

## SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7 January 2014 in Sedgwick Village Hall at 7:30pm

**Present :** Cllrs B Holmes (Chairman), J Goodland, J Oscroft, D. Willacy, G Willacy, County Cllr S Eccles, Mrs J Davidson (Clerk) and no members of the public.

#### 99/14 Apologies

It was resolved for apologies with reasons given to be noted from Cllr Bobbett.

#### 100/14 Minutes

It was resolved for the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2014 as a true record.

#### 101/14 Declarations of Interest

None.

#### 102/14 Requests for Dispensations

None.

#### 103/14 Public Participation

District Cllr Eccles advised that following the Christmas break there were no relevant matters to bring to attention.

#### 104/14 Planning

i) The following pre - planning consultation was received and considered :

##### Parish – Helsington

**SLDC Ref :** IE/2014/0213

**Location :** Land off Nanny Pie Lane, Sizergh

**Proposal :** Pre-application for proposed crematorium

It was resolved that Sedgwick Parish Council did not support the proposal for the following reasons :

##### **Highway Safety / parking / relevant levels of traffic**

- There is documented evidence of ongoing concerns regarding the volume of traffic flow through Sedgwick Village. Therefore there are serious concerns regarding the impact of the proposed development causing a significant increase in the number of vehicles travelling through Sedgwick Village and causing congestion on the narrow carriageway which in some areas reduces to a single track (e.g. Sedgwick Aqueduct).

##### **The effect of the proposal on the appearance of the locality**

- Not only is the site positioned at the main gateway leading to South Lakes and the Lake District Peninsula, but it is also in an area which itself benefits from tourism, examples of which are : Sizergh Castle; Sizergh Barn (Farm Shop/Tea Room/Farm Trail); a Caravan Site and a number of public footpaths. Therefore the proposed crematorium and its associated development and activity would be out of character, overbearing and create a negative impact in the context of these surroundings.

##### **Disturbance from the proposed use**

- The prevailing south westerly wind would mean that any emissions from the site would blow directly over the residential area of Sedgwick Village.

##### **Relevant Planning Policy**

- The Core Strategy adopted by SLDC includes a presumption against new-build development in the open countryside unless there is exceptional or essential need.
- The proposed developers themselves point out that crematoria are normally built on the urban fringe. Therefore it is not essential for this development to be in the open countryside and there are no compelling reasons for an exception to be made. By similar reasoning Sedgwick Parish Council does not agree that crematoria should not be subject to that Core Strategy because they are 'infrastructure'.

- The draft proposal, in the draft Local Plan, to allocate area around the A590/A591 junction at Brettargh Holt for such development was withdrawn and is not in the adopted Local Plan approved by the Inspector.

ii) It was noted the following planning application has now been granted by SLDC since the last meeting :

**SL/2014/0579 – 11 Castle View, Sedgwick, Kendal**

First floor balcony with glass balustrade

**105/14 Connecting Cumbria**

Correspondence received from Mr Tim Farron MP regarding the Connecting Cumbria Project was received and noted. It appears that Parish Councils are not part of the routine notification process for the siting of telecommunication cabinets. It was resolved for no further action to be taken at the present time regarding this matter.

**106/14 Highways/Footpaths**

- a) It was reported the new surface, of the old pointing material recently removed from the Village Hall, on the path leading from the Sedgwick/Natland Road to the Canal is felt to be more satisfactory.
- b) It was reported the potholes have now been repaired under the railway bridge.
- c) It was reported the Highways project to upgrade the kerbing, road and pavement surface on Hill Close, Sedgwick, is currently ongoing.

**107/14 Playground /Millennium Field**

A discussion was introduced regarding the replacement of the picnic tables and it was agreed that further consideration would be given to this at the next meeting.

**108/14 Canal**

- a) Two quotations for tree removal work adjacent to Wellheads Lane were received and considered. There was a discussion regarding the timescale for when this work should be carried out. It was agreed that if it was felt the work was necessary then it should be done sooner rather than later. It was resolved (3 for : 2 abstained) that the work should be carried out by James Park Tree Services at a cost of no more than £560.
- b) Attention was brought to the Sedgwick Parish Council Management Plan for Sedgwick Canal/1994 - 2014 which now requires updating. There was also a discussion as to whether a risk assessment should be carried out of the trees on the parish land. The Clerk was actioned to contact Lancaster Canal Trust to see what information / support may be available with both of these tasks.

**109/14 Sedgwick Village Hall**

Cllr Willacy showed two framed photographs which were taken during, and on completion of, the recent work and are to be displayed in the Village Hall. Cllr Willacy again conveyed appreciation on behalf of the Village Hall Committee for the support of the Parish Council.

**110/14 Finance**

- a) Appreciation was conveyed to District Cllr Eccles for the grant funding of £250 which has been awarded to be used towards the resurfacing of the path which leads to the back door of the Village Hall.
- b) It was noted the National Joint Council for Local Government Services has reached agreement on new pay scales for 2014- 2016 to be implemented from 1 January 2015.
- c) The receipts/payments report and draft budget for 2015/16 was received and considered. It was resolved for the total precept amount for Parish purposes for 2015/16 to be reduced from £10,200 to £9,500. The SLDC precept form was completed and signed by Cllr Holmes, Cllr Willacy and the Clerk.

**111/14 Correspondence**

- CALC – nomination for attendance at a Royal Garden Party to be held on Tuesday 12 May 2015 - Cllr Willacy registered an interest in attending.
- Any other correspondence, notices and publications received since the last meeting and not included on the agenda was noted.

**112/14 Parish Meeting**

A discussion was introduced regarding the arrangements for the Parish Meeting to be held on Wednesday 11 March 2015. Reports would be invited from District Cllr Eccles, County Cllr Gray, Kendal Neighbourhood Policing Team, Lancaster Canal and Parish Groups. It was agreed that some thought would be given before the next meeting regarding a possible guest speaker.

**113/14 Items for consideration for a future agenda**

- Picnic Tables
- Parish Meeting
- Sedgwick Canal Management Plan / Tree Risk Assessment

**114/14 Date of next meeting**

It was confirmed the date of the next meeting will be 11 February 2015. The meeting will commence at 7.30pm and will be held in the Sedgwick Village Hall.

*The meeting closed at 9.00 pm*

Signed : ..... (Chairman)  
Date : 11 February 2015