

SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4 March 2015 in Sedgwick Village Hall at 7:30pm

Present : Cllrs B Holmes (Chairman), J Goodland, J Oscroft, D. Willacy, G Willacy, District Cllr S Eccles, Mrs J Davidson (Clerk), and no members of the public.

131/14 Apologies

It was resolved for apologies with reasons given to be noted from Cllr Bobbett.

132/14 Minutes

It was resolved for the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2015.

133/14 Declarations of Interest

None.

134/14 Requests for Dispensations

None.

135/14 Public Participation

District Cllr Eccles reported there are a number of District Councillor elections scheduled to be held on 7 May 2015.

136/14 Planning

The following planning application which had been submitted to SLDC since the last meeting was received and considered :

SL/2015/0144 – Riverside Cottage, Sedgwick, Kendal

Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new dwelling

The Parish Council expressed a positive opinion regarding the new dwelling as it is felt to be sympathetic in character and appearance in the context of the surroundings. However the proposal to build a wall directly in front of the new property, which would cause a narrowing of the carriageway in this area, does raise some concern as to whether it would be within the curtilage of the site. It is also requested that, in the event of SLDC granting planning permission for this development, then planning conditions would be included to mitigate/minimise the impact to neighbouring properties during the demolition/construction work.

137/14 Highways/Footpaths

- a) Cllr Holmes spoke of the letter which had been discussed at the last meeting of Sedgwick Parish Council - from Stainton Parish Council to Crosscrake School - for the attention of parents, staff and visitors regarding parking and traffic issues adjacent to the School. Cllr Holmes reported she had conveyed support to the Chairman of Stainton PC as had been agreed at the last meeting of Sedgwick PC. The situation is currently being regularly monitored/controlled by the local PCSOs and Stainton PC will contact Sedgwick PC in the event of wishing to take any further action in the future.
- b) A discussion was introduced as to when to proceed with the road markings, which had been agreed last year, in the area of the aqueduct. The Clerk was given the action to explore with Highways as to whether any improvements could be made to the surface of the carriageway as it was felt road markings would not last on the current condition of the road.
- c) The Clerk reported she had spoken with Highways regarding the provision of fencing, which had been expected, for the top of the new wall adjacent to the river between Cooper Hill/Force Bridge. There has been a delay in moving this matter forward due to the officer who had been dealing with this matter is now on maternity leave. A different officer has now been appointed who has promised to look into it and then report back.

- d) It was noted the collapsed water main/hole which appeared outside Eden End - not far from the junction with Wakefield Meadow – has been reported to Highways (Ref : 62/WEB151317661).
- e) It was reported that one of the boards on the suspension bridge over the river is deteriorating and has been reported to the National Trust who has the responsibility for this structure.
- f) Appreciation was conveyed to Cllr Willacy who reported he has now repaired the fingerpost sign at the bottom of the footpath leading to the aqueduct.

138/14 Consultations

The BT consultation regarding the removal of the telephony service from a number of telephone kiosks in Cumbria was further considered. It was resolved to agree to the removal of the service from the Sedgwick telephone kiosk to allow for the installation of a defibrillator to proceed. The decision was based on the information provided by BT that a total of 2 calls (1 paid & 1 free) had been made from the kiosk between 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2014.

139/14 Playground /Millennium Field

- a) Cllr G Willacy reported the pieces for the two replacement picnic benches have now been delivered and he has almost finished putting them together. Cllr D Willacy reported he had received an offer of £10 for the old ones to be taken away. Cllr D Willacy was given the action to negotiate/make the arrangements for the tables to be taken away for a cost of £20. In the event of this being achieved then Cllr D Willacy and Cllr G Willacy would install the new tables in the playground.
- b) Cllr Oscroft presented a playground inspection report :
All the equipment is considered to be in good sound order and fit for the Under 12s to play on :
 - The two picnic bench tables and seats are in poor repair and are due for renewal (as discussed above);
 - The three bench seats around the edge of the field are in need of cleaning and repainting (or staining);
 - Chain Walks - are in good condition with all attachments sound;
 - The 'goal posts' are solid and fit for purpose;
 - The large slide (ex : Barrows Green Home) needs cleaning and more safety chippings around base to be obtained;
 - Slurry pit - new gate is solid - contents of pit ready to be cleaned out again;
 - Swings - the chains and attachments are in good order - two of the seats are beginning to show signs of cracking and will require renewal in the future;
 - Spring Horses - all OK;
 - Waste Bin – emptied – plastic liner required.

