

Annual Report 2021/22



Sedgefield Town Council





Welcome to Sedgefield Town Council's Annual Report 2021/22

The purpose of this report is to explain how the Town Council has operated during 2021/22 and the work it has undertaken during this time. Further information about the Town Council can be found on our website www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk.

The publication of this Annual Report will coincide with the Council's Annual Town Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd May 2022 at 7pm in Sedgefield Parish Hall. This meeting will be an opportunity for the Council to not only present this report but also to answer any questions from the public. This report can be viewed on the Council's website or at the Council Offices.



Sedgefield Town Council

Sedgefield Town Council serves the Parish of Sedgefield which includes the town itself and Thorpe Larches, Foxton and Embleton. The Council comprises of 15 elected Councillors. Each year in May at its Annual General Meeting (AGM) the Council elects a Chair of the Council and a Mayor.

In May 2021, Cllr Mel Carr was elected as Chair of the Council and Cllr Ann Carr as the Mayor.

The Council conducts its business through a Committee system as follows:

Committee:	Meetings Held:
Monthly Meeting	2 nd Monday of every month
Policy & Resources	After each Monthly Meeting
Community Development & Engagement	3 rd Monday of every month
Environment	3 rd Monday of every month
Personnel	As required
Sedgefield Extra	As required
Community Chest	As required

Please note: in some instances dates are changed because of Bank Holidays. No Committee meetings are held in August. An annual meetings' calendar is displayed in the Council Offices, Town noticeboard and on the Council's website.

Details of the work of each of these Committees is contained later in this Report.

In addition to the Committees are a series of Working Groups which undertake research and investigation to propose recommendations for consideration by all Councillors at the relevant Committee. During 2021/22, the Council had Working Groups covering Estates, Finance, Policy & Records' Management and Butterwick Road Cemetery.

How To Contact Sedgfield Town Council

The Town Council operates from the Town Council Offices on Front Street, Sedgfield and is open to the public:

Monday	9am – 12 noon
Tuesday	9am – 12 noon
Wednesday	9am – 1pm
Thursday	9am – 12 noon
Friday	9am – 12 noon

Enquiries can also be made via the following:

Post:	Town Council Offices, Front Street, Sedgfield TS21 3AT
Telephone:	01740 621273 (24 hour answerphone service available)
Email:	town.clerk@sedgfieldtowncouncil.gov.uk

We aim to respond within 5 working days to all such enquiries.

The Town Council also operates a residents' email database through which we cascade information including planning updates, road and footpath closures, neighbourhood watch information etc. If you would like to register with this database, please contact jane@sedgfieldtowncouncil.gov.uk.



Sedgefield Town Councillors

During 2021/22, the following Councillors held office:

Cllr Allan Blakemore 32 Beacon Avenue, Sedgefield 01740 621820	Cllr David Brown Town Farm House, 3 West End, Sedgefield 01740 622894	Cllr Mark Cant Mordon Moor Farm, Sedgefield 07818 243774
Cllr Ann Carr 3 The Square, Sedgefield 01740 629070	Cllr Mel Carr 3 The Square, Sedgefield 01740 629070	Cllr Kelly Dickerson 30 Beaumont Court Sedgefield 07720 080497 (co-opted March 2022)
Cllr John Finlayson 5 Pine Ridge Avenue Sedgefield 01740 622313 (elected May 2021)	Cllr Catherine Hart Foxton Farm Foxton 07837 126472 (elected May 2021)	Cllr Jenny Haworth 27 Station Road Sedgefield 07942 370050 (co-opted March 2022)
Cllr Paul Heasman Contact via Town Clerk	Cllr Dave Jasper The Mews, 1 Rosedale Close, Sedgefield 07791 030886 (co-opted July 2021)	Cllr Allan Nicholson (elected May 2021) (resigned on 26.01.22)
Cllr Jim Seymour 9 Homebryth House Sedgefield 07950 600729 (elected May 2021)	Cllr Julie Towler 6 Mitford Court Sedgefield 07979 376997	Cllr Alf Walton (resigned on 25.10.21)
Cllr Mavis Wayman 32 White House Drive Sedgefield 01740 620337	Cllr Stephen Winter 3 Millner Court Sedgefield 07916 228929	

Councillors Vanessa Carmichael, Chris Lines, Leo McCormack, Fiona Warrand and Gloria Wills stood down from the Council at the local elections in May 2021.

