

SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 08 February 2017 Venue Sedgwick Village Hall at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr B Holmes (Chairperson), Cllr R Gill, Cllr D Willacy, Cllr J Stoker, Mrs S Roberts (Parish Clerk), District Cllr Eccles, County Cllr Gray and two members of the public.

125/16 Apologies

It was resolved for apologies with reasons given to be noted from Cllr Oscroft, and PCSO Boaks.

126/16 Minutes

It was resolved for the Chairperson to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2017 as a true record.

127/16 Resignation of Cllr G Willacy.

A resignation letter from Cllr G Willacy was sadly accepted; thanks, were given for the work he had carried out while he has been a Parish Councillor.

The clerk had contacted the returning officer to discuss the new procedures involved in recruiting a replacement. A notice would be displayed on the Parish Notice Board, website and Facebook to co-opt a Parish Councillor in a by-election to fill the vacancy within 14 days from 8th February 2017.

128/16 Declarations of Interest / Dispensation Requests: None

129/16 Public Participation

A resident asked about repairs planned for the road under the Aqueduct. County Cllr Gray reported that Sedgwick Parish Council would shortly receive plans of a scheme to increase pedestrian safety and would then be able to comment. A scheme to provide better signage, speed calming road markings and a textured surface as preferred by residents had been discussed with the Traffic Management department in 2014 but Council had received no further details. The Council will make details public when they receive the plans.

A resident raised concern about traffic speed through the village, especially where there was no pavement. The Chairperson outlined the council's actions in response to concerns raised in 2014. Council had requested a 20mph zone be created through the village but following a speed monitoring exercise, CCC reported the results indicated it would not make an impact and that they would not support such a scheme. This issue is obviously linked to the proposed work at the aqueduct so it was agreed to consider whether any further action would be taken at the next meeting. It was pointed out that the roads are the County Council's responsibility and Parish Councils had no powers to build pavements.

Police Report: 35 incidents have been reported in the wider area with 3 being recorded crimes, the report will be displayed on the Noticeboard.

District Cllr S Eccles – Cllr Eccles reported that the Budget was being discussed and as there was a shortfall from government it was likely that the council tax would be raised. There was nothing else to report at present.

County Cllr B Gray – Reported on the Aqueduct Bridge Proposal and thanked Cllr G Willacy for his contribution to Sedgwick Parish and was sorry to see him leave.

130/16 Planning: - None Received

131/16 Highways/Footpaths

- It was agreed that Cllr R Gill would take on the role of Gritting Officer and the Clerk send him the required information
- Road Repairs: Clerk updated Council on the progress of requested repairs. As the response from Better Highways from last month was not satisfactory and contradicted information on the website, the Clerk would email them again and send County Cllr Gray a copy.
- Cllr D Willacy reported that he and Cllr Stoker had completed a map documenting all the gullies and flooding areas in the Village requested by SLDC which would form part of a future Emergency Plan.

It highlighted the need to report the drain on Force Bridge was blocked on the north/east side which caused the road on the bridge to ice up in severe weather conditions. Clerk to report the blocked drain and report back at the next meeting.

132/16 Playground /Millennium Field

- Cllr Stoker volunteered to take on the role of Playground Officer and to carry out the monthly check on the Millennium Field and report back to the Parish Council
- Safety Inspection Actions: It was agreed for Cllr Stoker to obtain quotes to replace the matting under the swing, with a further quote for a small slide with matting and further matting in the basketball area. Cllr Stoker will liaise with Cllr Willacy on this project. Cllr Holmes displayed the new safety sign and Cllr Willacy agreed to erect the sign on the gate at the entrance of the millennium field.
- Clerk to contact the Contractors who cut the grass to check arrangements are in place for the next year of our 3-year contract and report back at the next meeting.

133/16 Canal

- 1) Cllr D Willacy reported all the trees in phase 1 of the scheme had been felled; further removal of wood through the field would be dependent on the weather but would hopefully be completed soon. The scrub in the wet area would rot down and provide a habitat for wildlife, the scrub in the dry area has been burnt. An inspection has taken place and the mile stone and wheel hooping station were now visible. The possibility of adding information signs and access paths was suggested. It was agreed to consider the Canal Management Plan at the next meeting to establish future action.
- 2) It was reported that the fence along the Canal needed repair; Cllr Willacy would obtain quotes for the next meeting and discuss with the farmer.

134/16 Sedgwick Village Hall

- Mr J Goodland reported the fire survey had been completed and measures had been implemented to meet the requirements.
- Broadband and a phone line have been fitted at the Village Hall as part of our transparency funding initiative but the internet is still not working. Mr Goodland had spoken to BT – Maureen and was awaiting an appointment for an engineer to fix the broadband. It was agreed for the Clerk to contact BT, establish what the delay was and update Mr Goodland.
- Dates forwarded to Council for future meetings, Chairperson to check and confirm with Clerk before distribution of agreed dates.

135/16 Finance

- a) It was noted the bank balance as of 30 November, was £17,424.90
- b) Payments: Village Hall- room hire & insurance contribution £182 and James Park Tree Services £1500.00
- c) Chairperson had submitted all the paperwork required in opening the new savings account.

136/16 Plans for Annual Parish Meeting 15 March 2017

- A proposal for each Parish Councillor to report on what their remit had been in the last twelve months and what had been accomplished for the Parish would be on the agenda.
- The Clerk would provide all invitation and request village reports
- Chairperson would provide refreshments, the agenda, a poster, also notify the Guides that the Hall would be used on the evening of 15 March
- Cllr Gill would provide photographs of work carried out in the Village.
- The newsletter would highlight the Annual Parish Meeting, along with other issues. The draft copy would be emailed shortly for Councillors to approve before going to print.

137/16 Correspondence:

Battles Over. A Nations Tribute: Chairperson had raised this with Station Parish Council Our suggestion to join together to organise a beacon on 11.11.18 was well received and would lead to further discussions in January 2018

Community Housing Trust: - Received and noted

Request for topics for consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2017/18
Sedgwick had no topics that felt a need for scrutiny but it would raise this point at the Annual Meeting in March for residents to comment about.

Cold Calling Interview

Trading Standards contacted Sedgwick Parish Council to ask if an interview could be arranged with Border TV about Cold Calling. A date was arranged, which coincided with a Cold Calling Incident in the village. The film crew saw how effectively the system worked with the arrival of Trading Standard Officers and the police within minutes of a resident reporting the caller. Parish Councillors explained how the system was implemented. Council felt this was good news for the village and praised Trading Standards Officers and the Police Service. Chairman has formatted the evaluation questionnaire to go out with the newsletter and be circulated at the APM.

138/16 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- Proposed safety scheme for road under aqueduct if received. Canal Management Plan – Update on Phase 1 and consideration of future action
- PCSO Report
- Village Hall update
- APM – Update
- Spring Newsletter
- Emergency Plan
- Repairs and equipment for the Millennium Field

138/16 Date of next meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting on Wednesday 8th March will commence at 7.30pm and will be held in the Sedgwick Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9 10 pm

Signed: (Chairperson)
Date: 8 March 2017