

SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on
Wednesday 15 March 2017 in the 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), D Willacy, R Gill, J Oscroft J Stoker, J Goodland, District Cllr S Eccles, Mrs S Roberts (Parish Clerk) and 43 Members of the Parish.

1. Apologies

Apologies had been conveyed by County Cllr Gray, PC Boaks, Mr Davies. Mrs Shaw. Mr Aldridge, Mrs Allwright, Mrs Wilkins and Mr Deakin

2. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 16 March 2016 were approved and signed as a true record.

Annual Reports:-

3. Police Report

Parish Clerk presented an annual report on behalf of the Kendal Neighbourhood Police Team.

4. Reports from Parish Groups

Reports were presented on behalf of the following Parish Groups :

- Crosscrake WI
- Crosscrake Church
- Crosscrake C of E School
- Sedgwick House
- Sedgwick Village Hall
- Sedgwick Ladies

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

5. District and County Council Reports

District Cllr Eccles presented reports regarding the activities of the South Lakeland District Council and Cumbria County Council during 2016/17

6. Reports on the work of the Parish Council 2016-17

Report on Twelve Months in Sedgwick Parish by Chairperson

Councillors were elected in May 2016 to start a new term of office. Cllr G Willacy resigned and has been replaced by Cllr J Goodland. A request for a litter picking event was actioned. The event was well attended and extremely successful. Regular newsletters have been well received and this year we have including consultation on cold calling and the proposed aqueduct improvements. 21st April saw a 90th birthday celebration for The Queen, which was enjoyed by residents of Sedgwick & Stainton. We would like to thank Ann Allwright (for her tremendous work with our Sedgwick Website, which enables Council to be transparent) and Dorinda Mackereth for maintaining the Queen's Jubilee garden. Thanks, were given to District Cllr Eccles & County Cllr Gray for their continual support.

No Cold Calling Zone and Evaluation- 2016 had seen an introduction of Sedgwick No Calling Zone, which was running successfully. We appeared on Border TV News to encourage wider uptake of the scheme and are currently evaluating the scheme.

Flood Action and Highways- We have successfully campaigned for improvements to drainage on Back Lane. A new soakaway was installed last December. Council have continued to report problems to 'Better Highways' but there are delays even after local teams have been assigned.

Millennium Field- Goal posts & a basketball net had been erected in 2016

Canal Management – The ownership and management of the Canal Area was explained. Phase 1 of the work outlined in the new Canal Management Plan is almost complete. New handrails and pathways to the canal were installed in 2016. The Canal will continue to require a significant financial commitment in the future.

Cycling Champion- Cllr Stoker is successfully working with local cycle organisations to help make cyclists aware of safety issues in the village so that dangerous incidents are not repeated.

Grants received/ given with Financial Report-

Copies of the draft Payments/Receipts Report for the 2016/17 financial year had been made available on the evening and on the website. The clerk gave a comprehensive explanation. A grant of £1500 had been given to support the cricket club improve their facilities.

7. **Consultation regarding proposed improvements to pedestrian safety under the Aqueduct Bridge-** All households in the village had been sent consultation information and the proposals were discussed, along with other concerns about traffic. Comments and suggestions made by residents were noted and discussed. Council will respond to the SLDC Traffic Management Officer about the proposals and a summary of responses and comments made will be discussed at the next council meeting.

8. Discussion of Future Initiatives

- **Community Emergency Planning** - A Meeting is arranged at Sedgwick Village Hall Tuesday 18th April at 7 30 pm. All residents are invited to form a working party, It is hoped that the draft Emergency Plan can be in place by the end of Spring 2017
- **Playground Equipment-** Council had obtain quotes to install a toddler slide and repair flooring under the toddler swing and it was agreed for Council to proceed.
- **Armistice Commemorations 2018-** This to be a joint event with Station Parish and preparation will commence in January 2018. Residents will be asked to help with catering etc.

9. Public Participation

Several members of the Village wished to thank the Councillors for all their commitment and hard work which was appreciated by the residents

The Chairperson conveyed appreciation to everyone for attending the meeting and invited everyone to stay for refreshments.

Signed : .Cllr Boyan Holmes..... (Chairman)
Date : 21st March 2018