

SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th October 2021 at 7:30pm Venue: Sedgwick Village Hall

Present: Cllr B Holmes (Chairperson), Cllr G Stoker, Cllr B Tanham, Cllr W Burrow, District Cllr R Bingham, Cllr D Rathbone and Mrs S Roberts (Parish Clerk) no residents attended

64/21 Apologies: It was resolved for apologies with reasons given that were accepted by Sedgwick Parish Council, to be noted from Cllr A Holmes -personal commitment.

65/21 Non-Attendance: County Cllr B Gray

66/21 Minutes: It was resolved for the Chairperson to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2021 as a true record.

67/21 Declarations of Interest / Dispensation Requests: Cllr B Tanham declared that as she is the owner of a part of the canal towpath, she is able to take part in the discussion but cannot vote on any decisions.

68/21 Public Participation: None received

69/21 Reports
Police Report: The Council are receiving Covid Police Updates and a monthly community newsletter.
District Cllrs: Cllr R Bingham reported that Covid still dominated Council's concerns as case numbers are rising again, rates in south Lakeland are below national average but Lancashire has the national highest rates. The government is receiving funding from the government to help with covid hardship. Provision for EVCP generators for electric cars has been under discussion with installation of chargers being sited in Kendal Ulverston, Windermere and Bowness. No specific information has been given to help rural villages. The Local Government Reorganisation proposal is going to judicial review and a decision will be available in a fortnight news will be updated at the next PC meeting. Elections are fixed May 2022 The current authority will continue until vesting date 1st April 2023, the newly elected members will serve as a shadow council until that date. Cllr Bingham agreed to investigate why SLDC would not replace the Back Lane sign which had been removed. Cllr Bingham told the council he had funding of £500 available for them to consider spending on the Parish.
County Cllr B Gray: Cllr D Rathbone reported that plans for the Unitarian Council were being formulated, he could foresee that many changes within the District and County Council would affect all aspects of their work and therefore affect residents and Parish Councils and advises that we participate fully in consultations to help ensure representation is kept as local as possible. A mobile post office service will be available at Oxenholme Station and if usage is high enough further consideration will be given to a further mobile service held in Sedgwick or and Natland. Land Allocation – Local Consultation Plan: it was agreed Cllr Rathbone would email a hyperlink to enable the Parish Council to access the plans so any local proposals could be viewed.
Village Hall Report: : The village hall held its AGM on 20th September, updated information has been put on the website and the events calendar will be on the PC noticeboard.

70/21 Resignation of Cllr R Smith: Dr R Smith has resigned from the Council. With great sadness this was accepted by Council and thanks were given for his contribution, support and wisdom which have been much appreciated by the Parish Council.

71/21 Training Available for Sedgwick Parish Council;
Community Flooding Event Kendal 27th September 2021, report from Cllr G Stoker how informative the training was and he made the Parish Council aware of Local procedures that are now in place.
Neighbourhood Planning Date awaiting confirmation for Cllr B Holmes.

72/21 Planning Application submitted: Correspondence received

- Correspondence received future for Sedgwick Cricket Club- The PC congratulates the Club on this venture and wishes them well.
- TR/2021/0179 Sedgwick House: Tree Issues, ash die back – Change to tree preservation order, this was information only and Council agreed the steps being followed where correct.

73/21 Sedgwick Parish Council COVID 19 – Cllr B Holmes reported that the website had been updated with Village Hall and policy information. **Sedgwick Neighbours and Friends Resilience Group**. This group remains in operation and will continue to support residents. Cllr Holmes will further promote the general FB page.

Correspondence: SLDC 16th September News Release, SLDC 23 September News Release, NHS Press Release 24th September, Community Vaccine Champions - registration link, 30th September News Release.

74/21 Highways/Footpaths

- a) The highways report was discussed. Cllr B Holmes gave an update on the progress of action that was being implemented
- a) Correspondence with Helen Karaaslan - Speed Indicator signs, Aqueduct sign and village signs. Cllr B Holmes reported she had discussed these issues. The aqueduct sign is being placed closer to the aqueduct after concerns that it would interfere with the visibility splay near Fox Hall. The Village Sign has been located and will be put back. 3 locations for Speed monitoring devices have been identified and the exercise will take place soon.
- b) Bus Shelter funding – Cllr D Rathbone reported he would investigate what was available and email the Clerk an update
- c) Request for extra Litter Bins by Millennium Field /River Kent – Cllr Rathbone gave another lead to Cllr Tanham to investigate funding for litter bins.
- d) Electric Vehicle Charges in Villages: This was discussed and was agreed that Parish Councils are not in the position to provide charging points on roadsides for electric cars. Funding has been given to County and District Councils to support the provision of chargers and they are focussing on town centres. In the meantime, CCC advise that it is not legal to use cables over pavements and rights of way to charge cars parked on the highway. Council will provide future updates as technology and funding changes.
- e) Latest update was received from Cumbria Highways- the “Ask Kevin” hotline is being closed down. Cllr Rathbone was not aware of this and would investigate.
- f) Cllr Tanham agreed to contact the Police and arrange to meet to consider if a resident speed monitoring campaign is feasible in the Village.
- g) Cllr Stoker reported that three sets of pedestrian warning signs in the village are badly faded and need replacing. Cllr B Holmes would report to Cumbria County Council Highways.