Message from the Chairman of Sedgefield Town Council - Cllr. Mel Carr



It has been a difficult year with continuing Covid-19 pandemic-related problems and the drastic situation in Ukraine, still ongoing, both affecting everyday life in many different ways across the globe.

The Town Council staff have adapted to remote and office working very well. The office refurbishment work is complete, with a re-structured reception area open to the public 5 days a week 9.00am until 12.00 (13:00 Wednesdays) for any Sedgefield Town Council matters.

The Parish Hall is once again thriving, with the main hall, two smaller rooms and two kitchens. Most of the groups are starting to get back together again and making use of these facilities at a reasonable cost, Friday coffee mornings being very popular.

The Fireworks' Display and Halloween Howler event went ahead this year attended by over 900 people, the pumpkins being extra special this year.

The village greens continue to have a number of issues, discussions and legal work continues so we can seek a satisfactory conclusion for all concerned. A tree survey was carried out with a programme in place to carry out any necessary work to the trees as recommended. Town Council gardeners Stephen Young and Ben Gray continue to work at the cemetery and throughout the Town making it look its best with vibrant floral displays. The Sedgefield in Bloom group continue to give a great contribution to the appearance of the Town.

The Christmas lights on the trees around the village green had a major update this year to comply with current legislation. Storm Arwen tried to stop the Christmas lights switch on but the Mayor, Santa Claus and his helper braved the weather!

Message from the Chairman

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Section 106 money (developers' contribution paid to Durham County Council to mitigate the impact of their development on the community) is still being monitored to ensure that Sedgefield benefits from it.

The project to expand Butterwick Road Cemetery is still progressing and there could be some positive progress soon.

I would like to express my thanks to Councillors Alf Walton and Allan Nicholson who have resigned in the last year, as well all the remaining Town Councillors, the Town Clerk Dr Jane Ayre and all staff for their support over this last year.



2021/2022 Mayor's Report

Cllr. Ann Carr



Where has the time gone since May 2021? Well, I don't know but the year has flown by. It has been an honour and pleasure to represent you, the people of Sedgefield, wherever I have been as the Mayor.

The year started very slowly due to the pandemic and was limited to the type of events that could be held or where to visit. This also added caution to holding any fundraising events myself.

As Mayor you have the opportunity to choose a charity for the year and mine was Youngminds. They support our young people in a variety of ways, through schools, colleges, social media etc. during this difficult and unusual time. The children are the future of our country and we don't know the effects the pandemic will have long term on everyone.

I have been asked what was the most enjoyable part of the year. Well that is easy: meeting the people of Sedgefield - those who live or work in our community. Although officially a town, everyone refers to it as a village. It is a great place to live or work, with good road networks meaning you are only ten miles from anywhere significant. In the village there are opportunities to join a variety of courses and activities keeping you fit both mentally and physically. I think there is enough going on that you could be out in the company of like-minded people enjoying yourself most days or evenings of the week. When other Mayors have visited Sedgefield, this friendly social network has been commented on and seems unique to our village.

I attended a function recently (nothing to do with being the Mayor) and was very surprised there was no raffle as I am now trained to expect one everywhere I go!

2021/2022 Mayor's Report

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Every event attended was different from the last but Christmas was very special. The amazing help from the two Primary Schools' children with the Christmas tree decorations, the Snow Party, Santa and people singing on the village green as it started to snow, at the same time as the Christmas lights were switched on - magical. All this happening on a very wild weather weekend during a very difficult time meant it was extra special.

Thank you very much to the Town Council staff for their hard work and support throughout the year. Thank you to my husband Melvyn - he is a great support – also to my family. Thank you also to the Town Councillors for their support and friendship.

Most importantly, thank you to you the people of Sedgefield for your fun, friendship and support wherever I have been and for this wonderful opportunity to represent you.

My very good wishes to you all.

