

SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9 March 2016 in Sedgwick Village Hall at 7:30pm

Present: Cllrs B Holmes (Chairperson), J Goodland, R Gill, D Willacy, G Willacy, J Oscroft, District Cllr S Eccles, County Cllr Gray, Mrs S Roberts (Clerk) and one member of the Public

127/16 Apologies

It was resolved for apologies, with reasons given, to be noted from the Community Police.

128/16 Minutes

It was resolved for the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2016 as a true record.

129/16 Declarations of Interest / Dispensation Requests – None declared

130/16 Public Participation

- A local resident raised the issue of the proposed Village Litter Picking Day, this would be discussed later in the meeting under section 6 (flood action)
- Police Report. Since our last meeting 35 incidents were reported with 2 recorded, none within Sedgwick Parish, a full report is displayed in the Parish Notice Board.
- District Cllr Eccles reported that she had nothing of interest to report other than the letter sent by Sedgwick Parish to Peter Hosking, outlining the drainage problems and traffic congestion caused by the floods had been discussed and that Tim Farron had become involved.
- County Cllr Gray apologised to not speaking to Peter Hosking about the letter. The Local Plan Budget Review had been agreed and there are cuts to SLDC especially to Adult Care and Highways budgets. Extra funding was available from the government to help pay for the flood damage and future flood resilience for the area.

131/16 Planning – None received

132/16 Flood Action

- SLDC Communication – SLDC continue to send information. The Chairperson has re-submitted her letter of 19/1/16 to Peter Hosking (regarding drainage and traffic issues) as the original has still not been acknowledged.
- Footbridge Closure – Chairperson has been informed by the National Trust that they now have the required bridge parts and intend to repair it, but it would need load testing before the bridge is opened again. The bridge remains shut.
- Litter Picking – Date agreed - Sunday 17th April at 10 30am. The WI agreed to help and provide refreshments. Chairperson agreed to create a poster to publicise the event and ask for further volunteers to sign up. Clerk would contact SLDC to arrange for safety equipment to be delivered and rubbish collected. The Spring Newsletter will also highlight this event. It was also agreed that it was an ideal opportunity to open and showcase the Adult Gym Equipment – this will take place at 12:30pm.

Chairperson requested to minute thanks to Mr G Stoker who had cleared the debris by the River Kent. It had taken him several days to complete and the area looked much better. All agreed he deserved a big thank you.

133/16 Highways/Footpaths

Parish Clerk provided updates on work to be carried out at Castle View to Raines Hall and Nanny Pie Lane. Cumbria County Council's website states the local team is assigned to carry out this work. Parish Councillors gave details of further repairs required which the Clerk would raise with Cumbria County Council Highways Department. (Carex Farm Junction, Sedgwick-Natland road and Shyreakes)

Salt Bins: - Hill Close Bin has been filled but not Well Heads Lane nor Cooper Hill. It was agreed that County Councillor Gray would investigate further and request salt.

Clerk agreed to contact our Grass Cutting contractor to request a three year contract as previously discussed; to date the contractors had not contacted her.

134/16 Playground /Millennium Field

Adult Outdoor Gym Equipment: The Lakes Leisure Grant of £4,500 has been received and the equipment has been installed. The installation day had gone according to plan, Cllr D Willacy was most impressed by the contractors (Luscombe) who completed the task to a high standard and asked for a letter to be sent expressing our appreciation. Chairperson thanked Cllr D Willacy for the inspiration and hard work for this to happen and to Cllr R Gill for the photographs taken during the installation which can be viewed on Sedgwick Parish Council Facebook Site. Also these images have been sent to Lake Leisure who has funded the scheme. It was agreed to pay the final invoice for the equipment. The requirement for monthly checks to be carried out in order to comply with the warranty was discussed. It was agreed that Cllr G Willacy would include this in his monthly check of the Millennium Field. The Clerk agreed to notify the Council's Insurers that the equipment had been installed and it would be added to the annual inspection which is carried out on the play equipment in the Millennium Field.

135/16 Canal

Councillors met on site with Nadim Wilson, to discuss the work outlined by Alistair Hearn in his report. An alternative access route had been suggested via the builders' yard and aqueduct. The Chairperson agreed to contact the owners of the aqueduct to discuss access and update the Lancaster Canal Trust. In the meantime, a quote from N Wilson for the work is expected soon and Cllr D Willacy agreed to obtain two further quotes. The matter would be discussed next meeting.

The state of the canal bank paths was discussed. The clerk has received confirmation that a license is not required to repair and improve the paths. Two quotes to edge and resurface the path had been received and it was agreed that the lowest quote be accepted. Cllr G Willacy agreed to contact J Dalzell and liaise with him to complete the work as soon as possible.

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Cllr D Willacy reported that the Defibrillator had been successfully installed and a training session had been attended by over 20 people. There was a further session planned for 10 March. All residents who attended these sessions received certificates of their competence to use the equipment.

137/16 Finance

- 1) The bank balance as of 29 February 2016 is £17,759.58
- 2) Receipt from Lakes Leisure Grant Award £4,500.00 and Transparency Fund £955.95
- 3) Payments: It was resolved for the following payments to be approved:

Parish Clerk salary/allowances –	£ 904.69
Fresh –air Fitness-	£ 3,359.70
Sedgwick Village Hall – cost of 12 months Broadband	£ 378.83

Chairperson & Clerk to obtain information with regard of a pc and printer, which will be discussed at the next meeting

138/16 Correspondence

- Registration Town & Village Greens: information received and distributed to all councillors, it was agreed that the Chairperson would update and reply to this correspondence.
- South Lakeland Crematorium: no further news
- Celebration Queens 90th Birthday Party – The request to light a beacon to celebrate the Queen's birthday was discussed. Chairperson has contacted the Stainton Parish Clerk and our Parish is welcome to attend their lighting of a beacon near the Church. Further information to follow.
- LAP Meeting on Wednesday 2 March at Brigsteer Village Hall at 7 pm. Cllr Gray attended and had nothing of interest to report concerning Sedgwick
- Sedgwick 'No Cold Calling Zone':- The information pack has been received and was discussed. Sedgwick appear to meet all the criteria and it was agreed to send residents the information alongside the Spring Newsletter which would enable the residents to vote on if they wish to adopt the No Cold Calling Initiative. Costs of printing and signage were discussed and agreed in principle.
- May Elections: Clerk had received the information packs for anyone who wished to stand as a Parish Councillor, these available to be distributed after 18th March and must be returned by 7th April. The Clerk explained what information was required when completing the forms and that any queries would be answered by the election office by email elections@southlakeland.gov.uk or tel election services team 01539 793193. Cllr J Goodland said that he would not be standing for election again. Chairperson thanked him for his service to the Parish Council.
- Notification of Deloitte Bicycle Event- Wednesday 14th September – 800-1000 cyclist expected to pass through Sedgwick Village. It was agreed that nearer the time a poster would be displayed notifying the residents of the event.

Any correspondence, notices and publications received since the last meeting and not included on the agenda were noted

139/16 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- May Election
- SLDC Communication with P Hosking
- Highways Repairs
- Canal Management
- Queen's Birthday Celebrations Day
- Newsletter
- Update on 'No Cold Calling' Zone
- Update Litter Picking Day 17th April

140/16 APM Parish Meeting- 16th March:- Arrangements were discussed and all was going to plan.

141/16 Date of the next Meeting

It was confirmed the date of the next meeting of the Council will be 13th April 2016 and will commence at 7.30pm in the Sedgwick Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9 20 pm

Signed : Chairperson)
Date : 13 April 2016