75/21 Canal Wildlife Area Report

- Monthly report - see attached on the website and cabinet
- Inspection arranged with A Hearn – Arboricultural Consultant – 9th September 2021- no further felling is required this winter as the ADB has not progressed quickly - possibly due to a dry summer. He raised awareness of the likelihood of Dutch Elm Disease threatening the stand of Elm trees along Back Lane. The Canal Management Plan will be updated and discussed next meeting.
- WI Offer to support Tree Planting; arrangements are in place to make a bid to the Woodland Trust -for a Wild life pack of 104 trees. This will allow us to restock the 72 trees felled last season. They will be planted by our woodland contractor- quote agreed for the next meeting
- Repair of the towpath was discussed and was it was agreed that the woodland contractor would carry it out after meeting with Cllr Holmes to agree the area.
- LCRP issues.
 - I Towpath Trail Evening Crooklands Hotel 14th October – attended by Cllrs B Holmes & B Tanham.
 - ii Repair to the Towpath over the aqueduct has still not been discussed -Angela Parkinson Green The Aqueduct information sign will be installed on the footpath sign board when a new logo has been received.
 - iii Towpath Trail Evaluation Interview – Cllr B Holmes undertake on Wednesday 20th October
 - ivii Steering Group Wind-up Meeting Wednesday 27th October 10 11-30 Teams meeting, Cllrs B Tanham and B Holmes would attend.

76/21 Playground /Millennium Field

- a) Monthly Safety Report- by Cllr Stoker who reported he had checked the field, and all was satisfactory There are more rabbit holes, Cllrs W Burrows and G Stoker agreed to arrange a date to fill them in. Cllr G Stoker had repaired the sign on the gate. Cllr Stoker put forward the idea of adding a disabled friendly roundabout at a future date but the cost was over £4,000.00, Council would bear this in mind if funding was made available.

77/21 Website: Cllr Holmes reported that the website has been updated and was well used.

78/21 Finance

- a) The bank statements received Bank Balance as of 28th September £11,102.20
- b) Payments Approved: Shell Energy Broadband -October £16.98, Canal Woodland Report -A Hearn £48.00, No Cycling signs £5.37 and Ink cartridges £24.95

- c) Accounts reported on 13th October which cleared the bank account was approved by Cllr A Holmes
- d) The budget was reviewed and approved - it was agreed to keep within the £25,000 threshold at the year end to avoid a full external audit. Parish Project spending including marking the Queen's Jubilee will be discussed next meeting.
- e) September 2021 Bank reconciliation was agreed and approved
- f) 2022 Meeting Dates were agreed and approved

79/21 Winter Newsletter – Councillors agreed to add future information about the Village Hall Hire, The Queens Platinum Jubilee- Volunteers required, Post Office Service update and Christmas photo of Sedgwick required.

80/21 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- Update on Covid-19
- Highways Report
- Canal Wildlife Area and Management Plan
- Millennium Field Report
- Local Government reorganisation
- Update Policies (Data Protection, Code of Conduct etc)
- Consideration for Precept 2022/23

81/21 Correspondence: All the documents have been circulated to the Councillors.

82/21 Open Action not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

- **The Queens Platinum Jubilee Beacons – 2nd June 2022 Event;** A request would be put in the next newsletter requesting volunteers. Cllr B Holmes would also contact Stanton Parish to see if they wished to share this event.
- **CALC Guide to taking part in the Queens Platinum Jubilee Beacons**
- **Town & Parish Council The Queens Platinum Jubilee Beacons 2nd June 2022**
- **Closure of Natland Post Office update correspondence Tim Farron – agreed to** – it was agreed to make residents aware in the newsletter
- **South Lakeland Local Planning Issues and Options Consultation from CALC: received and noted**
- **BT Lines upgrade:** being distributed in the village to bt customers to improve the services
- **CALC AGM Saturday 16 October 2021 team meeting 10 30am:** received and noted
- **Great North Air Ambulance – funding request (coverage East Coast of England)-** as it was not covering this area it was refused.
- **SLDC Local Plan Consultation extended deadline;** information received and noted
- **Keep Britain Tidy- Dog Fouling signs;** Received and noted

83/21 Date of next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next Parish Meeting will be on **Wednesday 10th November 2021 at 7 30 pm** This would take place in Sedgwick Village Hall unless there is a change in the Government's Covid Restrictions.

The meeting closed at 9: 30 pm

Signed:..... (Chairperson) Date: 10th November 2021