sylvia Roberts appointment of Sedgwick Parish Clerk. Contract signed by Chairperson & Clerk

#### **70/15 Public Participation**

- Police report. We are reminded to be vigilant with regard to security. Although there has no crimes been reported in Sedgwick this month. A distraction theft took place at Booths Car Park in Milnthorpe. An elderly lady was distracted whilst an accomplice removed bank cards from her vehicle and obtained cash from the cards. Residents are urged to keep an eye out for any suspicious activity and to check on elderly and vulnerable people. Any concerns should be reported by calling '101' with a description of individuals or vehicles.
- District Cllr Eccles advised that she had no relevant matters to bring to attention.
- County Cllr Gray reported that Cold Calling information was being processed and would shortly be available. Also Highways were doing two different types of pot hole repairs; this was to trial out for the best results. Residents had passed comments to why some of the pot holes had been repaired differently as they thought the repair was defect.

#### **71/15 Planning**

SL/2015/0726 Sedgwick Cricket Club:- Relocation of Cricket Nets

No issue

SL/2015/ Sedgwick House:- New Garage

To be discussed next month, plans in post for the councillors to view

#### **72/15 Parish Council Action**

- l) **Defibulator-** Information received from British Heart Foundation, Defibulators funding application available with a cost of £1000.00 including heated cupboard and training for 1<sup>st</sup> Responders. Cllr D Willacy agreed to discuss this with the Village Hall Committee, it was felt a more appropriate place to site the Defibulator on the outside of the Village Hall. Cllr D Willacy will raise the outcome at the next meeting; it was also felt that the next newsletter could request residents to put themselves forward for the first responders training. The clerk will notify Sue Cox of the decision and also find out what the training involved

#### **73/15 'No Cold Calling'**

Chairperson had made enquiries with Jennifer Wood but still awaiting a response. It was agreed that this was a must for the village and the Chairperson would contact Jenny Jones again before the next meeting also the Clerk would contact Cllr Gray to ask her to do the same

#### **74/15 Highways/Footpaths**

The Clerk update:- repairs to the road from Castle View to Raines Hall Farm. Was told Local Team Assigned. She would check on Cumbria County Councils website before the next meeting and if it has not been repaired, will then contact the Area Steward. Update next meeting.

#### **75/15 Playground /Millennium Field**

- 1) The annual ROSPA Playsafety Report carried out in August seems to be inaccurate:
  - The Councillors all highlighted the inaccuracy on the report. The Clerk would contact the inspector with these points and ask for the correction to be made and report sent for inspection before the invoice was paid.
  - Cllr D Willacy's proposal of acquiring Adult Exercise equipment for use on the Millennium Field has been investigated by the Chairperson and there is a possibility of a grant from South Lakeland Leisure. It was agreed that a grant to be submitted for four pieces of equipment, each piece cost approximately £700 + installation of £400. This would be collate and discussed at the next meeting. If we did not receive the full grant the council have the option of match funding or purchase less equipment.

#### **76/15 Canal**

- 1) The report from Frank Sanderson & Trevor Cotton (Lancaster Canal Trust) was acknowledged. It recommends that a significant amount of trees are removed from both the canal bed and embankment. This will encourage the re-growth of the ground level herbaceous layer which stabilises the ground and will decrease the levels of soil erosion which is adversely affecting the towpath. It will also reduce further damage to the clay lining of the canal.
- 2) Chairperson contacted Graham Nicholson the Arboriculture Officer at SLDC who advised that there were no tree preservation orders in force but recommended that the Parish Council seeks independent advice from a qualified tree consultant before removing trees.
- 3) Meeting have been arranged with three companies: BHA Trees, A Hearn & Bergen Tree Services and quotes to be sent for the next meeting, for consideration.

#### **77/15 Sedgwick Village Hall**

Cllr D Willacy elected as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.

A new drawing class has begun on a Tuesday and if there is enough interest a class will commence on a Saturday, the digital photograph classes have finish but the badminton group is well attended

#### **78/15 Finance**

The bank balances as of 30 September 2015 is £19,400.69

- a) Received £250 00 SLDC from Cllr Grays grant allowance
- b) It was resolved for the following payments to be approved :

Playsafety	£ 85.20
Stationary	£ 38.73
BDO	£120.00

#### **79/15 Meetings Attended / Correspondence**

- Several Cllrs attended the Canal meeting with Frank Sanderson, which highlighted the issues in hand.
- It was noted a change in time table for the refuse collection, As of 21<sup>st</sup> September Black bins would be collected on Mondays and alternate weeks for Green bins & a new recycle bag for cardboard & plastic waste. At present the agreed dates were on hold until further notice.
- Clerk attended Finance Training on 13<sup>th</sup> October also further training to be arranged regarding using facebook, twitter and web sites to promote the Parish Council, Chairperson asked if there is availability for her to attend this course too. Clerk to notify Chairperson if this can be arranged.
- Any correspondence, notices and publications received since the last meeting and not included on the agenda was noted

**80/15 Items for consideration for a future agenda**

- Defibulator
- Canal Management Quotes
- Playsafe correspondence
- 'No Cold Calling'
- Highways Repair
- Budget/Precept
- Play Equipment/ Funding
- Update of the Officers Board

**81/15 Date of next meeting**

It was confirmed the date of the next meeting of the Council will be 11 November 2015 and will commence at 7.30pm in the Sedgwick Village Hall.

*The meeting closed at 8 45 pm*

Signed : ..... (Chairperson)  
Date : 11 November 2015