

# SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

## ENVIRONMENT

Minutes of the proceedings of the **NOVEMBER ENVIRONMENT** of the **Council** held following the Community Development and Engagement committee in the **Council Offices**, Advice & Information Centre, Sedgefield, on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2014**.

### Present

**Cllr. Mel Carr (Chairman)**

**Cllr. Mark Cant (Vice-Chairman) and**

Cllrs. David Brown, Lynne Dentith, Tim Jeanes, Chris Lines, Ian Sutherland, Alf Walton, Dudley Waters

### Officer

Dr. Jane Ayre (Town Clerk)

### 1. Apologies

Cllrs. Allan Blakemore, Vanessa Carmichael, Rebecca Hagan and Gloria Wills.

### 2. Declaration of interest

Cllr Ian Sutherland declared an interest in the planning application submitted by the Bowling Club to be considered at the end of the meeting.

### 3. Matters of Information

#### 3.1 Pizza Castle:

A map has now been obtained from DCC detailing their understanding of ownership of land in this area. This will be considered by the Estates Working Group at its next meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

#### **RESOLVED:**

**To receive this information.**

#### 3.2 DCC Response To Proposed Parking Restrictions:

A verbal update had been received from County Cllr John Robinson following DCC Highways Committee's consideration of the proposed introduction of restricted parking outside numbers 58-62 Front Street. The Committee had agreed that 30

minutes was not sufficient and a restriction of 1 hour would be more appropriate. DCC Officers are looking into the legalities of making this change now or whether further public consultation is required stipulating the new proposed restriction time. The Clerk has requested that Mr Michael Turnbull of DCC keep the Town Council informed. The Clerk will keep Cllrs updated regarding this matter.

**RESOLVED:**

**To receive this information.**

**3.3 Cemetery Recycling Bays – Repair of Vandalism:**

Zurich have accepted the quotation submitted by Mr Brian Pike to undertake repair work on the vandalized Cemetery Recycling Bays. Zurich will pay for this work (excluding the £100 excess the Council must pay). Mr Pike has been informed and issued with a Purchase Order number. This repair work is scheduled to take place after the new fence has been installed, i.e. end of November/early December.

**RESOLVED:**

**To receive this information.**

**3.4 Cemetery Hedge:**

This work will take place towards the end of November/early December by AW Treecare to coincide with the work scheduled to be undertaken by Mr Brian Hull to replace the nearby fencing. Cllrs will be informed when this work has been undertaken.

**RESOLVED:**

**To receive this information.**

**3.5 Eden Drive: Drainage Problem:**

A response has now been received from Mr Paul Armin of DCC who needs to know whether the properties identified in Eden Drive have experienced interior building flooding in order that this query can be categorized appropriately for investigation. The Clerk will investigate this matter with Mr & Mrs Steward and keep Cllrs informed.

**RESOLVED:**

**To receive this information.**

**3.6 Repairs to St Edmund's Church Wall:**

Mrs Angela Simpson has confirmed the Friends of St Edmund's Church have now supplied their latest accounts and these have been forwarded to the County Durham Community Foundation. A decision is now expected very soon on this funding application. Cllrs will be kept informed regarding this funding application's progress.

**RESOLVED:**

**To receive this information.**

**3.7 Trees:**

An independent tree report had been received from AW Treecare and will be considered under agenda Item 5.5.

**RESOLVED:**

**To receive this information and to close this matter.**

**3.8 Electricity Supplies – Village Green, Lychgate and Parish Hall:**

Mr Brian Mutch has now written to the Diocese requesting permission to dig a channel within the Churchyard to install a new cable in order to finalise a quote for installing a new power supply to the Lychgate. An alternative option is also being considered by linking to a street light near to the Ball Game Statue which could provide a source from which to supply power to the live Christmas Tree planted in this area for next year and beyond plus run a supply to the Lychgate. Once comparable quotes are received they will be considered by the Estates Working Group and a recommendation brought to a future Environment Committee meeting.

The annual electrical installation reports for the Council Offices and the Parish Hall have now been reviewed and outstanding work is being actioned.

**RESOLVED:**

**To receive this information.**

**3.9 St Edmund's Churchyard Footpaths:**

Tree branches overhanging the footpaths have now been pruned back with the footpaths having now all been scrubbed and cleaned.

