

SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the **OCTOBER
MONTHLY MEETING** of the **Council** held at **7 p.m.** in
the **Council Offices**, Advice & Information Centre,
Sedgefield, on **Monday 13th October, 2008.**

Present **Cllr. Sheila Sutherland (Acting Chair) and**
Cllrs. S. Hannan, R. Taylor, L. Goddard, I. Sutherland, M. Brown, N. Dunn, M.
Robinson, J. Robinson, A. Blakemore

Officer L. K. Swinbank (Town Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllrs. D. Brown, T. Jeanes, D. Waters, M. Garrod, H. Clifford-Brown

2. Declaration of interest

Cllr. J. Robinson – Items 7.1, 7.2 – BSF Reports

3. Police Report

The Chair, Cllr. Sheila Sutherland welcomed Sgt. Brian O'Connor to the meeting.

Sgt. O'Connor gave details of the crime figures over the past month. In addition he pointed out that there are problems with vandalism in the Cemetery, however the visibility from the CCTV cameras is restricted due to obstruction from the trees.

He clarified the situation with regard to parking tickets and in particular fixed penalties on the Racecourse Road.

Sgt. O'Connor was thanked by the Chair and left the meeting.

RESOLVED

- i) Cllrs. Allan Blakemore and Ian Sutherland to liaise on the visibility of the Churchyard with the CCTV cameras**
- ii) The Clerk to write to Keith Jameson (DCC) asking action to be taken to ensure that traffic regulations enforced at the Racecourse meet statutory criteria**
- iii) Cllr. John Robinson informed Members of a meeting on Friday 24th at Bradbury to discuss traffic issues**

4. Minutes and Reports

4.1 Minutes of the Special Meeting held Monday 2nd September 2008

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

4.1 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held Monday 8th September 2008

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

4.2 Minutes of the P&R committee held Monday 8th September 2008

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

4.3 Minutes of the Environment committee meeting held 15th September 2008

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

4.4 Minutes of the Community Development committee meeting held 15th September 2008

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

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.

The Clerk reminded Members of the first meeting of the Sedgefield Together Group on Tuesday 21st October at 7 pm in the Council Offices.

RESOLVED

To receive the dates as circulated

7. Other Reports

7.1 BSF/PFI: Report on meeting held 9th September

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

The Clerk had circulated a brief report on the meeting held on 9th September.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

7.2 BSF/PFI: Report on meeting held 16th September

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

The Clerk had circulated a report on the meeting held on 16th September and informed Members that the next meeting is Tuesday 21st October.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

7.3 Sedgefield Together Working Party

The Clerk had circulated a report. The first meeting of the Sedgefield Together Group is Tuesday 21st October and the Clerk and Cllr. Sue Hannan to prepare basic information for the first meeting together with the draft constitution.

7.4 Re-accreditation of Quality Status

The Clerk had circulated a brief report informing Members that the Re-accreditation portfolio had been submitted to DCC. The Clerk said she had now been informed that this had been approved and Sedgefield Town Council has now been re-accredited with Quality Status. Sedgefield Town Council is possibly the second if not third Council in the country to receive the re-accreditation.

RESOLVED

- i) To receive the information**
- ii) To thank the Clerk for all of the work which had been necessary in the re-accreditation process**

RESOLVED

To accept the reports and recommendations therein.

8. Chair's Announcements

The Acting Chair, Cllr. Sheila Sutherland gave a brief report on the events which she had attended over the past couple of months on behalf of the Mayor. These included:-

- a) Civic Service at the Town Hall, Spennymoor
- b) Social Evening at Chilton
- c) Chinese Banquet for Sedgefield Borough Council at Locomotion

The Mayor, Cllr. Tim Jeanes will give a full up date on the events he has attended at the November Monthly meeting.

9. Correspondence

9.1 Ceddesfeld Hall: Mr. & Mrs. Soppitt

A letter has been received from Mrs. Sarah Soppitt regarding the proposals at Ceddesfeld Hall and suggesting that both her and her husband can work with the Town Council on this project.

RESOLVED

- i) To receive the letter**
- ii) To respond to Mr. and Mrs. Soppitt saying that the letter has been passed on to SCA who are proposing the works with the suggestion that they contact them directly**

9.2 Durham Association News (Sep 08)

The September issue of the Durham Association News had been circulated. In addition the Clerk circulated the October edition which had been received that day.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

10. Public Participation

The Acting Chair, Cllr. Sheila Sutherland 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 SBC.

12. Holiday Park

A letter has been received from Nathaniel Litchfield outlining proposals of a second application from Theakstons Estates for a Holiday Park on land adjacent to the Hardwick Country Park. This proposal does not include the chalets as were included in the original application but takes into account the comments made by the Inspector at the recent Public Inquiry.

The Clerk said she was aware that the group who opposed the original application had arranged a meeting on Thursday afternoon at 4 pm in the Parish Hall.

RESOLVED

- i) To receive the information**
- ii) To forward this information to David Stovell for his opinion**
- iii) Cllr. May Brown and Cllr. Maxine Robinson said they would attend the meeting on Thursday afternoon and would be able to report back to the next meeting of the Town Council**
- iv) The Clerk to seek legal advice for as and when the formal application is received**

13. DRCC Community Event

Information has been received from DRCC which had been circulated to all Members.

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