

SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT

Minutes of the proceedings of the **JULY ENVIRONMENT** of the **Council**
held at **7 p.m.** in the **Council Offices**, Advice & Information Centre,
Sedgefield, on **Monday 18th July, 2011.**

Present **Cllr. Norman Dunn (Acting Chairman) and**
Cllrs. P. Bodo, A. Blakemore, D. Brown, M. Brown, S. Green, J. Robinson, M.
Robinson, D. Waters

Officer L. K. Swinbank (Town Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllrs. I. Sutherland, S. Sutherland, H. Clifford-Brown, S. Hannan, R. Taylor

2. Declaration of interest

None

3. Matters of Information

3.1 As circulated

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information

4. Reports

4.1 Sedgefield in Bloom

The minutes of the Bloom committee held Wednesday 8th June had been circulated. In addition the Clerk, Lesley Swinbank reported that the summer judging of the Bloom had been the previous Friday and National Open Garden Scheme had been held on the Sunday. Members expressed their thanks to the Bloom committee for all of their work with the judging and the Garden Scheme.

Some concerns were expressed about the ongoing maintenance of newly created areas.

RECOMMENDED

i) To receive the information

ii) The Clerk to compile a list of new areas and subsequent maintenance requirements

iii) To work with the Bloom committee re future projects

4.2 Placement of Tables/Chairs on Village Green Areas

The Clerk had prepared and circulated a report re the placement of tables and chairs on Village Greens.

RECOMMENDED

- i) To allow the use of tables/benches on the Village Green for a trial period until the end of October**
- ii) The Cross Hill Hotel to guarantee that the area is cleared of rubbish daily**
- iii) To ask Durham County Council to keep the Town Council fully informed of their decisions re their policy for such like**
- iv) Cllr. Dudley Waters volunteered to take the letter confirming the above to the Cross Hill**

4.3 Flag poles, Village Green: Veterans

The Clerk reported that Councillor Ian Sutherland had met with Mr. David Hillerby regarding their request for a pipe to be placed on the Village Green which would enable them to fly their flags.

RECOMMENDED

- i) The Town Council agreed to have one three inch pipe about 2'6" long sunk vertically into the ground on the Green which would have a lockable cap on the top and which would enable one flag to be flown in the first instance.**
- ii) The Council to review the situation for additional flags after six months**

4.4 Access to East Well Farm

The Clerk circulated details of the access as requested and agreed by the Town Council for the Barn, East Well Farm.

RECOMMENDED

To approve the plan as attached

5. Correspondence

5.1 1 White House Drive: Mr. Farrar

A letter has been received from Mr. Farrer regarding problems of the rain water down pipe discharging directly onto the footpath at 1 White House Drive.

RECOMMENDED

The Clerk to write to the Highways Department for information

5.2 Cemetery: Grave: Mrs. Amlin

A letter has been received from Mrs. Amlin re Mr. Amilin's grave in the Cemetery and problems which occurred at the interment.

RECOMMENDED

The Clerk to express the Council's apologies and Councillor Dudley Waters to take the

letter personally to Mrs. Amlin

5.3 Grave B804

A letter has been received from Mr. and Mrs. Raw. This had been discussed at the P&R meeting the previous week when it was agreed to invite Mr. and Mrs. Raw to a meeting with Members from the Town Council once the Town Council has received legal advice on the overall situation.

5.4 Dog Fouling

Cllr. May Brown said she had been contacted re dog fouling on the back lane East End to North End and also on the lack of public toilets.

RECOMMENDED

The Clerk to write directly to the person concerned with details of the situation etc.

5.5 Ceddesfeld Grounds: Keeping Dogs on Leads Signs

This was discussed at the meeting the previous week as part of an FOI request. The Clerk informed Members that information as requested had been forwarded to Mr. King.

RECOMMENDED

- i) Replacement signs to be put on the posts in Ceddesfeld Grounds**
- ii) The Clerk to reply to Mr. King accordingly**

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8 p.m.