**RESOLVED:**

**To receive this information and to close this matter.**

**3.10 North End Grass Verge – Northumbrian Water / Holes:**

A summary of the history of this on-going issue has been sent to County Cllr John Robinson for further investigation with DCC. County Cllr John Robinson will investigate and report back to the Town Council.

Cllr Mel Carr requested that Mr Stephen Young be tasked with monitoring this area on a weekly basis. The Clerk will prepare a suitable monitoring form in order that evidence can be collated.

**RESOLVED:**

**To receive this information.**

**3.11 Sedgefield Cemetery:**

An article has appeared in the Sedgefield Extra informing people of headstone safety testing. Letters have been sent to those next of kin's who have previously been informed of an unsafe headstone informing them of the next headstone safety testing. Headstone safety testing by Mr Stephen Young and Mr John Doyle has been completed in Section A and the remainder will be completed soon. The Clerk will keep Cllrs informed of headstone safety testing outcomes.

Initial enquiries have been made regarding an asset transfer to DCC in relation to the land/footpath running between the cemetery and the allotments which was the former entrance to the College. The Estates Working Group will consider the asset transfer information received at its next meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

**RESOLVED:**

**To receive this information.**

**3.12 Eden Drive Play Area – Deep Water Sign:**

An order has been placed to purchase a Deep Water sign. A letter has also been sent to Livin requesting a donation towards the cost. A subsequent response has been received from Mr Malcolm Gray (Community Investment Advisor for Livin)

stating that on this occasion they cannot offer financial help. As it has now been ascertained that DCC own the adjacent Duck Pond the Clerk will submit a similar request to DCC. The Clerk to keep Cllrs informed.

**RESOLVED:**

**To receive this information.**

**3.13 Formal Letter of Complaint – Station Road Playing Field:**

This item is now to be addressed by the P&R Committee to ensure that all matters relating to Station Road Playing Field are considered at only one Committee. The Clerk had written to Mrs Scott acknowledging receipt of her complaint and informing her of when the Council would discuss her complaint.

**RESOLVED:**

**To receive this information and to close this matter with the Environment Committee.**

**3.14 Request for Memorial Bench:**

The Clerk had written to Mr Quinn acknowledging receipt of his letter and informed him that work is underway to propose a suitable bench for refurbishment. Cllr Mel Carr reported that this matter would be discussed further in Item 6.5.

**RESOLVED:**

**To receive this information.**

**3.15 Trees at 1 Claremont Grove, Sedgefield:**

The Estates Working Group will consider this matter at its next meeting and make a recommendation to a future Environment Committee meeting.

**RESOLVED:**

**To receive this information.**

**3.16 Eden Drive Ponds:**

DCC have confirmed that they are the owners of the small pond near to Ceddesfeld

Hall in Wykes Close (the Clerk has now circulated to all Cllrs a map showing which land is owned by DCC and which is owned by Livin). DCC have already started work to tidy up this pond.

**RESOLVED:**

**To receive this information and to close this matter.**

**3.17 Planning Applications:**

The planning applications identified by Cllr Mel Carr were notified officially to the Town Council on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014 (the DCC list was late being published due to DCC staff holidays). As instructed the Clerk had requested that the application relating to Caden Court is called in for consideration by Planning Committee. County Cllr John Robinson had forwarded an email dated 27<sup>th</sup> October 2014 from DCC Planning Officer Mark O'Sullivan stating that this application has now been withdrawn at the applicant's request.

**RESOLVED:**

**To receive this information and to close this matter.**

**3.18 Crown Lifting at Mitford Court:**

AW Treecare have been informed they are the successful tender and have been issued with a Purchase Order. AW Treecare have liaised with Mr Rodger Lowe from DCC who has confirmed that the Town Council will now need to submit an application to perform work on trees covered by TPOs. AW Treecare will assist with the completing of this paperwork.

**RESOLVED:**

**To receive this information.**

**3.19: Potholes at The Square and Hardwick Arms, North End:**

Mr Brian Pike has now satisfactorily repaired the potholes at the above locations. Prior to this work being undertaken letters had been delivered to those residents who lived near to the area making them aware that the work was going to be done.

