

SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT

Minutes of the proceedings of the **APRIL ENVIRONMENT** of the **Council** held at 7 pm in the **Council Offices**, Advice & Information Centre, Sedgefield, on **Monday 14TH April 2008**.

MINUTES

Present **Cllr. I. Sutherland (Chairman)**
Cllrs. D. Brown, M. Brown, H. Clifford-Brown, N. Dunn, S. Hannan, T. Jeanes,
S. Sutherland, D. Waters

Officer L. K. Swinbank (Town Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllrs. M. Garrood, J. Robinson, M. Robinson, A. Blakemore, R. Taylor

2. Declaration of interest

None

3. Matters of Information

3.1 Allotment Land: Winterton Hospital

The Clerk informed Members she is still awaiting information about the transfer of land.

3.2 Fence: Golden Lion

The Clerk informed Members she is still awaiting a response to the last letter re the above

3.3 Bus Shelters

The Clerk informed Members that she was aware that Cllr. Robinson was meeting with Care Principles Agents and awaiting a date etc. for this.

4. Reports

4.1 Church Grounds

Cllr. Dudley Waters gave a brief report on the recent meeting which was held with representatives from Durham County Council, Sedgefield Borough Council, and County Councillor John Robinson. In particular there had been some concern about the invoices received and paid by the Town Council and the outstanding monies which had not been used. The Clerk informed Members that the matter of the invoices had been cleared and that SBC had admitted they had sent incorrect invoices which had included VAT and which the Town Council had paid in good faith. As a result the VAT element had been returned from SBC. It was also confirmed that the time has now run out for any further works with the project.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information

4.2 Sedgefield in Bloom

Cllr. Dudley Waters gave a report on the visit from the judges which he attended with Cllr. Sheila Sutherland and Cllr. Maxine Robinson and he informed Members that the judges' visit in July will now be on 24th.

4.3 Garden of Remembrance

The Clerk reminded Members that this has now been postponed and suggested it be held before the Environment/Community Development committee meetings in May. It was suggested that due to the Bank Holiday the meeting should be Tuesday 27th. The Clerk said she would check the dates and Members would be informed accordingly.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Use of Toilets (Hope Inn)

A response has now been received from the Hope Inn in reply to the letter sent from Mr. Whyte.

RECOMMENDED

- i) **To receive the information**
- ii) **To forward a copy of the letter from Mr. Seaman of the Hope Inn to Mr. Whyte – pointing out that the Town Council do not wish to get into any further correspondence on the matter**

5.2 No Waiting Sign – North End

A letter has now been received from Stephen Jones re the No Waiting sign on North End.

RECOMMENDED

- i) **To receive the information**
- ii) **The Clerk to arrange a site meeting for Mr. Jones to meet with Cllr. Norman Dunn**

6. Notice Board Winterton

Cllr. Norman Dunn had asked at a previous meeting about providing a new Notice Board for Winterton.

RECOMMENDED

The Clerk to seek prices for a Notice Board and discuss at a future meeting

7. Crossing North End

Cllr. Sue Hannan said that the Residents' Forum had raised the issue of an additional safe crossing area along Durham Road.

RECOMMENDED

To ask DCC to re-asses the area particularly to look at the problems caused at peak times

8. Trees: Beacon Avenue

A price for additional works to trees at Beacon Avenue has now been received.

RECOMMENDED

To discuss this at the Special meeting which has been arranged for next Monday evening re the Holiday Park

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.40 pm.