Appreciation was conveyed to Cllr Oscroft for preparing the report and it was agreed that further consideration would be given to the issues raised at the next meeting.

140/14 Canal

- a) It was reported that the Clerk has recreated the Sedgwick Parish Council Management Plan for Sedgwick Canal/1994 – 2014 document into a Word file. A meeting is yet to be arranged with Lancaster Canal Trust.
- b) The following Press Releases from Lancaster Canal Trust were received and noted :
IWA National Trailboat Festival & CountryFest : Canal & River Trust and the Lancaster Canal Trust have joined forces to prepare the Canal's Northern Reaches for the IWA Trailboat Festival, 30 May to 1 June, and volunteers are rallying to get the work finished in time. The Trailboat Festival will run alongside the annual CountryFest, which attracts around 20,000 people. The Canal will be dredged between Millness and Stainton and the slipway area improved. The landing stage area at Crooklands has been the subject of extensive conservation work by re laying the original sets and cobbles to a high standard and an overgrown hedge on the paddock professionally 'layered'. All this work has been done without affecting the resident wildlife, and the swans actually like to inspect the work as it progresses. Meanwhile, the work of re-watering the Stainton to

Sellet Hall section is making headway and it is hoped this will be ready for the Festival. In the meantime the Festival is awaited with anticipation and especially the spectacular illuminated 'Parade of Boats' from Millness to Wakefield's Wharf that takes place at 8.30pm on Sunday 31 May. The Lancaster Canal Trust is very pleased that Richard Parry, head of Canal & River Trust, has accepted their invitation to lead the flotilla of boats to Stainton.

Museum of Water Exhibition - The Storey, Lancaster – Friday 20 February 2015 : this was a three day event and had water taken from the Lancaster Canal, Killington feeder, alongside 125 thousand year old samples taken from over 160M below the Antarctic ice cap.

141/14 Sedgwick Village Hall

It was noted the SLDC funding which has been awarded to be used towards the resurfacing of the path leading to the back door of the Village Hall has now been credited to the Sedgwick PC bank account. Two quotations for this work to be carried out had been received in April/May of last year. It was agreed that in the first instance it should be established as to whether there would be any changes to these quotations,

142/14 Correspondence

- CALC - Circular March 2015
- Any other correspondence, notices and publications received since the last meeting and not included on the agenda was noted.

143/14 Parish Meeting

There was a further discussion regarding the arrangements for the Parish Meeting to be held on Wednesday 11 March 2015. Reports have been invited from District Cllr Eccles, County Cllr Gray, Kendal Neighbourhood Policing Team and Parish Groups. Mr Richard Trevitt (Chairman) and Mr Peter Jones (Project Team Member) will present a report regarding the 'Ambitions of the Lancaster Canal Trust. Cllr Holmes has made arrangements for refreshments to be provided and the Clerk has prepared flyers which have been distributed around the Parish by Cllrs Goodland, Oscroft, D Willacy and G Willacy. It was resolved that a donation of £25 should be made to the Lancaster Canal Trust and Cllr Goodland would make the presentation with a vote of thanks.

144/14 Finance

- 2014/15 Payments/Receipts Report** - the Payments/Receipts Report for 2014/15 was received and noted.
- Grass Cutting** – the Clerk reported she has contacted Continental Landscapes regarding their 2015 charges a number of times since the last meeting. She had been advised they were proposing to send out quotations by the end of February but still nothing had been received. It was agreed that as soon as the quotation had been received it would be circulated to members for comments.
- Internal Audit** - the Clerk of Beetham & Milnthorpe Parish Councils has recommended their Internal Auditor - Mr Alan Hartley - who has been found to provide a 'thorough and prompt' service. Although it is no longer a statutory requirement to separately minute the 'Review of the Effectiveness of the Internal Audit' it is recommended that it is undertaken as part of the review of effectiveness of the system of internal control. A 'Review of the Effectiveness of the Internal Audit' report was received and it was resolved for it to be approved. It was also resolved for Mr Alan Hartley to be invited to be appointed as the Internal Auditor for the 2014/15 accounts for an honorarium payment of £50.
- Payments** – it was resolved for the following payment to be approved :
Lancaster Canal Trust – Donation £25.00

145/14 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- Playground Report Review
- Grass Cutting
- Parish Meeting Review
- Management Plan for Sedgwick Canal
- Aqueduct Road Markings
- Village Hall Path

146/14 Date of next meeting

It was confirmed the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council will be 8 April 2015. The meeting will commence at 7.30pm and will be held in the Sedgwick Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

Signed : (Chairman)
Date : 8 April 2015

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