

SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT

Minutes of the proceedings of the **MARCH ENVIRONMENT** of the **Council**
held at **7 p.m.** in the **Council Offices**, Advice & Information Centre,
Sedgefield, on **Monday 15th March 2010.**

Present

Cllr. Ian Sutherland (Chairman)

Cllr. Norman Dunn (Vice-Chairman) and

Cllrs. A. Blakemore, D. Brown, M. Brown, H. Clifford-Brown, S. Green, J. Robinson,
S. Sutherland, D. Waters

Officer

L. K. Swinbank (Town Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllrs. T. Jeanes, M. Robinson, S. Hannan

2. Declaration of interest

Cllr. J. Robinson (Winter Maintenance)

3. Matters of Information

3.1 Allotments

The Clerk reported that work on the allotments is now underway and it is hoped that they will be open on Sunday 28th March. The Clerk reported that the Cricket Club have offered to give the Town Council a porta-cabin which can be used for the allotments.

RECOMMENDED

- i) To receive the information**
- ii) Cllr. Ian Sutherland to look at the porta-cabin and advise accordingly**

3.2 Cemetery Footpaths

Concern was expressed about the grassed area in front of the Cemetery Lodge which has been repeatedly turned up with tyre wheels by the present tenant.

RECOMMENDED

The Clerk to write a letter to the tenant informing him that the grassed area must not be

driven over at all in future and he must make alternative arrangements for his car.

4. Reports

4.1 Sedgefield in Bloom

The minutes of the previous two meetings had been circulated. The Chairman of the Bloom committee Cllr. Ian Sutherland gave a brief synopsis of progress being made in regard of the roundabouts and planting etc.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information

4.2 The Boundary Commission

This item was deferred from the previous monthly meeting.

Information had been received from the Boundary Commission regarding two alternatives for new boundary divisions for the County.

RECOMMENDED

Sedgefield Town Council to support option 2 which involves Sedgefield and Fishburn joining together as one division. It was felt that this was the more appropriate option as Sedgefield and Fishburn now lie within the same AAP area whereas Bishop Middleham does not.

4.3 Church Wall

The Chairman, Cllr Ian Sutherland, informed Members that the repairs to the Church wall have now been completed to an excellent standard. The Clerk informed Members that the invoice includes a small discount for immediate payment, however, it was agreed that due to the low cost of the repairs and the excellent standard of the work that has been done that the full cost be paid and that the contractor be contacted to discuss a future management plan for the wall.

In addition it was suggested that the Friends of St Edmund's could put in bid to the County Durham Foundation Wind Farm monies for funding to enable future works to be done.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information and confirm the actions as above

4.4 Winter Maintenance

Cllr. John Robinson declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.

The Chairman, Cllr. Ian Sutherland gave a brief report on the meeting held the previous week with Steve Foster and Brian Kitchen from DCC regarding snow clearance in Sedgefield. In particular this involved the Town Council staff working with Durham County Council staff to ensure maximum clearance. In addition DCC would provide 10 tonnes of salt – to be stored to the rear of the Council Offices together with a snow plough for the front of the tractor and a gritter on the rear of the tractor together with two hand pushed grit spreaders.

RECOMMENDED

In principle to accept the proposals and await confirmation from DCC.

4.5 Composting Base at the Cemetery

The Clerk informed Members that an outline price had been received from Stephen Roper to provide four composting bays at the Cemetery.

Cllr. John Robinson said he would submit an application through the Civic Trust for this work.

RECOMMENDED

To await information re the grant

5. Correspondence

5.1 West Park Lane

An email has been received from Mrs. Howell re the grassed area on the corner of West Park Lane.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the letter and take no further action

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.45 p.m.