

SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th November 2019 at 7:30pm Venue: Sedgwick Village Hall

Present: Cllr B Holmes (Chairperson), Cllr R Gill, Cllr G Stoker, District Cllr B Cooper and Mrs S Roberts (Parish Clerk). No members of the public attended.

66/19 Apologies: It was resolved for apologies with reasons given, to be noted from Cllr R Smith, District Cllr T Harvey, District Cllr R Bingham and PCSO Boaks

67/19 Non-Attendance: County Cllr B Gray, Cllr J Oscroft and Cllr D Willacy

68/19 Minutes: It was resolved for the Chairperson to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 9th October 2019 as a true record.

69/19 Declarations of Interest / Dispensation Requests: None requested

70/19 Public Participation: no persons attended

BT Exchange Building: Cllr Stoker reported he had spoken to the new Manager Liam Walker who is aware of the stonewall repair and tree pruning which had previously been reported.

Police Report: 11 incidents reported; the report will be displayed on the noticeboard and website.

Sgt Suzanne Scott O'Neill Update

Cold Calling Incident: Clerk has emailed resident what was discussed at the previous meeting so she may contact Sgt Scott O'Neill.

Cyclist travelling too fast through the Village: Sgt Scott O'Neill agreed with council this was an issue and has written to the Cycling Clubs raising all concerns.

Antisocial behaviour by cyclists on the Canal Path/use of the footpath by cyclists/theft and damage to no cycling signs: Sgt Scott O'Neill agreed that the Community Police would show a presents along the Canal Path

Dangerous parking near Brettagh Holt roundabout: Sgt Scott O'Neill produced a sign and will ask the PCSO's to keep an eye on the junction. The sign is laminated and will be attach close to the junction itself. Also they will be attached to windscreens of any offending vehicles.

It was noted near misses are still being reported because of the parking of cars.

District Cllr Harvey, and District Cllr Bingham Apologies received

District Cllr Cooper: Reported he had received the 1/4 scrutiny report, attended meetings which discussed Climate Change, Poverty, Homelessness in the area. Also reported that the repairs/remodelling of the Town Hall was estimated to cost 1/2 million pounds.

County Cllr B Gray: Did not attend the meeting

Village Hall Report: Report none received- Dates for next year's meeting have been requested, awaiting confirmation.

71/19 Canal

1. Cllr Gill carried out the monthly inspection of the canal and reported many infected ash trees had lost all the foliage due to ash die back. Council agreed to continue to carry out monthly monitoring of the situation and the trees will be inspected by our Woodland Consultant in June as per his recommendations. Cllr Gill reported the wall near to the icehouse is in need of repair 3 small repairs, it was agreed for the Clerk to write to Mr Aireys asking for a quote and informing the councillors of the amount.

2. Correspondence received from Cllr Willacy in May 2019, regarding the canal boundary adjoining his property which had been forwarded to SLDC, who have responded and instructed the Parish Council not to pay for a stock proof fence because under the Animal Act 1971 it is the responsibility of the livestock's owners. The Parish Council agreed to this recommendation and handed Cllr Willacy a letter explaining this position, thanking him for his patience in waiting for SLDC response and his continual commitment to the Parish Council.

3. NLHF Steering Group meeting took place on Wednesday 23 October 2019, at 10am venue -Growing Well Project Site near Kendal. Cllr Holmes & Cllr Smith reported back to the council the following: -

- no work had been agreed on the Aqueduct Bridge handrail.

- Stainton aqueduct rebuild – is behind schedule but should be open soon - Stainton Parish Council expressed concern that the access for residents onto the canal was not part of the project.
- Work on the Sport England funded Crooklands to Wells Heads Lane 2m wide Cycle Path will begin imminently. Stainton repeated strong opposition to path which goes through their Parish.
- Public Engagement; A stonewalling course, a batwalks and an oral history event have taken place and CH is working with Lancaster University on a project to promote the history of the Canal particularly the gunpowder industry at Sedgwick. Contributors are being sought. We have included CH's appeal for contributors in our Xmas newsletter and on the website.
- Kate Rodenhurst (evaluation consultant) explaining how she was trying to gather information so she could evaluate the project.
- Future events - formalised runs along the path eg Jogging Pals are organising a fun run from Crooklands to Hincaster to celebrate the reopening of the Stainton Aqueduct - arrangements for parking and other logistics tbc
The Light & Sound event that is key to winning the lottery bid has been moved from Hincaster to Kendal Torchlight
- Date & venue of next meeting – 29th January 2020

4. Cllr Holmes reports that the person responsible for the Canal Pathway is CCC David Gibson, Senior Countryside Officer and the Clerk has contacted him with concerns regard to the footpath repair and vandalism.

