

# SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

## ENVIRONMENT

Minutes of the proceedings of the **JANUARY ENVIRONMENT** of the **Council** held following the Community Development committee meeting in the **Council Offices**, Advice & Information Centre, Sedgefield, on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2008**.

## MINUTES

**Present**                    **Cllr. Ian Sutherland (Acting Chairman) and**  
Cllrs. D. Brown, N. Dunn, S. Hannan, M. Robinson S. Sutherland

**Officer**                    L. K. Swinbank (Town Clerk)

**1. Apologies**

Cllrs. A. Blakemore, S. Hannan, D. Waters, J. Robinson

**2. Declaration of interest**

None

**3. Matters of Information**

**3.1 Fence – Golden Lion**

Members expressed concern that DCC had not taken any action over the erection of a fence on Highway land on East End.

**RECOMMENDED**

**The Clerk to write to DCC asking what progress is being made**

**3.2 Church Grounds Improvements**

The Community Development Officer, Angela Simpson had prepared and circulated a report on the above. The Clerk said there are still some monies being held by the Town Council for completion of the works.

**RECOMMENDED**

**The Community Development Officer to arrange a meeting with DCC Councillor John Robinson to discuss the way forward as DCC were the major funders of the project**

Concern was expressed about the increasing amount of vandalism in the Church yard.

**RECOMMENDED**

- i) **The Clerk to have the damaged floodlights repaired**
- ii) **This to be discussed by the new Sedgfield Together group as part of a multi-agency approach**

**3.3 Footpath: Right of Way: School**

The Clerk said a letter had been received from DCC. However, it had been too late for inclusion in these papers and therefore it will be added to the papers for the next meeting.

**3.4 Bus Shelter: Stockton Road**

The Clerk said that the new bus shelter for Stockton Road is to be erected in January.

**RECOMMENDED**

**To receive the information**

**3.5 Bus Shelters: Old Community Hospital**

The Clerk reported that she had asked the contractor Stephen Roper to clean out the bus shelters at the Old Community Hospital following a request from residents and County Councillor John Robinson. However, no reply has been received from Care Principles or their agents in regard of taking some responsibility for these shelters.

**RECOMMENDED**

**To receive the information and write again to Care Principles**

**4. Reports**

**4.1 Winterton Roundabout**

A report re the Winterton Roundabout had been circulated which recommended

- Seeking prices from Ferryhill Town Council and Great Aycliffe Town Council for killing the weeds and re-seeding on the roundabout
- To obtain a price from Mr. Walker for cutting the roundabout and the verges
- To look to plant bulbs next autumn

The Clerk reported that both Aycliffe and Ferryhill have both replied and said they are unable to carry out the works however; she is awaiting a price from Mr. Walker for the grass cutting as above.

**RECOMMENDED**

- i) **To receive the information**
- ii) **To ask Stockton Borough Council and Darlington Borough Council for prices to carry out the work**

#### **4.2 Village Green Audit**

This was discussed at the P&R committee in January (see minutes of meeting)

#### **5. Correspondence**

None received

#### **6. Extra Ground at Cemetery**

Cllr. D. Brown declared an interest and took no part in the discussions.

The Clerk said she had received one quotation from Mr. Young for works in the Cemetery Grounds.

#### **RECOMMENDED**

**To accept the price of £750 for removing the rubbish in the Cemetery and to accept the price of £150 for cutting back the trees and hedges on the track to allow access for machinery**

Members were reminded that they had been asked to go and have a look at the Cemetery grounds in order that discussions can take place on the extension to the Garden of Remembrance. Councillors Maxine Robinson and Sue Hannan said that they had seen a Memorial wall in other cemeteries and suggested this could also be incorporated into the works.

#### **RECOMMENDED**

**A site meeting to be arranged in March with Members to discuss and finalize the works for the extension of the Garden of Remembrance and / or a memorial wall**

#### **7. Holiday Park**

Cllr. David Brown expressed concerns about the water pressure in Sedgefield and with particular reference to the information from NWA re the Holiday Park application.

#### **RECOMMENDED**

**The Clerk to write to Northumbrian Water Authority asking that since they have now confirmed there is problems with pressure then this work is undertaken**

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.10 pm.