**RESOLVED:**

## **To receive this information and close this matter.**

### **4. Public Participation**

The Chairman, Cllr. Mel Carr closed the meeting whilst the public gave their views and comments.

Mr Scott reported that he has approached other members of the Station Road and Ivy Row Residents Alliance who have confirmed they are happy to share their evidence regarding Station Road Playing Field issues (as discussed in detail during public participation at the P&R Committee meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014) with the Town Council. Mr and Mrs Scott are now compiling an evidence file. Mr Scott stated the Alliance want the Town Council to get Mr Phil Wilson MP and Ofwat involved in order to resolve this issue. Mr Scott reiterated that NWL see flooding and sewage as two separate issues and their lack of disclosure has hidden the full extent of the problem. The Residents Alliance believe insufficient capacity in NWL's infrastructure is the sole cause of both inter-related issues of flooding and sewage which is now exacerbated by sewage being pumped at night into this system from Hardwick Hall. There is no evidence of NWL having undertaken any meaningful action. Mr Scott also stated that the Town Council must also shoulder some of the blame for not challenging NWL but instead entirely accepting the information provided by NWL and Mr Paul Armin of DCC. The Residents Alliance now want a robust and permanent solution to this problem and expect to be actively involved in this work.

Cllr Mel Carr thanked Mr Scott for his comments and explained that in future all Station Road Playing Field discussions would take place at P&R Committee meetings. Cllr Carr informed Mr Scott that upon receipt of the Residents Alliance's evidence file an Open Spaces Working Group meeting would be called to consider this information in entirety.

Mrs Julia Bowles, of the Residents Forum, reiterated concerns regarding the capacity impact of Hardwick Hall pumping sewage at night into NWL's infrastructure. She also reminded Cllrs that this issue of capacity will be stretched even further when the caravan park comes on-line in the very near future. Finally, Mrs Bowles reported that it is very important the Sedgefield Neighbourhood Plan be submitted to DCC and requested a meeting be made between the Town Council and the Plan's Steering Group to discuss this matter.

The meeting was then re-opened.

## **5. Reports**

### **5.1 Allotment Challenge 2014 Presentation To Winners: Report by Mrs Angela Simpson**

Prior to the meeting a report by Mrs Angela Simpson detailing the recent presentation of the 2014 Allotment Challenge awards had been circulated to all.

#### **RESOLVED:**

**To receive this information.**

### **5.2 War Memorial: Report by Mrs Angela Simpson**

Prior to the meeting a report by Mrs Angela Simpson had been circulated to all. This report detailed the current position with regards to seeking funding to undertake maintenance work on the Town's War Memorial. Accompanying this report was a copy of a Decorative Restoration Report compiled by Stonemason David France.

Cllr Alf Walton reiterated that he had asked County Cllr John Robinson if he could be present when DCC Officers undertake their assessment of the War Memorial's condition.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- i) To receive this information.**
- ii) The Clerk to approach Mrs Sandra Stephenson to determine how much unallocated funding County Cllrs John Robinson and Rachel Lumsdon have in their 2014/15 Neighbourhood Budgets.**

### **5.3 Footpaths From Church Turning Circle – Potential Funding Options: Report by Mrs Angela Simpson (to be issued separately in advance of meeting)**

Prior to the meeting a report by Mrs Angela Simpson had been circulated to all in relation to potential sources of funding for refurbishing paths on the Village Green. To progress these potential sources of funding Mrs Simpson requires the specification of work envisaged along with potential costings.

Cllr Ian Sutherland stated the preference to replace the existing footpaths with a non-slip surface. Cllr Dudley Waters confirmed that the existing paths close to the trees near to the Church are particularly problematic.

#### **RESOLVED:**



- i) **To receive this information.**
- ii) **This matter to be discussed by the Estates Working Group on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014 to provide Mrs Simpson with appropriate steer for a subsequent report to be brought to a future Environment Committee meeting.**

**5.4 Environment Awards 2014 – Community Partnership Category: Verbal Report by Cllr Mel Carr**

Cllr Mel Carr reminded Cllrs that the Town Council had earlier in the year nominated the Sedgefield In Bloom Group in the Community Partnership Category of the 2014 Environment Awards. As a result of this nomination Cllr Carr and Mr Howard Smith had attended an Awards Ceremony on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at which the Bloom Group were announced the winners of the Community Partnership Category. The Award and Certificate were shown to all.