Ann Carr



Chair of Committee Reports:

Policy & Resources (P&R) Committee

Chair: Cllr Allan Blakemore

Sedgefield Town Council Policy and Resources Committee oversees all of the financial and procedural undertakings of the Council. In many ways this work follows similar lines as a business. However as a local authority, Sedgefield Town Council has to operate within a number of legal constraints. We have robust financial and governance arrangements in place which are subjected to independent internal and external audits so as to ensure full compliance. We are delighted with the outcome of these audits and in 2021/22 all our internal audits have achieved “Full Assurance” rating.

Within the last financial year Sedgefield Town Council has been working on a number of major projects, which have run alongside the day-to-day work which has to be undertaken. Whilst I am unable to delve into all of the detail, within this document, I will outline some of these projects and what they entail.

Within the last few years our main focus of attention has been on the cemetery extension. I know that this has been mentioned in previous reports and members of the community may well be wondering why it is not yet completed. However, there have been a number of twists and turns along the way and it has certainly been a learning experience for all concerned. Purchasing nearby land from Durham County Council took much longer than anyone anticipated and then we have had to have a number of surveys carried out to ensure suitability of the location. In order to help with this, we have employed the services of a company, Cemetery Design Services and they are presently assisting with our planning application which is due for determination imminently.

Late in 2020 Durham County Council replaced a number of street lighting columns within the Conservation Area of Sedgefield. As a consequence of this, County Officers looked at the Christmas lights within the village centre and found that they were no longer compliant with current standards. Sedgefield Town Council were allowed to do some work in order to be able to have the lights over that festive period but were committed to installing a completely new, 24-volt system, for the 2021 festive period. This has resulted in a large investment from the Town Council in order to have new wiring, control boxes and Christmas lights purchased and fitted in time for the 2021 Christmas Snow Party. We also owe a big thank you to our County Councillors, Cllr. Chris Lines and Cllr. David Brown, who both contributed from their area improvement grant. Cllr. Mel Carr also committed a great deal of time and effort in order to ensure that we met the deadline for the switch on, which not even Storm Arwen could stop from going ahead!

Policy & Resources (P&R) Committee

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Connected to this project was the other significant undertaking of assessing the condition of the trees on Town Council-owned land. Within Sedgefield there are a significant number of trees and the Town Council has now had an assessment of work required to ensure that they are safe, as well as any work that is needed to keep them healthy. Consequently, all the trees containing Christmas lights were pruned prior to the lights being attached to them and this work will continue throughout this next financial year. Our target is to have all of the trees, identified within the survey as being in need of attention, dealt with over the new financial year. This will then become an ongoing project.

On a national basis, the Government White Paper on Levelling Up is of significant interest to all Town and Parish Councils and we are waiting to find out precisely how this will affect us. County Durham Association of Local Councils (C.D.A.L.C.) and National Association of Councils (N.A.L.C.) have arranged a lobby day on the 23rd March 2022 to talk to local Members of Parliament, where this will be a focus of attention. It is anticipated that there will some degree of devolution to local areas but at present it is not clear how this may affect us. This is an important issue and we will continue to monitor it.

Finally with regard to 106 Monies, we are continuously asking questions to Durham County Council and requesting updates on the latest situation with regards to these monies. In relation to the large-scale development of Eden Drive, we are awaiting confirmation as to when monies are available for the community. Sedgefield Town Council would like to have assistance with its cemetery extension project as well as reviewing play provision across the town. However, whilst some of the money has been made available, for sport and education, the community development section of the budget has not yet been made available.

Personnel Committee

Chair: Cllr Allan Blakemore

I have to congratulate all our staff who have strived to maintain the standard of service which people in Sedgefield expect from the Town Council. We are now, hopefully, emerging from what has been an extremely challenging time for all concerned.

Staff now have a newly refurbished Council Office in that all of the heating has been replaced, double glazed windows and doors have been fitted and a complete redecoration has taken place. The existing toilet fittings were replaced and a new, efficient hot water system has also been installed. For the safety of staff, we have now placed a screen wall between the public area and the staff working area within the reception area of the Council Office.

Since the last report, all Town Council staff have remained in post and continue to work hard in the same positions. One slight exception to this is one member of staff who, upon returning to work from maternity leave, has reduced their hours. Consequently, consideration now needs to be given to how staff time can be best utilised. Presently we still have a vacancy to cover the Parish Hall Security Officer on his rest day.

Community Development & Engagement Committee

Chair: Cllr Ann Carr

Chairing this committee was a new experience and a learning curve.

