

SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT

Minutes of the proceedings of the **November ENVIRONMENT** of the **Council** held following the Community Development committee meeting in the **Council Offices**, Advice & Information Centre, Sedgefield, on **Monday 16th November 2009**.

Present

Cllr. Ian Sutherland (Chairman)

Cllr. Norman Dunn (Vice-Chairman) and

Cllrs. A. Blakemore, D. Brown, H. Clifford-Brown, T. Jeanes,
J. Robinson, M. Robinson, S. Sutherland, D. Waters

Officer

1. **Apologies**

Cllrs. M. Brown, S. Hannan, R. Taylor
Lesley Swinbank Town Clerk

2. **Declaration of interest**

None

3. **Matters of Information**

3.1 **Tree North End**

The Chair reported that the tree is being felled on the advice of the DCC Tree Officer and the Council area awaiting response from Zurich re the drainage issues.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information

3.2 **Allotments**

A query was raised re the ownership of the car park adjacent to the new allotments at Winterton Cottages.

Assurances were given by the Chair that the car park is not owned / responsibility of the Town Council.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information

3.3 Care Principles'

Cllr. John Robinson advised Care Principle are now owned by Barclays Bank and at moment all development on the old hospital site is on hold.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information

4. Reports

4.1 Sedgefield in Bloom

A report had been circulated on the meeting of 21st October.

RECOMMENDED

The Clerk brings forward an action plan with costing.

To receive the information

4.2 Friends of Ceddesfeld

Cllr. Norman Dun informed Members that funding for a topological and archeological; survey is being pursued. The next meeting is to be held in January.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information

4.3 Paths Partnership

Repairs are to be carried out in near future through DCC to the path running North End to East End.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information

4.4 Church View

Members were advised that the Clerk had met with DCC and identified the works to be done and now awaiting costings.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information

5 Correspondence

5.1 AAP Traffic & Transport Lighting Project

An e mail had been received re use of AAP monies for the above.

Concern was expressed that this was a core service through DCC and should be funded accordingly.

The Clerk had replied to DCC with this information.

RECOMMENDED

To affirm the actions of the Clerk

5.2 Access to East Park from Matfen Court / Wallington Drive

DCC have advised that they see no problem with creating a new footpath access subject to consultation being undertaken by STC – and this is now in the next Sedgefield Extra.

5.3 Land: Beacon Avenue

Information had been received from Mrs. Hartshorn re ownership of land and maintenance of land at the above.

RECOMMENDED

To approach DCC requesting what progress is being made with this

5.4 Refuge: Rectory Row

DCC has now gone out to consultation on proposals for a refuge on Rectory Row to aid school safer crossing.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information

6. Cemetery: Solar Lights

The Clerk informed members that there are now some issues around solar lights appearing in Cemeteries and there is a need for a policy on this.

RESOLVED

- 1. Not to allow solar lights / battery in the Cemetery**
- 2. To inform the undertakers/ memorial masons accordingly**

7. Cemetery Shoring

RECOMMENDED

The Clerk to obtain costs from Newton Aycliffe and if reasonable to purchase

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.10 p.m.