

# SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 16th March 2022.

*This meeting took place at Sedgwick Village Hall  
The Annual Parish Meeting was held in accordance with the  
requirements of the Local Government Act 1972.*

**Present:** Cllrs B Holmes (Chairman), Cllr B Tanham, Cllr G Stoker, Cllr A Holmes, District Cllr R Bingham, Cllr D Rathbone, SLDC Leader Cllr J Brook Mrs S Roberts (Parish Clerk) and 13 Members of the Parish.

### 1. Welcome and Introduction.

### 2. Apologies

Apologies it was resolved for apologies with reasons given that were accepted by Sedgwick Parish Council to be noted from Cllr W Burrow – covid positive. Group representatives Village Hall Committee, Crosscraze c of e School, Sedgwick Cricket Club and a Resident

### 3. Minutes of the 2021 Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 17 March 2021 were approved and signed as a true record.

### 4. Councillors Reports for 2021/22

Parish Councillors

- Chairperson: Introduction and COVID response - gratitude was expressed to volunteers who supported the COVID neighbourhood resilience group.
- Vice/ Cllr Tanham: Planning/local Planning/Dark Skies Cumbria/Boundary Commission Review
- Cllr Tanham reported on behalf of Cllr W Burrow: Millennium Field/Play Area- repairs and future project
- Cllr A Holmes: Highways/Gritting
- Cllr G Stoker: Emergency Plan update

Financial – Draft Report: The Clerk

Summing up - Cllr B Holmes - continuing management of the Canal Wildlife area and proposed bus shelter, Communications - via newsletters/ facebook/website/cabinet. Thanks given to retiring Councillors R.Smith and D Willacy

District Cllr Bingham - Report given

County Cllr Gray/Cllr Rathbone- Report given

*Copies of the reports are available for inspection from the Clerk.*

### 5. Reports from Parish Organisation

Reports were presented on behalf of the following Parish Groups:

- Village Hall Committee
- Crosscraze CE School
- St Thomas Church
- WI Group
- Creative Embroidery
- Brownies/Guides/Rainbows

- Scouts/Cubs/Beavers
- Art Group

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**6. Jonathan Brook, Leader of SLDC – reporting on Unitarian Changes**

**CALC will have an input to the role of Parish Councils**

**Questions raised by residents**

- Highway's service inadequate – thought Unitarian changes will improve the service
- Where was funding coming from for a shadow Council as well as a Council – No government help but through cost savings
- It should have been Cumbria who made the unitarian decisions not the government.

**7. Public Participation: Questions and Future Priorities**

- Retiring of Copper network: help for PC requested by a venerable resident to keep his landline in cases of emergencies. Cllr B Tanham would consult with Openreach and contact the resident on what service they can provide.

**Future Priorities**

- Covid-19 recovery
- Jubilee Plans
- Safer Roads/pavements initiatives/speed monitoring
- Woodland Management in the Canal Wildlife Area
- Highway Maintenance
- Local Government Reorganisation
- Climate Change/darker skies initiative/ nature recovery
- Bus Shelter Project
- Funding/Installation of new play equipment
- Consideration for Electric vehicles

The Chairperson conveyed thanks to everyone for attending the meeting

Meeting closed at 9 10 pm

Signed : ..... (Chairman)  
Date : March 2023