

## SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Wednesday 12 October 2016 Venue Sedgwick Village Hall at 7:30pm

**Present:** Cllrs B Holmes (Chairperson), Cllr D Willacy, Cllr J Stoker, Cllr R Gill, Mrs S Roberts (Parish Clerk), District Cllr Eccles and no members of the public.

#### 75/16 Apologies

It was resolved for apologies with reasons given to be noted from Cllr J Oscroft, Cllr G Willacy, County Cllr Gray and PCSO Boaks.

#### 76/16 Minutes

It was resolved for the Chairperson to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2016 as a true record.

#### 77/16 Declarations of Interest / Dispensation Requests: None

#### 78/16 Public Participation

Police Report: In Sedgwick Area: two crimes were reported as follows: -

16/9 two male Irish cold callers in the village in a white transit- no offences reported, 2/10 money stolen from a sale of eggs - honest box.

Complaint by a resident about a car parked inappropriate with a 'for sale' sign. Council contacted PCSO Boaks who informed Council "it is not an offence to have a car with a for sale sign in it but any cars parked illegally must be reported to the police by contacting them on 101 with the relevant deals". Clerk will forward this information to the resident.

District Cllr S Eccles – It has been reported that Blackpool Council or an agency on behalf of the Council has purchased houses in Grange, Arnside, Endmoor and Stainton. The purpose is to provide Children Homes for children with behaviour problems, aged 7 – 18 years old from Blackpool area. It was noted that SLDC Planning Officer needed notification not consent for change of use for this to take place and local residence where unhappy this could happen in the communities without notification.

Cllr Eccles agreed to give £250 from the Locality Budget to pay towards Sedgwick Parish Councils Newsletters and Cold Calling Information Packs.

County Cllr B Gray – Attended LAP meeting this evening, Cllr Gray emailed Clerk to check if the grit bins needed replenishing, Cllr G Stoker to check and Clerk will notify Cllr Gray

Members of the Village – No one present

#### 79/16 Planning: - None

#### 80/16 Flood Action

**SLDC Communication:** Chairperson has had no reply from Mr Hosking, it was suggested that the Clerk contact District Cllr Gray to request her to arrange a meeting with Mr Hosking and Chairperson as this issues needed dealing with asap.

A report was received from the Catchment Director with regard to the Flooding of the River Kent, this report was discussed and is displayed on the Noticed Board.

#### 81/16 Highways/Footpaths

**Road Repairs:** Clerk updated Council on the progress of the present repairs

**Pathways in need of repair:** On Castle View and Hill Close. It was agreed for the Clerk to report these for repair.

#### 82/16 Cyclist Issues:

Cllr G Stoker reported a Race had passed through the Village and there was no issues.

#### 83/16 Playground /Millennium Field

- The monthly playground inspection report had been completed by Cllr G Willacy in September with nothing to report.
- Safety Inspection Actions

- 1) Chairperson had contact the Company who installed the gym equipment to gain advice about this situation with the Adult Equipment in the same area as the playground equipment. It was agreed to erect a sign on the gate identifying the two types of equipment.
- 2) Replaced the cracked swing.
- 3) Low risk wear on the slide, again monitor this monthly and cleaned. Also more bark had been added in the slide area
- 4) Floor covering under the swing, agreed to be repaired and Clerk to report at the next meeting this had been completed.
- 5) Picnic tables would be cleaned and stained
- 6) Bin had been emptied
- 7) Compost bin - full and would be emptied shortly
- 8) Netball stand erected and the ball would be stored in the Village Hall for the children to use.
- Council wish to note a thank you to Cllr D Willacy & Cllr J Stoker for their work in installing the new equipment and repairing of the equipment on the Millennium Field

#### **84/16 Canal**

- 1) Cllr D Willacy reported that Mr Park commenced work on the canal bed in August and part one of the felling planned for Phase 1 of the Canal Management Plan is now complete. At present the wood was being removed before the next phase could progress.
- 2) LCRP Project Manager (Helen Moriarty) invited Council & Sedgwick Residents for the Towpath Trail Roadshow at Sedgwick Village Hall Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October. The event aim was to link Lancaster and Kendal with an upgrade towpath for dual use by walkers and cyclist, hubs for services would be added along the route with links off to attraction like Levens Hall. At the meeting residents were sympathetic to the aims but concerned about problems particularly congestion and dual use. Further information will be available on the website. Tow Path Trial Roadshow.
- 3) Residents have asked if the hand rail could be extended all the way down the canal path, it was agreed by Council and would be completed shortly.

#### **85/16 Sedgwick Village Hall**

- Today the Brownies & Rainbows held 'The Great British Bake Off' Cllr D Willacy was invited to judge at this event and explained how successful and what a wonderful event it was. Photos were taken and it is expected to be in the local newspaper next week.
- Work had been completed on painting the outside windows of the Village Hall.
- BT postponed installing broadband in the Village Hall until 27 October, at present Clerk reported BT has issues and it may not go to plan but will update Council at the next meeting.

#### **86/16 Transparency Funding**

Clerk awaiting installation of broadband in the Village Hall before apply for further funding and will update at the next meet

#### **87/16 Finance**

- a) Annual Accounts: - Councillors were updated on the six months' accounts to date.
- b) Budget: - Clerk presented a report for the Councillors to consider next year's budget, which would be finalised at next month's meeting.
- c) Banking Reconciliation: Clerk presented a report detailing the six-month reconciliation.
- d) It was noted the bank statement as of 30<sup>th</sup> September was £20,352.49
- e) Receipt: None
- f) Payments: Cllr D C Willacy: materials work carried out on the Millennium Field £44.00
- g) Payments submitted last month and approved have cleared the bank statement and signed off by Chairperson.

#### **88/16 Correspondence:**

##### **LAP Meeting 12 October at Arnside EI**

This was noted, District Cllr Eccles would attend and report at the next meeting

**DMU Councillors Commission:**

Chairperson volunteered to take part in this project and report the outcome was not all parish were alike so it was difficult to make a comparison. The review was to provide information to the government about all parish councils and to establish a common ground for the future.

**Emergency Plans for Parishes:**

It was agreed for a plan of action to be completed but to diary in on Januarys Agenda. Also to invite local residents to form a working party by advertising this in the next newsletter and website.

**Parish Council Engagement with the NWCCP Project:** Postponed**DF11 Speed Indicator Device:** Information noted**Helsington Community Land Trust:** Advertising this in the Newsletter, Cabinet and Website**SLDC Planning Work Shop:** All Cllrs received the information pack but it was thought another workshop would be organised at a later date by SLDC.**Invitation for Getting Cumbria Ready: 4/11 @ Low Wood Bay Hotel**

All Cllrs sent invite

**CALC Invitation to AGM Saturday 12/11 @ Castle Green Hotel, Kendal**

All Cllrs sent invite

**Boundary Commission for England:** Clerk forward email to Councillors for their consideration.**Environment Agency Maintenance and Repair Programme:**

All Cllrs sent information

**NALC Revised Planning Application and Decisions for Parish Councils:**

Update was received and noted.

**89/16 Items for consideration for a future agenda**

- Canal – Update on Phase 1 and consideration of funding for Phase 2 of the Canal Management Plan
- Newsletter
- PCSO Report
- Budget
- Transparency Funding
- Cyclist Update
- Village Hall update
- Councillors to consider issues that could have funding raised for in the Parish

**90/16 Date of next meeting**

It was confirmed the dates of the next meeting Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October which will commence at 7.30pm and will be held in the Sedgwick Village Hall.

*The meeting closed at 9:25 pm*

Signed : ..... (Vic Chairman)  
Date : 9 November 2016