

SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT

Minutes of the proceedings of the **JUNE ENVIRONMENT** of the **Council**
held at **7 p.m.** in the **Council Offices**, Advice & Information Centre,
Sedgefield, on **Monday 21st June 2010.**

Present **Cllr. Ian Sutherland (Chairman)**
Cllr. Norman Dunn (Vice-Chairman) and
Cllrs. A. Blakemore, D. Brown, H. Clifford-Brown, J. Robinson, S. Sutherland,
D. Waters

Officer L. K. Swinbank (Town Clerk)

1. Apologies

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

2. Declaration of interest

None

3. Matters of Information

3.1 Tree: Drains: North End

The correspondence has been passed to Zurich and who have been asked to deal with this directly.

In addition the stump from the Horse Chestnut has been removed.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information

3.2 Re-Cycling bays: Cemetery

The Chairman reported that the form has been filled in again and re-submitted.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information

3.3 Damaged Tree: The Square

The damaged branch has been removed.

RECOMMENDED

To take no further action

4. Reports

4.1 Sedgefield in Bloom

The Minutes have been circulated.

The Chairman, Cllr. Ian Sutherland gave a detailed report.

The DVD and Portfolio are now well under way and thanks were specifically made to Norma Neal and Susan Blakemore for their help.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information

4.2 Winterton Allotments

A balance sheet re the new allotments has been circulated.

The Chairman informed Members about progress and costings. The Clerk suggested that the hedging could be provided through Tree week.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information

In addition the Clerk informed members that NHS Estates are now preparing the legal papers to transfer the car park etc to the Town Council at a cost of £1 plus legal fees. The Clerk has informed NHS Estates that the Town council would be unable to provide a private car park and that the car parking area will officially need to be open to all.

The Clerk has contacted Meikle Skene requesting that they undertake the legal work.

RECOMMENDED

To affirm the Clerk's actions.

4.3 Cemetery

A letter has been received from Mrs. Carole Horowitz regarding problems in the Cemetery with rabbits/squirrels destroying/eating the flowers and shrubs.

The Clerk informed Members that she had asked the gamekeeper to take measures to address the problem.

RECOMMENDED

To affirm the actions of the Clerk and respond accordingly

5 Correspondence

5.1 Renewable energy opportunity for communities and groups in Co Durham

Information regarding an event on 6th July at County hall has been received.

RECOMMENDED

1. To receive the information

2. The Chairman and Cllr. Helen Clifford-Brown to attend

5.2 Trees/Road Sweeper: Mr. M. Carr

A letter regarding the above has been received from Mr. M.Carr.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information and the Clerk to respond accordingly.

6. Beech Tree: Ceddesfeld Grounds (IS)

Concerns have been expressed re the state of the above.

Initial advice from Mr. Rodger Lowe has indicated that the tree has been damaged by salt being stored nearby. He will check it again in a month and advise accordingly.

In addition some concerns were expressed about the plane tree on North End.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information

7. Sound System: Parish Hall

A report was given on the meeting held earlier in the evening with Members of the Round Table and Garry Jacobs and Eric Hemmings. It was recommended to ask DCC Environmental Health to advise on the limiter and sound levels.

RECOMMENDED

- 1. To invite Environmental Health to give advice on the limiter and level**
- 2. A full report to be given to the July P & R**

8. Salt Bins

Cllr. Norman Dunn gave a progress report on the salt bins.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information

9. Damage to Village Green from Rally

Concerns have been expressed about damage to the Green from events.

RECOMMENDED

To discuss in detail at a future meeting

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.40 p.m.