

## THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

**Minutes of the monthly meeting for the Parish Council of Sedbergh, held at 8.15pm in the Committee Room, Sedbergh People’s Hall, Howgill Lane, Sedbergh - Thursday 15 May 2025 (meeting followed the Annual Meetings, commencing 7.00pm)**

**Present:** Councillors Arnold (Chair), Longlands, Capstick, Cowperthwaite, Thomson, Welti, Sedgwick, Brooks, Lancaster, and Bromley

### **1. Apologies for absence and Casual Vacancy**

There were no apologies, all Members present. The Clerk advised that no bi-election had been called and Members resolved to advertise the vacancy for Co-Option.

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

Item 8 Planning – Cllr Longlands

### **3. Public Participation**

No Members of the public present.

### **4. Matters to note from the Minutes of 10 April 2025 not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda**

Members agreed that, following notice of Sedbergh in Bloom standing down at the end of 2025, that an advert requesting future help/volunteers should be produced for the Lookaround/social media.

**5. Report/Update from Westmorland and Furness Council (this item had been moved to the Annual Meeting of Sedbergh Parish Council (Item 6) 15 May 2025.** It was, however, noted that Westmorland and Furness Council were due to attend Sedbergh 3 June 2025 for their Cabinet Meeting, and Members were invited.

### **6. Planning**

Members had not met; the following applications were discussed at the meeting. Cllr Sedgwick led discussions on current planning applications. Two recent applications (Field adjacent to A683/opposite Low Haygarth, Cautley and 12 Queen’s Drive, Sedbergh were deferred to the Planning Committee as they had only just been added to the YDNPA portal.

**S/03/642C Foxhole Rigg/Foxhole Rigg Barn, Cautley, Sedbergh** Householder planning permission for erection of outbuilding to contain bore hole extraction point and water treatment plant and outdoor covered storage for logs and bins – no objections

**S/03/281D/LDC 27 Loftus Hill, Sedbergh** Lawful development certificate (existing use) in respect of the C3 residential use of the Bothy (an annex to the main house), as a short-term holiday let or as a long term local let, in excess of 4 years – no objections (1 member objection)

**S/03/669B/LB/DIS1 Straight Bridge, Cautley Road, Sedbergh** Approval of details reserved by conditions 3 (sample coping stones) & 4 (sample of finished and pointed masonry) of S/03/6669B/LB – no objections

**S/03/606A/DIS1 87 Main Street, Sedbergh** Non material amendment to planning permission S/03/531B in respect of developing only the ground floor – no objections

**S/03/606A/DIS1 Kings Yard, Bainbridge Road, Sedbergh** Approval of details reserved by Condition 8 (Archaeological Evaluation Report) & (Construction Management Plan) of S/03/606A – no objections

**S/03/606B Kings Yard, Bainbridge Road, Sedbergh** Section 73 application to vary conditions 4 (drainage details and 6 (potential contamination) of S/03/606A – no objections

**S/03/647C Beehive Cottage, Joss Lane, Sedbergh** Full planning permission for demolition of existing sheds and erection of new buildings on the same footprint and site – **amendment (2)**.

Members discussed the revised amendment and information provided. Members had been concerned with the continued creation of a parking space adjacent to the public right of way, which was deemed not necessary for the operation of the sheds. Members noted that creation of parking has now been removed and that officers will be imposing a planning condition stating that the buildings should be for agricultural use only – Members, therefore, revoked their previous objection.

**S/03/770 25 Main Street Gallery, Main Street, Sedbergh** Full planning permission for change of use of west part of Main Street Gallery at basement and ground floor to be a dwelling – Members noted that this application had been referred to Committee (Members had previously objected).

**Casual enquiry by a member of the public on possible future works** Members noted an informal approach for feedback on potential works on a local property. The enquiry was around the installation of an external staircase; however, the initial concept was not warmly received by Members and the Clerk was asked to feedback to the enquirer. Formal consideration would, of course, be given when any final application was submitted to Yorkshire Dales National Park.

## 7. Finance

Members resolved to accept the minutes from the meeting held on 12 May 2025, which included the requests for payments (attached).

