

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 11th July, 2011**

Present **Cllr. John Robinson (Acting Chair) and**
Cllrs. D. Brown, M. Brown, S. Hannan, T. Jeanes, I. Sutherland, D. Waters

Officer L. K. Swinbank (Town Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllrs. A. Blakemore, P. Bodo, N. Dunn, M. Robinson, S. Sutherland
Sgt. Brian O'Connor

2. Declaration of interest

None

3. Police Report

There was no report from the Police.

Cllr. David Brown expressed concern that the Neighbourhood Warden has issued letters at Winterton Green re children playing on the Green.

Cllr. John Robinson said a meeting is being arranged by Durham County Council.

RESOLVED

The Clerk to write and seek further information from DCC

4. Minutes and Reports

4.1 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held Monday 13th June 2011

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

4.2 Minutes of the P&R committee held Monday 13th June 2011

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

4.3 Minutes of the Environment committee meeting held Monday 20th June 2011

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

4.4 Minutes of the Community Development committee meeting held Monday 20th June 2011

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

4.5 Minutes of the Special Meeting Monday 20th June 2011

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

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

5. Matters of Information

5.1 106 Monies

The Clerk is still awaiting a response from DCC re the 106 monies in regard of Cunningham Court.

5.2 Practice Manager

Mrs Helen Letts is to be invited in 2012 to a meeting

5.3 AAP

Jane Bellis and Colin Steele to be invited to a future meeting after the AAP Scrutiny Review.

6. Dates of Meetings

These had been circulated.

7. Other Reports

7.1 Wind Farm

Cllr. John Robinson gave information on the recent meeting of the Local Towns and Parish Councils and in addition informed Members that a full report is to be received from Phil Wilson following the meeting in London.

Cllr. Dudley Waters is attending a meeting of EON at Ramside Hall tomorrow.

7.2 SLCC Regional Conference

The Clerk had circulated a report from the SLCC Regional Conference which was held in Harrogate. In particular the Clerk stressed the changes within the Standards Board regime and that this is an item on the Larger Local Council meeting in August.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

8. Chair's Announcements

Members expressed their sympathy to Mrs. Julia Rowsby the Town Council's Receptionist whose mother has just died. Members stood for a minute's silence.

9. Correspondence

9.1 Advising Town Councils: Solicitors

The Clerk suggested to the Town Council that a Solicitor would be asked to act on behalf of the Town Council as and when necessary. Mrs. Swinbank pointed out that in the past Mr. Dennis Hall the Borough Solicitor acted for STC as and when necessary and it was felt it may be necessary in the future to be able to approach a Solicitor to be able to seek advice and that a Solicitor well versed in local council law and administration would be most appropriate.

RESOLVED

To approach Nicholas Hancock's Solicitors and Mr. Dennis Hall who can advise town and parish councils and request prices etc.

9.2 Nominations for CDALC Executive Committee and Motions for discussion at AGM

RESOLVED

To nominate the following: -

President: Helen Goodman MP

Vice Presidents: Cllrs. Bill Waters, Terry Batson, John Robinson

Honorary Treasurer: Cllr. Dudley Waters

Honorary Auditor: Andrew Bailey

9.3 Durham Association News June edition.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

9.4 Removal of Existing Hackney Carriage Zones in County Durham

Information has been received re the above. DCC Cllr. David Brown gave additional information.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

9.5 Notification of Workshop: Police

RESOLVED

To receive the information

9.6 Standards

Information has been received from Steve Ragg, County Durham Association and in particular the views of NALC in respect of new arrangements.

RESOLVED

To discuss at the Larger Local Council meeting in August.

9.7 CCTV: DCC

A letter has been received from Cllr. Simon Henig, Durham County Council in response to the joint letter which was sent jointly from the old Sedgefield Borough Council local councils

regarding the outstanding invoices for CCTV. This had already been discussed at the Special meeting in June.

The Clerk informed Members that a meeting has now been arranged for the old Sedgefield Borough Council local councils on Wednesday and a further meeting will be held and a meeting with DCC is scheduled for 28th July.

It was generally agreed that until DCC can produce the formal agreement which has been referred to in the newspapers then the town council position remains that CCTV is a double taxation service and until the overall double taxation issues are resolved then Sedgefield Town Council will not pay the outstanding invoices.

RESOLVED

To receive the information and await the outcome of the meeting on Wednesday 13th July

9.8 Chairman's Report to National Council

The report as per above had been received.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

9.9 Lift Parish Hall: Mrs. A Stephenson

A letter has been received from Ann Stephenson regarding the lift.

RESOLVED

- i) **The Clerk will remove the word "motorized" on the notice by the lift so that in future it will read "This lift has a maximum capacity including wheelchairs of 225kg"**
- ii) **To contact Access Lifts who provided the lift and seek their advice**

10. Public Participation

The Acting Chairman, Cllr. John Robinson closed the meeting whilst the public gave their views and comments.

The meeting was then re-opened.

11. Current Planning Applications

A schedule of the current planning applications had been circulated.

RESOLVED

The comments are as attached and are to be forwarded to DCC.

12. Residents' Forum – Request for Information

No request had been received.

13. Current Consultation Documents

None had been received.

14. Standards: Code of Conduct

As item 9.6

15. Neighbourhood Planning: Information Sheet

Deferred until September.

16. Woodland Area – A177

Cllr. John Robinson informed Members that there is an area of woodland for sale adjacent to the A177.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

17. Proposed New Foodstore: Salters Lane Industrial Estate

Information has been received together with a consultation document which has been circulated to everyone in Sedgefield about a possible supermarket on land on Salter's Lane. In addition an exhibition has been held at Ceddesfeld Hall on Friday 8th and Saturday 9th July.

RESOLVED

To receive the information and to await the planning application

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.10 pm.