Cllr Ian Sutherland thanked the Town Council for their support of the Sedgefield In Bloom Group. Mr Howard Smith thanked Mr Stephen Young and Mr Roy Cairns.

**RESOLVED:**

**To receive this information.**

**5.5 Church Turning Circle Update: Report by Cllr Mel Carr**

Prior to the meeting a report by Cllr Mel Carr had been circulated to all Cllrs detailing the latest position with regard to the refurbishment of the Church Turning Circle.

**RESOLVED:**

**To receive this information.**

**5.6 Independent Tree Report: Report by A W Treecare**

Prior to the meeting copies of an Independent Tree Report compiled on behalf of the Town Council by AW Treecare had been circulated to all Cllrs for information. The contents of this Report will now be considered by the Estates Working Group on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014 with recommendations being brought back to a future Environment Committee. Cllr Mel Carr reported that AW Treecare would usually charge for the production of such a report, however, on this occasion they had waived their fees.

**RESOLVED:**

**To receive this information.**

**5.7 DCC Eden Drive Play Area Inspection Report (October 2014)**

Prior to the meeting copies of the October 2014 Play Area Inspection Report for the Eden Drive Play area had been circulated to all. The Clerk pointed out to all Cllrs that the damaged pole on the toddler multi-play had been replaced.

**RESOLVED:**

**To receive this information.**

**6. Correspondence**

**6.1 Sedgefield In Bloom: Email of thanks from Mr Howard Smith (dated 19<sup>th</sup> October 2014) plus copies of Northern Echo Articles (dated 17<sup>th</sup> October 2014)**

Prior to the meeting an email of thanks from Mr Howard Smith had been circulated to all Cllrs in which Mr Smith expressed thanks from the Sedgefield In Bloom Group to the Town Council for their continuing support. He expressed particular thanks to Mr Stephen Young and Mr Roy Cairns. Accompanying this email were copies of articles from the Northern Echo dated 17<sup>th</sup> October 2014 relating to Sedgefield's achievement of a Britain In Bloom Gold award in the Small Town Category.

**RESOLVED:**

**To receive this information.**

**6.2 RHS Britain In Bloom 2014 UK Finals Judges' Report**

Copies of the RHS Britain In Bloom 2014 UK Finals Judges' Report had been circulate to all Cllrs prior to the meeting.

**RESOLVED:**

**To receive this information.**

**6.3 RHS Britain in Bloom: Congratulations from Northumbrian in Bloom (email**

**dated 26<sup>th</sup> October 2014)**

Prior to the meeting an email from Ms Eileen Burn, Chairman of Northumbria In Bloom, had been circulated to all Cllrs. Ms Burn expressed her congratulations at the Town's achievement of a Britain In Bloom Gold Award.

**RESOLVED:**

**To receive this information.**

**6.3a Northumbria In Bloom Entry 2015**

Cllr Mel Carr reported that the Town Council needed to make a decision as to whether or not it wished to enter for the Northumbria in Bloom competition in 2015. The deadline date for entries is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2014 with a cost of £125 for entering the competition. The workload associated with entry into this competition had been discussed at the Joint Town Council/Sedgefield In Bloom Group meeting in October 2014 and it had been agreed that this did not pose any problems or issues.

**RESOLVED:**

- i) Sedgefield Town Council enter the Northumbria in Bloom competition in 2015.**
- ii) In future such recommendations be brought to the Town Council in the form of a report by Mrs Angela Simpson to allow prior consideration by Cllrs.**

**6.4 Tree outside 19 North End (email from Rodger Lowe dated 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014)**

Prior to the meeting an email from Mr Rodger Lowe, DCC's Senior Tree Officer, had been circulated to all containing his advice in relation to the tree outside 19 North End which had previously been reported as a matter of concern to the Town Council by a resident.