## 8. Amenities Committee

Members of the Committee had not met.

## 9. Update on Projects

**i) Playground Proposal – any update on pre-application advice with Yorkshire Dales National Park.** The pre-application has very recently been received. This highlights the requirement of various supporting documents, including a landscaping plan and biodiversity net gain metric and plan - before submitting a formal planning application. Also noted was ‘evidence of need’ for the extended parking area proposed. It is believed however, following very recent receipt of the Parking Survey conducted by Westmorland and Furness Council Highways (to be on the agenda at a future meeting), evidence of need was clearly shown in the surrounding area/s. Cllr Arnold will progress.

**ii) New Bridge layby proposal – any update from Yorkshire Dales National Park.** The Clerk advised that there remains no update available from YDNPA Planning Officer (submitted for general further query in February 2025)

**iii) Main Street toilet door replacement – any update in respect structural engineer report/building control Westmorland and Furness Council (general costs).** The clerk noted that two requests had been sent for an indicative cost, one decline and the other awaited.

## 10. Queens Garden

Members of the Committee have not met. **i) Sedbergh YFC community project** Members noted the completion of the project at the pedestrian gate and passed on their sincere thanks to all those involved. **ii) completion of tree works (and at New Bridge)** The Clerk confirmed that the work had now been completed. Finally, the Clerk noted that following the recent request to WFC to relocate a waste bin to the vicinity of Queen’s Garden, WFC were currently reluctant – advising that there was no evidence of need. The Clerk was, therefore, asked to write to Cllrs Mitchell and Hodgson for their support – not least due to the increased activity around the west end of Sedbergh following the completion of Showfield Gardens.

## 11. Correspondence

Receive items of correspondence (late items to be tabled at the meeting) and additionally consider any items for a future Agenda.

**i) BT Telephone kiosks** – formal consultation over retention of the last three ‘red’ telephone boxes within Sedbergh parish had now been received – closing date for final response to the consultation is 16 June 2025, to WFC. The Clerk had confirmed that two of the highlighted boxes (library, Main Street, Sedbergh and approx. 20metres south east of Holy Trinity churchyard, Howgill) are listed. The kiosk at Havera was further discussed, no local group has been identified that would take responsibility for the kiosk, so Members were not keen to consider adoption. It was, therefore, resolved by Members to do nothing at this stage– which would likely result in the eventual removal of the kiosk. (Cllr Bromley abstained).

- ii) **Sedbergh Economic Partnership (SEP) – any update following correspondence issued in March.** A reply had now been received, and some financial information had now been updated online for the year 23/24. Members also noted that ‘succession’ was on their current Agenda (16 May) and will, therefore, await further contact/liaison.
- iii) **Armed Forces Covenant** – Members noted that WFC had recently circulated information on a covenant, however, further information was now awaited in respect of how a Parish Council may potentially support.
- iv) **National Highways M6 Lune Gorge Project** – Members noted the drop in event (previously discussed at the preceding Annual Meeting) Cllrs Longlands/Capstick hope to attend. Members additionally noted that the Project Team had, in 2024, advised they would attend a meeting of the Parish Council, but that this had not come to fruition.
- v) **Sedbergh Playing field bookings** – Members noted a variety of enquiries into use of the playing field in recent weeks likely given to the extended period of good weather, Members noted that formal bookings will only be required if enquiries for hire relate to business/commercial use – and that community groups/organisations/volunteers may use the public field at any time. The caveat being, that A N Other group may also be on the field.
- vi) **Sedbergh Booktown** – further correspondence from the Booktown to YDNPA, in relation to the former Udale Building on Main Street, had been circulated for ongoing information.
- vii) **Pop up take-away enquiry** – Members noted an enquiry to consider a pop up take away at the People’s Hall car parking area and the Clerk was asked to liaise further, and clarify current attendance with existing users.

**14. Date and Time of next meetings. The Parish Council normal monthly meeting 7.00pm on Thursday 12 June 2025 in the Committee Room, Sedbergh People’s Hall, Howgill Lane, Sedbergh. Please note the earlier start time, to accommodate guests Lune Valley Land Trust and Libby Bateman (Parish Member, YDNPA)**