

# **SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL**

## **ENVIRONMENT**

Minutes of the proceedings of the **JUNE ENVIRONMENT** of the **Council**  
held at **6.30 p.m.** in the **Council Offices**, Advice & Information Centre,  
Sedgefield, on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2011.**

**Present**                    **Cllr. Ian Sutherland (Chairman)**  
**Cllr. Norman Dunn (Vice-Chairman) and**  
Cllrs. P. Bodo, A. Blakemore, D. Brown, M. Brown, S. Hannan, T. Jeanes, J. Robinson,  
M. Robinson, S. Sutherland, D. Waters

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

**1. Apologies**

None

**2. Declaration of interest**

None

**3. Matters of Information**

**3.1 North End: Insurance**

No further information has been received.

**3.2 Bier**

Awaiting action/information from the Coop.

**4. Reports**

**4.1 Sedgefield in Bloom**

The Chairman gave a report in addition to the minutes which had been circulated.

**RECOMMENDED**

**To receive the information**

**5 Correspondence**

**5.1 Use of Ceddesfeld Hall Grounds**

A request has been received from St Edmund's Church to hold a Service for Residents and

Pets in Ceddesfeld Grounds on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

**RECOMMENDED**

**To approve in principle but suggest they look for an alternative date as this coincides with the Folk Festival.**

**5.2 David Hillerby**

A request has been received re holes for flag poles on the village green.

**RECOMMENDED**

**To arrange a meeting**

**6. Green/Licenses: Mr. John Ingham, DCC**

The Chair welcomed Mr. Ingham who had come to the meeting to advise on the legal situation of tables/benches on the Village Greens following the request from the Cross Hills.

The Cross Hill is licensed for the sale and consumption of alcohol on and off the premises.

DCC would require only an extension to the plans to include the Green where consumption off the premises is allowed.

Mr. Ingham could draw up the legal document. Outside would not become a “bar” – alcohol would not be served outside – merely taken outside.

There could be subsequent problems of handing alcohol to under age drinkers and the Police advise against. There are also implications for the Hope Inn.

In addition Cllr. John Robinson informed Members that DCC are holding a site meeting later in the week re tables / chairs outside Number 4.

**RECOMMENDED**

**The Clerk to prepare a report on tables / benches on village greens for the next Environment committee.**

**7. Wind Turbine: East Close**

Information had been circulated.

**RESOLVED**

**To object on the grounds of the cumulative effect and visual impact on the countryside.**

**8. New Tractor**

The Clerk informed Members that advice had been taken re having a new tractor on loan – which is not permissible (due to loan sanction being needed for any type of borrowing).

In addition the Clerk reported that whilst an application had been made to County Durham Foundation on behalf of Sedgfield in Bloom for £5,000 towards a new tractor, CDF are unable to process as an application from Sedgfield in Bloom is already progressing. As a result of these developments, the “New Tractor” had been put onto this agenda.

However last week the contractor’s van had broken down necessitating the urgent need for

some type of replacement to ensure the bedding plants could be planted.

The Clerk had finally managed to obtain a tractor on hire for one week at a cost of £300.

Moreover Gills have now indicated they would be happy to hire the existing tractor they have until funding is available at which point the hire costs would be put against the overall cost of the tractor.

**RECOMMENDED**

**In principle it was agreed to purchase a small tractor, however before any action is taken on this it was agreed to await the outcome of the bid funding from CDF. If this is not successful then the cost etc to be built into the next year's budgets.**

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.35 p.m.