**RESOLVED:**

**This information to be considered and progressed by the Estates Working Group meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014 with a subsequent report to a future Environment Committee meeting.**

**6.5 Seat on Wykes Close: Letter from Mr & Mrs Barron (dated 28<sup>th</sup> October 2014)**

Prior to the meeting a letter from Mr and Mrs Barron dated 28<sup>th</sup> October 2014 had

been circulated to all Cllrs for consideration. The letter reported concerns regarding the seating in Wykes Close which appears to attract anti-social behavior.

Cllrs Alf Walton and Lynne Dentith expressed the view that the seating should be removed in order to overcome this problem, however, Cllrs Ian Sutherland and Dudley Waters responded that neither the seating nor the land belong to the Town Council. Cllr Tim Jeanes suggested the Town Council contact DCC and Livin to make them both aware of this on-going problem. Even though this is not an area of Town Council land the Council still has a responsibility to care for residents and help to resolve their issues. Cllr Mel Carr reminded Cllrs that a seat in this area of the Town had been requested by people who were walking from one area to another so that it could be used as a resting point. Cllr Ian Sutherland believed that the seating may have been placed in the incorrect area as a seat nearer to Ceddesfeld Hall replacing the currently dilapidated seat would be more appropriate. Cllr Chris Lines suggested the Town Council arrange to have an on-site meeting with Livin to explore the option of the current dilapidated seat near to Ceddesfeld Hall being replaced with a new memorial bench and the seat nearer Wykes Close be removed to make the area more attractive. This approach was agreed. It was also felt that a new litter bin in this area would be beneficial.

**RESOLVED:**

- i) The Clerk to arrange an on-site meeting with Livin representatives at Wykes Close.**
- ii) The Clerk to update Mr and Mrs Barron on work being undertaken by the Town Council.**

**6.6 Noise Complaint in relation to Parish Hall: Email from Ms S Cook (dated 24<sup>th</sup> October 2014)**

**and**

**6.7 Complaint in relation to Parish Hall: Letter from Mrs N Neal (dated 28<sup>th</sup> October 2014)**

Prior to the meeting copies of an email from Ms S Cook and a letter from Mrs N Neal had been circulated to all Cllrs. One related to the issue of noise coming from the Parish Hall whilst the other related to noise coming into the Parish Hall. It was agreed by all Cllrs to consider these agenda items together as there was obviously an issue with noise leakage/acoustics which requires urgent attention by the Town Council.

Cllr Tim Jeanes provided some historical background regarding the sound proofing work undertaken during the last refurbishment of the Parish Hall. Cllr Jeanes has arranged to meet with Mr Garry Jacobs of the Blues Club later in the week to identify where noise is escaping from the building.

Cllr Ian Sutherland suggested that secondary glazing to the windows onto Front Street would help to address this issue. Cllr Dudley Waters commented that the building becomes so hot during performances that users are opening the doors which then allows noise to freely travel outside the building. Cllr Jeanes replied that within the roof space above the main Hall there is an extraction ventilation system which was de-commissioned when the Parish Hall was refurbished. However, this could perhaps be re-commissioned. It was agreed that the Parish Hall building needs to be reviewed along with associated maintenance arrangements.

Cllr Mel Carr suggested that the Town Council writes to both Ms Cook and Mrs Neal stating that the Town Council is going to review the Parish Hall and its facilities taking into careful consideration their comments. An Estates Working Group meeting had been held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014 for the Clerk to make Cllrs aware of the noise issues and it was felt by Cllrs on this Working Group that initial health checks should be undertaken in relation to the electrics, sound and lighting systems, plumbing and heating plus building structure. Once received, the Working Group can consider their findings. This approach was agreed by all Cllrs.

Cllr Mark Cant also suggested that the Blues Club be reminded that with immediate effect they must use the side doors to bring into, and remove from, the Parish Hall their equipment. This was agreed by Cllrs.

Cllr Dudley Waters remarked that historically there had been a number of noise complaints in relation to the Parish Hall and this had led to DCC reviewing the licence for the building. This had resulted in an acoustic wall being built in the main Hall. Cllr Tim Jeanes expressed concerns that whilst a sound limiter is linked to sound equipment in the Hall it is perhaps possible for some users to bypass this system. Cllr Ian Sutherland suggested that a more sophisticated sound monitoring system is required. Cllr Tim Jeanes reported that he had spoken to Floorscan who had originally undertaken sound monitoring tests and they could undertake further testing for £300-£400. It was agreed that Cllr Tim Jeanes would report back his findings from his meeting with Mr Garry Jacobs to the Town Clerk.

