

SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT

Minutes of the proceedings of the **MAY ENVIRONMENT** of the **Council** held at 6.30 pm in the **Council Offices**, Advice & Information Centre, Sedgefield, on **Wednesday 28th May 2008**.

MINUTES

- Present** **Cllr. N. Dunn** **(Acting Chairman)**
Cllrs. M. Robinson, D. Waters, S. Sutherland, L. Goddard, S. Hannan, J. Robinson
- Officer** L. K. Swinbank (Town Clerk)

1. **Apologies**

Cllrs. I. Sutherland, D. Brown, M. Brown, H. Clifford-Brown, T. Jeanes

2. **Declaration of interest**

None

3. **Matters of Information**

3.1 **Allotment Land: Winterton**

The Clerk informed Members that she was still awaiting confirmation of the completion of the transfer.

RECOMMENDED

To write to NHS Estates asking for information on progress

3.2 **Fence: Golden Lion**

The fence around the property on East End is still standing on DCC highway land. DCC have been informed on two occasions.

RECOMMENDED

The Clerk to write again

3.3 **Bus Shelters: Old Community Hospital**

The Clerk reported that Cllr. John Robinson is arranging a meeting with the Care Principles agents and a report will be given from this to the next appropriate meeting.

4. Reports

4.1 Closed Churchyards & Disused Burial Grounds

The Clerk had circulated a detailed report regarding closed churchyards and discussed burial grounds. In summary this indicates that the Town Council is responsible for the maintenance of the Churchyard walls etc.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information

5. Correspondence

5.1 Northumbrian Water: Water pressure

A letter has been received from Northumbrian Water confirming there are no issues with the water pressure to existing properties in the Sedgefield area.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information and to forward the letter to the Residents' Forum

5.2 Arriva: X1 Service

Cllr. John Robinson reported that he had met with Arriva and a survey is going to be taken. The results of this will be reported back.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information

5.3 Cross Party Inquiry into Childhood Leukemia and power lines

Information has been received from the above.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information and to ask to be kept informed of the results

5.4 Station Road Playing Field

The Town Council has received a letter circulated to Residents around the Station Road playing field by Mr. N. Holmes a resident of Hornby Avenue. Mr. Holmes proposes to have the playing field registered as village green.

RECOMMENDED

To write back to Mr. Holmes stating that this has been brought to our attention and ask him if he has received a response to his letter and that it is important to speak to the Town Council on the issues that will be raised should this land be registered

7. Hardwick – East Park – Access

The Chairman, Cllr. Norman Dunn expressed concern that an area of the East Park access has been fenced around thereby deterring other residents having access.

RECOMMENDED

The Clerk to write to the County Solicitor seeking clarification on ownership of the area and the legal position in regard of the above

8. North End – East End Footpath

Concern was expressed about the state of the footpath at the North End end of the footpath.

RECOMMENDED

The Clerk to get a cost for patching

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.20 pm.