Due to the unknown nature of the pandemic, a lot of discussions and difficult decisions had to be made regarding our usual programme of events.

The Annual Fireworks' Display went ahead, as well as the Halloween Howler. Over 70 children carved out pumpkins and over 900 members of the public attended. This was a special evening for our community.

The Snow Party was able to return to its traditional format, although a number of outdoor activities had to be scaled back due to Storm Arwen! The team of Council staff and Councillors worked hard to prepare for this event. Santa's Grotto was amazing and very well supported; also the Christmas Tree lights switch on with singing, snow falling and Santa joining in was magical.

Unfortunately the winter coach trip to York Christmas Market was cancelled in 2021 but a Summer Trip to Keswick has been arranged for summer 2022 which is already almost full with a smaller coach also booked. We're glad to see the interest in day trips has not declined.

Sedgefield Youth Club re-opened and has been more successful than ever.

The Queen's upcoming Platinum Jubilee marks a special day for the whole nation and provides the perfect opportunity for the community to come together. A working group has been set up with members of the Council, businesses/organisations and the local churches to make this a memorable day. Thank you to Cllr Allan Blakemore for Chairing this group.

The Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Awards 2021, organised with Sedgefield Rotary Club and Sedgefield Development Trust and Sedgefield Youth Club have been organised and all nominations have been submitted. The results will be announced at the AGM in May.

I would like to thank the Councillors, Council staff and the general public who have contributed towards making this difficult year so successful. Thank you all very much.



Community Chest Committee

Chair: Cllr Julie Towler

Sedgefield benefits from an extremely proactive and invaluable community and voluntary sector, many of whom rely on grants and fundraising opportunities to function. With this in mind the Council introduced the Community Chest Fund. The Fund is supported by a ring-fenced amount of £500 each financial year, with any unspent funding carried forward.

This grant funding allows local groups and organisations to access donations of up to a maximum of £100 in any one grant which can be increased if members judged the need was great, especially given the situation from COVID, which has affected many groups in the village.

Organisations can apply by letter or email to the Town Clerk detailing why the funding is required and what it will be spent on, together with an explanation of how it will benefit the residents in Sedgefield.

The remit of this Committee is to award grants to good causes, local groups and organisations which add value or have a direct benefit to Sedgefield and its residents.

You do not need to have charity status to apply.

Organisations who bring some kind of benefit to Sedgefield and its community by hosting events and individuals who by their actions bring a benefit to the community may also be considered.

This year we have awarded £1,280.00 in total in grants to the following groups: -

Sedgefield Out Of School Fun Club, Sedgefield Primary School, The Hive of Sedgefield, Sedgefield Youth Football Club, Sedgefield Cricket Club Junior Section, Sedgefield In Bloom, Sedgefield Ranger Guides, Victim Supports Parish Council Appeal, Great North Air Ambulance, Making Tracks Railway Society and Sedgefield Hardwick Primary School.

If you feel your group or organisation would benefit from a small donation, look at the Council's website for details of the Community Chest and its criteria: www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk/community-chest



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Sedgefield Youth Club
Management Committee
Chair: Cllr Julie Towler



Since the club re-opened in 2021, we have seen even more interest in our junior session (6:00-7:00pm / school years 3-6) but continue to see little uptake in our later

(7:00-8:30pm) session for secondary school aged children. We now find ourselves at full capacity for the junior session and will be reviewing the format of both sessions that take place back-to-back in Sedgefield Parish Hall on Monday evenings to reflect the high demand in the younger age range. We hope to re-open membership for the junior sessions soon!

Please keep an eye out in the Sedgefield Extra, as well as the Town Council's website www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk and twitter account @SedgefieldTC for updates.

As always, we find it really important to let our members take the lead with our sessions and in planning the activities we do. In February 2021 we even had our first ever visit from Crazy Creatures (picture below!). If creepy crawlies aren't your thing, never fear, we also do lots of baking, cooking, crafts, gaming and fundraising. The funds raised from our efforts at the Fireworks' Display and Snow Party allowed us to throw an AMAZING Christmas party and watch the incredible panto by Sedgefield Players in December 2021.