**RESOLVED:**

- i) The Estates Working Group to gather health check findings and then consider.**
- ii) Cllr Tim Jeanes to update the Clerk on his meeting with Garry Jacobs.**
- iii) The Estates Working Group to prepare an appropriate recommendations report for a future Environment Committee meeting.**

**7. Financial Position: Environment committee**

**RESOLVED:**

**To approve the Environment Committee Financial Position.**

**8. Tenders**

**8.1 Coppicing of Willows, Station Road Playing Field**

Three quotations had been sought to coppice from 6 inches – 18 inches the Willow area at Station Road Playing Field and remove all wood chippings and timber from the site. One quotation had been received from Alex Walker (AW Treecare). Cllrs agreed to accept the quote from Alex Walker.

**RESOLVED**

- i. To appoint A W Treecare as the contractor to undertake this work.**
- ii. The Clerk to write and inform A W Treecare of their appointment and to issue a Purchase Order Number and request they liaise with the Town Council to determine the most appropriate time to undertake this work.**

**EMERGENCY ITEMS FOLLOWING MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2014:**

At the Monthly Committee meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014 the Clerk had circulated to all Cllrs (and posted to those not present) details of two planning applications which had been published by DCC on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014. It had been agreed to consider these applications at the Environment Committee meeting in order to submit comments to DCC.

Application DM/14/02891/FPA Creation of all weather bowling green and associated works – There were no objections to this application.

Application DM/14/02890/FPA Installation of air handling unit, 3 no chiller units, boiler, associated flues and pipework (north elevation), internal and external alterations and erection of

detached single storey building at NETPark – There were no objections to this application.

**RESOLVED:**

**The Clerk to inform DCC Planners that the Council has no objections to the above planning applications.**

Application DM/14/01586/OUT – This application had been discussed by Cllrs at the Monthly Committee meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014 when it had been agreed to seek professional advice in order to prepare and submit to DCC a letter of objection to this proposed development. Cllr Chris Lines reported that due to tight timescales for having to lodge objections with DCC (i.e. last formal date is 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014) and the length of time required to identify, approach and appoint an appropriate specialist the Clerk and Cllr Lines have drafted a response to this application based upon the discussions that took place at the Monthly Committee meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014. Copies of this draft response were circulated to all and copies will be sent to all Cllrs not present at the meeting. This response made reference to a letter from NWL on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014 to Mr Steve Pilkington of DCC. Copies of this letter were also circulated to all for reference. It was agreed that Cllrs must provide their feedback to the Clerk by no later than 4pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014 in order that objections can be submitted to DCC by 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

**RESOLVED:**

- i) All Cllrs to provide feedback on the draft response to the Clerk by no later than 4pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014.**
- ii) The Clerk to submit the Council's objections to this planning application on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014.**

Also at the Monthly Committee meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014 the Clerk had circulated to all Cllrs (and posted to those not present) the proposed artwork being commissioned by Livin for location at Caden Court in Sedgfield. It had been agreed to consider this proposal at the Environment Committee meeting in order to submit comments to Mr Andrew Kitchen, Development Manager at Livin. There were no objections to the proposed artwork.

**RESOLVED:**

**The Clerk to inform Mr Andrew Kitchen the Council has no objections to the proposed artwork.**

Cllr Chris Lines informed Cllrs that he would work with the Clerk to produce an appropriate response to Mrs Bowles and the Residents Forum regarding their perception of the lack of joined up response to the EIP. He stated very strongly that there is clear evidence of a very joined up approach across Sedgefield which has culminated in the Inspector listening very carefully to the views from Sedgefield and the site visit which has now held in the Town. It is paramount that the Sedgefield Plan comes to a successful fruition, however, it can only be presented to the Town Council when it is ready and it is not as yet at that stage. A special Council meeting will be called as soon as possible.

**RESOLVED:**

**To receive this information.**

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.15p.m.