

## SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11 November 2015 in Sedgwick Village Hall at 7:30pm

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

#### 82/15 Apologies

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

#### 83/15 Minutes

It was resolved for the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 14 October 2015 as a true record.

#### 84/15 Declarations of Interest / Dispensation Requests

Cllr B Holmes declared her interest; as a neighbour to the planning application SL/2015/0845 and would leave the room during this discussion

#### 85/15 Public Participation

- Police Report. Due to changes within the Police Organisation, Community Police will not be present at the meetings unless requested by the Council but would email the report to the Parish Clerk. Since our last meeting two calls have been received by the police reporting a broken down vehicle and an oil spillage.
- District Cllr Eccles advised that she had no relevant matters to discuss.
- County Cllr Gray reported that the road between Endmoor and Crooklands would have a 50 mile speed limit restriction in place shortly. Also the Local Plan Budget Review would be available on 25 November and the expectation was it would be a tough budget.

#### 86/15 Planning

SL/2015/0845 Sedgwick House:- New Garage  
No objections

#### 87/15 Parish Council Action

- 1) **Defibulator-** Defibulators funding applied for, six people already interested in the 1<sup>st</sup> responders training. It was agreed to include this project in the newsletter.
- 2) **'No Cold Calling'** Chairperson had made enquiries with Jennifer Wood but still awaiting a response. Cllr Eccles suggested that if she contacted Phil Greenhop at Cumbria County Council he was at present providing 'No Cold Calling' tool kits
- 3) **Newsletter** - It was agreed to create a A5 size newsletter, Cllr Gill would provide a Christmas photo for the front and the internal sheets would contain the following items: update on the canal, defibulator installation & training, update on the highways, recycling and update on the playground.

## **88/15 Highways/Footpaths**

The Clerk update:- repairs to the road from Castle View to Raines Hall Farm. Repair commence Monday 16 /11. Chairperson agreed to contact Highways Department to check on the logistics with the road closure. Clerk added to Repairs List: 4 pot holes at Well Heads Ln & 4 pot holes at Nanny Pie Ln. It was noted that during the floods earlier in the week the blocked culvert may have not been cleared as the Council was informed earlier in the year. It was agreed the Chairperson to contact the Highways Department to find out if this was the case and if so it would need to be cleared otherwise the road would flood again. To update at the next meeting

Cllr D Willacy reported on an act of vandalism on the 'Simpson Seat' which is situated on Wellheads Hill near Footfell. Two barbecue trays have been lit on the wooden seat and subsequently fire damaged two areas.

## **89/15 Playground /Millennium Field**

- 1) The annual ROSPA Playsafety Report : updated and Councillors satisfied the report is accurate. It was noted in the report that the eyelets needed removing. Cllr D Willacy agreed to remove them and report back at the next meeting.
- 2) Adult Play Safe Equipment:  
Chairperson had obtained 4 quotes for adult play equipment, these were discussed and it was agreed to use the quote from 'Fresh air fitness' for the grant available from South Lakeland Leisure. Chairperson had completed the application form, all in agreement on what was applied for and the application would be put forward for approval in December. The council also agreed to a match funding of £1,000.00
- 3) Play Ground Equipment Check: It was agreed that Cllr G Willacy would check the equipment on a monthly basis and record this information.

## **90/15 Canal**

- 1) The report from Frank Sanderson & Trevor Cotton (Lancaster Canal Trust) was acknowledged. It recommends that a significant amount of trees are removed from both the canal bed and embankment. This will encourage the re-growth of the ground level herbaceous layer which stabilises the ground and will decrease the levels of soil erosion which is adversely affecting the towpath. It will also reduce further damage to the clay lining of the canal.
- 2) Chairperson contacted Graham Nicholson the Arboriculture Officer at SLDC who advised that there were no tree preservation orders in force but recommended that the Parish Council seeks independent advice from a qualified tree consultant before removing trees.
- 3) Meeting have been arranged with three companies: BHA Trees, A Hearn & Bergen Tree Services and quotes discussed, it was agreed to instruct Tree Scape to produce a management schedule asap to enable Nadine Wilson in removing the identified trees and make safe the area.

## **91/15 Sedgwick Village Hall**

Cllr D Willacy reported that next Monday there would be a meeting at the Village Hall

**92/15 Budget /Precept:** Consideration for the Precept & Budget 2016/17

Clerk supplied information and it was agreed for this information to be emailed to the Councillors so a decision would be made at the next meeting.

It was said that because of the job losses and cuts at SLDC, if the Council could manage the precept be the same as 2015/16- confirmation next meeting

**93/15 Finance**

The bank balances as of 29 October 2015 £19,241.96

Payments: It was resolved for the following payments to be approved:

Continental Landscapes	£ 882.00
Parish Clerk Salary/Expenses	£ 632.55

**94/15 Meetings Attended / Correspondence**

- Clerk to attend Clerk Induction Training on 8<sup>th</sup> December & Social Media Training 2nd December.
- Transparency Funding is available for Parish Councils. Clerk to apply for this funding, items that can be claimed for are: a computer, printer/scanner, broadband for the Clerk and the Village Hall. Clerk update at the next meeting
- Consultation on the Heversham & Hincaster Neighbourhood Plan 2015/2025 All Councillors had been emailed the link and agreed it was a well written report and had no comments to make.

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

**95/15 Items for consideration for a future agenda**

- Defibulator Update
- South Lakeland Leisure Funding
- Transparency Funding
- 'No Cold Calling' Update
- Highways Repair
- Budget/Precept
- Canal Update
- Update of the Officers Board

**96/15 Date of next meeting**

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

*The meeting closed at 9 10 pm*

Signed : .....

(Chairperson)

Date : 13 January 2016