

SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the **JULY MONTHLY MEETING** of the **Council** held at **7 p.m.** in the **Council Offices**, Advice & Information Centre, Sedgefield, on **Monday 14th July, 2008.**

Present **Cllr. Tim Jeanes** **(Chairman)**
Cllr. Sheila Sutherland **(Vice-Chairman)** and
Cllrs. S. Hannan, M. Robinson, D. Waters, I. Sutherland, N. Dunn, M. Brown, J. Robinson, H. Clifford-Brown, D. Brown

Officer L. K. Swinbank (Town Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllrs. A. Blakemore, M. Garrood

2. Declaration of interest

Cllr. D. Brown: Planning

Cllr. J. Robinson: Planning

3. Police Report

The Chairman, Cllr. Tim Jeanes welcomed Sgt. Brian O'Connor who proceeded to give the Police report for the past month. In addition he gave further details of an incident in Sedgefield on 7th June.

Sgt. O'Connor also informed Members of additional Policing in Sedgefield over recent weekends and also sports activities at the College on a Friday evening.

He was thanked for attending by the Chairman.

RESOLVED

To write to Sheila Pearson at SBC thanking her for the new activities and offering help in advertising / marketing etc for future events.

4. Minutes and Reports

4.1 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held Monday 9th June 2008

These were confirmed as a correct record. (IS, DW)

4.2 Minutes of the P&R committee held Monday 9th June 2008

These were confirmed as a correct record. (SH, DW)

4.3 Minutes of the Environment committee meeting held Monday 16th June 2008

These were confirmed as a correct record. (IS, SH)

In addition Cllr. Dudley Waters informed Members that he Cllr. Ian Sutherland and Cllr. Norman Dunn had interviewed three applicants for the new Temporary Assistant Gardening Post and the Panel proposes to offer this to Mr. Norman Willis.

RESOLVED

To offer the Temporary Part-time Gardening Post to Mr. Norman Willis.

4.4 Minutes of the Community Development committee meeting held Monday 16th June 2008

These were confirmed as a correct record. (MR, DW)

Cllr. Dudley Waters said he and Cllr. Ian Sutherland had delivered letters to businesses inviting participants into the Community Toilet Scheme. He said the Managers for the Hope Inn have agreed and the Cross Hill will be contacted again once the new Managers are in place.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

RESOLVED: To accept all of the minutes as above and recommendations contained therein

5. Matters of Information

None

6. Dates of Meetings

These had been circulated.

RESOLVED

To receive the dates

7 Other Reports

7.1 BSF Report

Cllr. John Robinson declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.

Cllr. Sue Hannan gave a detailed report on the meeting which she and Cllr. Dudley Waters had attended at the College. In particular the following information / points were given: -

- Numbers for the College have increased from 750 to 850
- The existing farm will remain
- Discussions continue with Sedgefield Rugby Club
- There will additional car parking
- The access to the College via Butterwick Road will be developed

RESOLVED

To receive the information

7.2 Commission for Rural Communities

Information had been received.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

7.3 Meeting of Chairs / Vice-Chairs

The minutes of the recent meeting had been circulated.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

7.4 SBC: LSP Stakeholder Event

The Clerk had circulated the report on the meeting which she attended on 20th June at Shildon.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

RESOLVED

To accept the reports and recommendations therein.

8. Chair's Announcements

The Chairman, Cllr. Tim Jeanes gave details of the events he had attended including: -

- Tub Planting
- Spennymoor Town Council At Home
- Sedgefield Borough Council Civic Service
- St. Williams and Hardwick Primary School Presentations
- STC Civic Service
- Sedgefield Flower Festival
- Peterlee Charity Fundraising

In addition he reminded Members of the STC Mayor's At Home on 26th July.

RESOLVED

- i) To receive the information**
- ii) To give an Anniversary present to Father Caden who is celebrating 60 years as a Priest**

9. Correspondence

9.1 Nominations: CDALC

Information on this had been circulated.

RESOLVED

To make the following nominations: -

- i) President – Helen Goodman**
- ii) Vice-President – Cllr. John Robinson**

- iii) **Honorary Treasurer – Cllr. Maxine Robinson**
- iv) **Executive – Cllr. Dudley Waters**

9.2 Standards Board Bulletin

Information had been received from the Standards Board.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

9.3 Potential Transfer of SBC owned land to STC

A response has now been received from Sedgefield Borough Council confirming that SBC are in agreement with transferring playing field to the rear of Station Road to the Town Council however it is not prepared to transfer the car park adjacent to the Parish Hall.

RESOLVED

- i) **To receive the information**
- ii) **The Clerk to ascertain the situation with the other local Town and Parish Councils and transfer of land from Sedgefield Borough**

9.4 Local Government Reorganization

Detailed information on the new structure of the new Unitary Authority has been received from Durham County Council.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

9.5 Durham Association News

RESOLVED

To receive the information

9.6 Shop Frontages and Signage – Conservation Area (Civic Trust)

A letter has been received from Maxine Robinson, Secretary to Sedgefield Civic Trust re shop frontages and signage within the Conservation Area.

RESOLVED

- i) **The Clerk to incorporate the suggestions as made in the letter into the Planning Policy and Protocol which will be considered in September**
- ii) **To write to all businesses reminding them that they are in a Conservation Area and that any applications for signage and changes are sympathetic with the surrounding area**

10. Planning Policy & Protocol: Amendments to the draft copy as circulated at the June meeting

See 9.6

11. Public Participation

The Chair, Cllr. Tim Jeanes closed the meeting whilst the public gave their views and comments.

The meeting was then re-opened.

12. Current Planning Applications

A schedule of the current planning applications had been circulated.

RESOLVED

The comments as attached have been forwarded to SBC.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.15 p.m.