At the moment, we are focusing on putting the final touches to our summer holiday 2022 activities programme, funded by EDRC AAP's Youth Fund. We can't wait to share lots of photos and report on the activities and trips we enjoy later in the year.

A huge thank you as always to the amazing youth club staff, Victoria & Christine, for your outstanding work organising and running the sessions every week and to the local organisations and wider community, who always show their support for youth club fundraising.



Butterwick Rd and Winterton Allotments

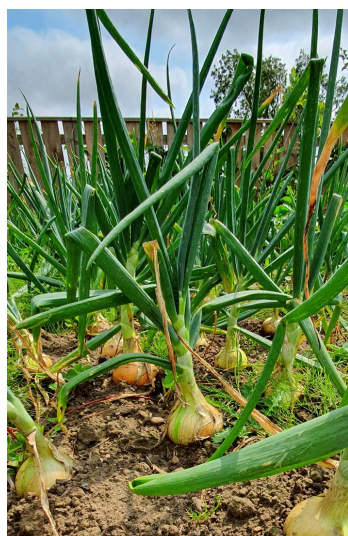
Our allotments at Butterwick Rd and Winterton maintained a very high standard throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, despite relaxing the rules and regulations to ease the pressure for our plot holders. A big thank you to all our plot holders for keeping your areas tidy and cultivated and following the necessary measures to keep the sites and your fellow plot holders safe during this time.

Following an increased interest in gardening and growing your own produce, sparked by the extra time spent at home over the last couple of years, we have gained a significant number of names on our waiting list. It's difficult to give an estimate of the wait you could expect if you joined the waiting list now but we are looking at a minimum of 2 years, possibly longer on our original site at Butterwick Rd, which sees plots change hands less often.

We recently said goodbye to our former Allotment Champion, Alf Walton, who worked closely with the allotment society Sowers & Growers and sponsored the annual allotment challenge. We'd like to thank Alf and his wife Toni for the work and support they provided during Alf's time as a Councillor.

Looking forward to the year ahead, we'd like to welcome all new plot holders and we can't wait to see how your plots develop over the next few growing seasons. Our monthly inspections will soon resume, carried out by the Head Gardener & Cemetery Superintendent and our Projects & Media Co-ordinator.

If you are interested in being placed on the waiting list, contact natalie@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk or download the application form on our website www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk/allotments and return via email or post.



Sedgefield Extra

During 2021/22 we have continued to publish four editions of the Sedgefield Extra, all inserted into the corresponding issue of the Sedgefield News and delivered to residents, with additional copies available from the Town Council offices and on request. Once again, the Town Council is grateful to Sedgefield Development Trust and its volunteers, who have delivered the Extra on our behalf. The publication of Sedgefield Extra complements the other communications activity undertaken by the Town Council, and it's now a matter of course that, as well as being printed, each issue is posted online and shared via social media. We will continue to explore ways in which we can vary and improve what appears in the Extra and welcome suggestions from residents (please send your comments to town.clerk@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk).

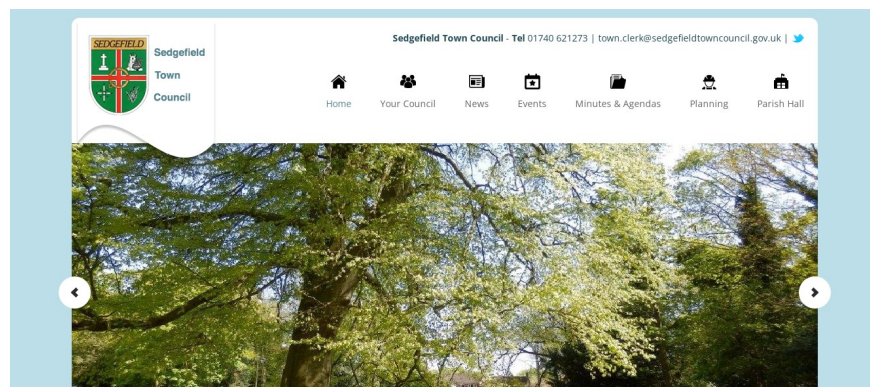


Sedgefield Town Council Twitter @sedgefieldtc

The Town Council shares lots of information about its activities, meeting reminders and useful updates about local life via its Twitter account @SedgefieldTC. Please take a look and consider following us as a way to keep up to date with local issues.

