



SEDBERGH PARISH COUNCIL AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 26 January 2026 at 7.15pm in the Parish Council office, 72A Main Street, Sedbergh

PRESENT:

Margaret Brooks (MB), John Capstick (JC), Douglas Thomson (DT), Rachel Cowperthwaite (RC) and Steve Longlands (SL)

UNABLE TO ATTEND:

REF	NOTE	ACTION
001/01/26	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE All Members were present at the meeting.	
002/01/26	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Resolved , no member declared any interest on items on the agenda.	
003/01/26	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING The minutes from 3 September 2026 were approved and were signed by the Chair.	
004/01/26	MATTERS ARISING NOT ON AGENDA There were no matters arising.	
005/01/26	BUDGET 2026/2027 and any future projects It is hoped that the planned improvement works to the replacement doors at Main Street (west) will take place within this financial year (see Item 010/01/26). The Clerk has recently asked the contractor for an update. Consideration of automatic open/close doors was currently on hold (see September/October 2025) due to Main Street contractor advert.	Clerk
006/01/26	MARKET A new cheese stall had recently commenced and a loose-leaf tea stall. New enquiries had also been made. Members agreed that the mobile fish and chip van should remain on a weekly basis at the People's Hall car park	All
007/01/26	PLAYING FIELD Members agreed the new draft grass cutting contract proposed by the Finance Committee and the Clerk was asked to issue an invite for tender, as soon as practicable, for future consideration ahead of the growing season.	Clerk

	<p>Cllr Capstick confirmed that the hedge laying contractor had made a start on the southern boundary following the significant cut back completed 2025. Members noted that a wood chipper will be required in due course. Cllrs Capstick and Longlands will now consider any additional works required behind the goal area/west boundary. i) any update on United Utilities reinstatement works following main water burst (12 December 2025). The Clerk advised that UU would return in the spring to seed, where appropriate. The Clerk was asked if they would additionally seal the path.</p>	SL/JC
008/01/26	<p>PLAYGROUND Members resolved to review the last inspection report and carry out any outstanding works. Members requested that the playground project (relocation and rebuild) was included on the next Full Council agenda, for an update on progress. i) Consider wet pour clean/wash - deferred</p>	Clerk
009/01/26	<p>JOSS LANE CAR PARK Nothing new to report following remedial works which were completed in 2025. Resolved no further actions to improve white lining at this time.</p>	
010/01/26	<p>MAIN STREET TOILETS (See Item 005/01/26). An installation date is now awaited for the replacement market and disabled access doors. In addition, the indicative quotes received for the automatic doors has been placed on hold. Cllr Thomson advised that we would seek solutions/costs for future reference. Resolved to purchase a new hand dryer for the gents toilet. There had been no expressions of interest for the Main Street cleaning contract, so far, and this had recently been readvertised with a closing date in early February.</p>	Clerk
011/01/26	<p>LOFTUS HILL CAR PARK Members noted that the flower beds need some attention.</p>	Clerk
012/01/26	<p>BENCHES – ongoing audit, allocation of Councillor Resolve requests the Clerk to buy a replacement bench to go on the Rawthey footpath (near to the life buoy). In addition, Members to continue to consider allocating a Councillor to review all Parish benches.</p>	Clerk
013/01/26	<p>BOWLING CLUB Nothing to report currently.</p>	
014/01/26	<p>STREETLIGHTS and Highway Formal asset transfer of the street lights is awaited.</p>	

015/01/26	<p>HANDY PERSON/GARDENER Members note that the Parish Handyperson continues to complete a good job for the town, including at Queen’s Garden.</p>	
016/01/26	<p>OTHER AMENITIES Members report that the kissing gate, south of the river, (removed and returned in 2025), has not been put back in situ. Also, that the hinge brackets appear removed. It was resolved to ask the Clerk for an update from Yorkshire Dales National Park. Members noted the recent retirement of Sedbergh in Bloom group and the Council’s hope to find some volunteer support. Cllr Cowperthwaite advised that she would take on responsibility for the Fire Station flower bed if required (and possibly the one close to Settlebeck School). Two/three volunteers had come forward and the Clerk will update in due course. The Clerk advised that the flower beds at the Information Centre were the responsibility of the Community Trust, and that contact had already been made directly.</p>	
017/01/26	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING The date for the next scheduled meeting is to be confirmed</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8.30 pm</p> <p>Signature of Chair</p> <p>Date</p>	