

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 11th October, 2010**

Present **Cllr. A. Blakemore (Chair) and**
Cllrs. P. Bodo, D. Brown, M. Brown, S. Hannan, T. Jeanes, M. Robinson, I. Sutherland, S. Sutherland, R. Taylor

Officer L. K. Swinbank (Town Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllrs. J. Robinson, N. Dunn, D. Waters, H. Clifford-Brown
Sgt. Brian O'Connor

2. Declaration of interest

None

3. Police Report

No report.

4. Minutes and Reports

4.1 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held Monday 13th September 2010

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

4.2 Minutes of the P&R committee held Monday 13th September 2010

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

4.3 Minutes of the Environment committee meeting held Monday 20th September 2010

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

4.4 Minutes of the Community Development committee meeting held Monday 20th September 2010

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

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

5. Matters of Information

The Clerk informed Members that the next Sedgefield Together Open event will be held in the spring at the new College and that everyone is welcome to attend and be given a guided tour.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

6. Dates of Meetings

These had been circulated.

The Clerk informed Members that the CDALC AGM is Saturday 31st October.

Cllr. Allan Blakemore to deputize for Cllr. Ian Sutherland who is unable to attend.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

7. Other Reports

7.1 EDRC: Local Councils Committee: Minutes of 21st September

The minutes had been circulated.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

7.2 NALC Conference: 9th September

The Clerk had circulated a report on the NALC Conference in York which Cllrs. Allan Blakemore, Ian Sutherland and the Clerk attended.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

7.3 Sedgefield Together

The minutes for the recent meeting had been circulated.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

8. Chair's Announcements

The Chair, Cllr. Allan Blakemore reported that he had attended the following: -

- NIB Awards
- Bloom National Awards
- Presentation of Sunflower Awards
- Civic Reception at Durham

9. Correspondence

9.1 Girl Guiding Event: 20th October 2010

A letter has been received from the Girl Guiding Association regarding an event on the village

green on 20th October.

RESOLVED

- i) **To receive the information**
- ii) **To allow use of the Greens**
- iii) **The Mayor, Cllr. Allan Blakemore to attend**

9.2 106 Monies - Information

Copies of correspondence between the Residents Forum and the Local Government Ombudsman had been circulated.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

9.3 No Need for Nuclear

RESOLVED

To receive the information and take no action on the information received.

9.4 AAP E-Bulletin

RESOLVED

- i) **To receive the information**
- ii) **To circulate to all Members details of the next AAP open event in November**

10. Public Participation

The Chair, Cllr. Allan Blakemore closed the meeting whilst the public gave their views and comments.

The meeting was then re-opened.

11. Current Planning Applications

11.1 Foxton Lodge, Foxton Lane, Sedgefield (Name of new dwelling)

RESOLVED

To make no objections

11.2 Proposed Diversion of Public Bridleway No's 43 & 46

RESOLVED

To make no objections

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 for information had been received.

13. Current Consultation Documents: -

Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity: Consultation

Information re the consultation document had been received.

RESOLVED

In principle no objection to the principle as outlined in the document however the need to continue to include and promote community events / articles was felt to be essential.

14. Strategic Housing Assessment

Information for the above had been received.

Discussion took place on the proposals particularly in including the "Green Wedge" (3 cornered field at the South East entrance) as possible land for development.

RESOLVED

To respond in line with the Town Plan 2010 which identifies that all new development should be sympathetic with a small country town. In particular: -

- i) Members strongly opposed the inclusion of the Green Wedge as possible development**
- ii) Members opposed the other green/circular area at the South East entrance and suggested that future development should be on brown field sites i.e. the old Community/General Hospital site**

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