72/19 Planning: Planning Application

Application with a Decision – SL/2019/0628 19 Castle View – single storey side extension – Grant agreed with Conditions

Received Application – SL/2019/0887 The Lodge Sedgwick – two story side extension- Invalid SL/2019/0888 The Lodge Sedgwick – two story side extension to west side of house- Listed Building - No Decision. The Council has not formally received the application but will ask for it to be considered in the January meeting.

73/19 Highways/Footpaths

1. The Highways report was reviewed. Outstanding faults are still being assessed. Addition repairs have been reported a pothole near Castle View and a pothole near the railway bridge on Crosscrake Lane. We think emergency gas repairs closed Crosscrake Lane for 5 days last week, Council had not been informed of this closure.
2. Sedgwick House Management Committee advised Council they were not responsible for the stonewall repair but the person who was had it in hand and it would shortly be repaired.
3. The 552-bus service will finish next week but from **Monday 18th November provision of a service three days per week. The new schedule can be found on the website and Parish Noticeboard.**

74/19 Playground /Millennium Field

1. Cllr Stoker has carried out the monthly check for November and reported the bins had been emptied and due to the time of year there was little usage
2. The wooden steppingstone is in need of a repair, It was agreed for the Clerk to contact Playdale who had supplied and fitted the equipment as it was thought it was under warranty, Clerk to report back at the next meeting

75/19 Website:

Clr Holmes reported the agenda, minutes and reports from the Octobers Council meeting had been added. The website usage is slightly down possibly because of the time of year.

76/19 Finance

- a) Bank Balance as of 30 October 2019 Current a/c £11,048.15
- b) Payments Approved: Broadband Village Hall November £17.99, Clerk Salary & expenses Aug, Sept, Oct & Nov £1,449.96, Room Hire Village Hall for 2019 £150.00 and **Continental Landscapes Ltd, 2nd grass cutting payment 2019 (invoice not received but Clerk to contact the Cllrs before payment) £672.00 paid.**
- c) The Accounts Report from meeting dated 9 October 2019, including transactions cleared was signed.

77/19 Parish Council Precept and Tax base for 2020/21:

was discussed and referred to the next meeting for consideration and agreement.

78/19 Newsletter Update:-

- Emergency Planning, Community Resilience and Neighbourliness: Household Emergency Plan leaflet have been ordered

- Request for information about the gunpowder quarry to be forwarded to Carrie House
- Agreed type of card, 220 copies and Christmas photo supplied by Cllr Gill
- What3words information added
- 2020 meeting dates to be confirmed

79/19 Christmas Meal: - It was agreed for it to be held at the Strickland Arms on Tuesday 10th December at 7 pm. Clerk to email Councillors for numbers and menu choice beforehand.

80/19 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- Highways Report
- Canal report
- Canal boundary repair
- Millennium Field report
- Update of repair to steppingstone
- PCSO Report
- Review Financial Standing Order
- Precept 2020/21

81/19 Correspondence:

- **Whats3words support:** - received and added to the newsletter
- **Rural Crime Seminar – 13th Nov at 7 pm:** - No one available to attend as it was day/time of Parish Meeting
- **CALC Annual Report and AGM papers - Saturday 9th November:** - received and noted
- **Cumbria Kindness Day 13th November and Volunteer Training:** - received and noted
- **Stainton Parish Council request joint celebration for VE Day:** - request for volunteers to be added to the newsletter and reported back at 8th January's 2020 meeting
- **Latest information from ICO:** - received and noted
- **Local Focus Group Meeting 13th -14th November,** this is information only and not a request for Council attendance.

82/19 Date of next meeting

It was confirmed that the next Parish Meeting will be on **Wednesday 8th January 2020 at 7 30 pm** and will be held in the Sedgwick Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Signed: (Chairperson) Date: 8th January 2020