

# SEDFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

## ENVIRONMENT

Minutes of the meeting of the **NOVEMBER ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held following the Community Development committee meeting in the **Council Offices**, Advice & Information Centre, Sedgfield, on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2007**.

## MINUTES

<b>Present</b>	<b>Cllr. Ian Sutherland (Acting Chairman)</b> Cllrs. M. Robinson, T. Jeanes. D. Waters, J. Robinson, A. Blakemore, S. Sutherland, N. Dunn, D. Brown
<b>Officer</b>	L. K. Swinbank (Town Clerk)

### 1. Apologies

Cllrs. J. Wayman, L. Goddard, R. Taylor, M. Garrod, S. Hannan

### 2. Declaration of interest

None

### 3. Matters of Information

#### 3.1 Bus Shelters, Old Community Hospital

The Clerk reported that she had now received a letter from Steve Teasdale in response to a letter written to Andrew Farnie re including the Bus Shelters at the Old Community Hospital as part of the 106 Agreement. The letter informs Members that it is now too late to add this request as it should have been brought up earlier. However, the Clerk told Members that as a result of the letter received she had responded to Mr. Teasdale attaching two letters from 2006 to Mr. Andrew Farnie and Mr. Charlie Walton (SBC, Planning) asking that any negotiations/discussions with respective developers on that site should include provision for 106 Agreements to include provision of new bus shelters.

#### **RECOMMENDED**

**To receive the information and await the response**

#### 3.2 Bus Shelter, Stockton Road

The Clerk informed Members this has been ordered and it may be January before it is in situ.

#### 3.3 Footpath: Right of Way School

Cllr. Dudley Waters informed Members that the County have now depicted the footpath on the hard surface through the School grounds to Rectory Row. Members felt that while this was appreciated nevertheless the feeling was that this footpath should still be included in the

definitive map.

#### **4. Reports**

**None**

#### **5. Correspondence**

##### **5.1 Disabled Parking**

A letter has been received from Mrs. Ann Hind regarding the provision of disabled parking spaces in Sedgefield.

##### **RECOMMENDED**

**To respond to Mrs. Hind pointing out that whilst the provision of disabled parking and indeed all parking is the responsibility of Durham County Council, Highways, nevertheless there are ongoing negotiations/consultations between both and that her request will be passed on to them**

##### **5.2 Proposed Revised waiting restrictions**

A copy letter has been received from Meikles Solicitors in response to the proposed/revised waiting restrictions on the Front Street. It was pointed out that this is an item later on the agenda.

##### **RECOMMENDED**

**To receive the information**

#### **6. Dog Fouling**

Cllr. Ian Sutherland said he had been approached by a resident regarding issues of dog fouling in Sedgefield. It was pointed out that the Neighbourhood Wardens' report as discussed at the previous meeting gave details of offences etc which have been reported including those for dog fouling and litter in Sedgefield.

##### **RECOMMENDED**

**To send a copy of the Neighbourhood Warden's report to Mr. Seymour**

#### **7. Underused Buildings**

Cllr. Ian Sutherland said he had been asked to bring to Members attention the underused building on The Lane. It was pointed out that the Town Council are unable to take any action on this as was the case with Gladstone's yard and the property on East End in recent years. However, if buildings seem to be danger then Building Control at SBC can be contacted.

##### **RECOMMENDED**

**To take no action**

#### **8. Parking/Traffic**

Cllr. John Robinson reported on the ongoing meetings with DCC re parking and traffic in Sedgefield. He said these were a part of an overall review by DCC Highways before parking restrictions etc are decriminalized and become the responsibility of DCC.

In particular various areas of the village have been discussed including a refuge in the centre of the road for crossing from the Black Lion towards Ministers, similarly for Rectory Row and restricted parking on the Front Street.

Cllr. Robinson informed Members that following consultation from DCC the number of objections they had received has resulted in revision of the original proposals and these will be going out to consultation in the near future.

**RECOMMENDED**

**To receive the information**

**9. Garden of Remembrance**

The Clerk reported to Members that the present Garden of Remembrance now needs to be extended either westwards into the seated area or northwards towards the Community College.

**RECOMMENDED**

**To extend the Garden of Remembrance northwards towards the Community College**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.30 pm.