

Minutes of the Sedbergh Annual Parish Meeting

Committee Room, Sedbergh People's Hall, Sedbergh, held on Thursday 14 May 2026 at 7.00 pm

In attendance - Cllrs Arnold (Chair), Lancaster, Capstick, Longlands, Sedgwick, Bromley, Thomson, Brooks, Crawford and Cowperthwaite. Four members of the public in attendance.

1. Apologies for absence
There were no apologies for absence.
2. Introduction and Welcome
The Chairman welcomed Members to this open Annual Parish meeting.
3. Minutes of 2025 Annual Meeting of the Parish
The Minutes were adopted as a true record and signed by the Chair, Cllr Arnold.
4. Chairman's Report for 2025/2026
The attached Report, prepared by the Chairman, had been circulated to Members, shared at the meeting, and will be available online.
5. To receive the Draft Accounts for 2025/26
The Clerk presented the attached draft summary of accounts to the meeting, along with recent Internal Audit. Current balances were discussed, along with reserves for future projects and general sinking funds.
6. Forum – an opportunity to discuss or ask questions on any matters of interest or concern within the Parish, including questions on projects
 - a) Resident – concern for parking at Cross Keys lay-by. Members were able to advise that parking constraints had been highlighted to Yorkshire Dales National Park when the planning had been agreed for the new accessible bridge. All acknowledged that the landscape made parking difficult in the area.
 - b) Resident – concern for the deterioration of the former Udale building (37-39 Main Street). The Chair advised that the resident is welcome to request Members to consider a formal agenda item particularly if, for example, there is a defined proposal in the future. It was noted that the new Chief Executive of Yorkshire Dales National Park is due to commence his role in September 2026.
 - c) Residents – query over recent addition of ice cream trolley (with generator) on Main Street, and change of benches. Whilst it was acknowledged that the proprietor is trying to enhance offerings, the residents feel that the generator in particular is detrimental to the Main Street (noise and air quality). Members advised that this was outside of the Parish Council remit, and they should follow up with Westmorland and Furness Council.
 - d) Resident – update on plans for playground following recent closure of some equipment. The Chair had included reference to the plans for the new play area in his report, with hopes to progress with the formal planning application as soon as possible. It was acknowledged the time taken to acquire the various information cited during pre-application advice from Yorkshire Dales National Park, as well as securing sufficient funds. Finally, the resident was invited to share their details with the Clerk, for continued communications around potential additional fundraising/community engagements.
7. Close
The meeting closed at 7.45pm