Sedgefield Town Council Website:

The Town Council's website www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk contains lots of information ranging from introducing Councillors and staff, to the minutes and agendas for our Committee meetings, providing copies of our procedures, policies and financial information to promoting events and local news on our news page. Visit the website now to find out more information about the town!



Review of the Past Year **Dr Jane Ayre, Town Clerk**

As the pandemic progressed, 2021/22 proved to be another year in which we have needed to continuously adapt to new challenges, new restrictions and new ways of working. Thankfully whilst 2021/22 started with us operating in very tight covid restrictions, it ended with all restrictions having been lifted and us starting to learn to live with Covid.

The Town Council has continued to operate throughout the pandemic and this review gives you just a taste of some of the key works areas in which we have engaged.

At the start of 2021/22 all Town Council meetings, as required by emergency legislation, were held virtually. As soon as we were able our Committee meetings returned to being held in person, initially in accordance with national restrictions requiring social distancing and members of the public having to pre-register their wish to attend. When returning to face to face meetings, the decision was made to hold our meetings in the Main Hall at the Parish Hall as there was more space and ventilation. Whilst all Covid restrictions have now ceased, the Town Council has made the decision to continue to hold its meetings in the Parish Hall as this is a more comfortable and accessible setting than the small meeting room in the Town Council offices. Dates for our future Council Committee meetings can be found on our website and displayed in the Town noticeboard in front of the library.

Our extensive Town Council offices refurbishment project was completed during 2021 and, as soon as Covid restrictions permitted, we started to warmly welcome members of the public back into the office. Throughout the pandemic, regardless of restrictions, we have been able to continue to help residents and others with their concerns and very varied enquiries. My thanks go to Julia Rowsby, Jane Tate and Natalie Chowns-Traynor for dealing so professionally with all enquiries received throughout 2021.

2021 saw the return of Northumbria and Britain In Bloom competitions. It was yet another year when the Town achieved richly deserved accolades for its stunning floral displays. My thanks go to Stephen Young and Ben Gray for their continuing dedication and hard work.

I would like to express thanks to all our allotment holders at our Winterton and Butterwick Road sites. At the start of the first national lockdown the Town Council made the decision to suspend our normal regime of allotment inspections as we understood those restrictions would impact upon how people typically visited and worked at their plots. We continued this suspension during 2021 as restrictions continued. Despite the restrictions, it has been fantastic to see plots have been maintained to a very high standard throughout and people have continued to enjoy working on them. I would like to thank former Councillor Alf Walton for all his sterling work over many years as our Allotment Champion.

Review of the Past Year

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During 2021/22 we have worked hard to bring back as many of our much loved community events as we could and ensure they operated within the various restrictions in place at the time. This often proved to be very challenging but well worth the work when we saw how much people enjoyed them. Our annual Fireworks Display was well attended and we received lots of very positive feedback. The Town's Remembrance Sunday commemorations were far more similar to those we traditionally hold than had been permitted in the previous year. Our Snow Party event was very well attended albeit Storm Arwen curtailed some of the outdoor elements of this event! Looking ahead to 2022/23 we will see the return of our popular coach trips and tub planting as well as a community event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

As soon as we were able to do so, we re-opened the Parish Hall and have worked very hard to support users as they have returned. In the early days of re-opening when we had lots of restrictions to abide by, this was not easy and we are very grateful for how users worked with us and we overcame those challenges. During this time Wi-Fi has also been installed in the Hall. As we leave 2021/22 the Parish Hall is getting back to its pre-Covid usage. We have sadly had some groups which have disbanded and some which have moved to new venues. However, we have also been able to welcome new groups and provide the venue for lots of private bookings such as birthday parties, christening parties and more. The Parish Hall is a fantastic, versatile venue with lots of facilities. Take a look at our website www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk for more information about the Hall, its facilities and hire charges. I would like to thank Joyce Stephenson and Adam Heath for their work in relation to the Parish Hall and to Jane Tate for her work with Parish Hall bookings.

During 2021/22 our work with our open spaces areas has continued. We have progressed a number of village green issues which should in early 2022/23 see a successful resolution and the publication of our Village Greens Policy. Our work to expand Butterwick Road Cemetery has continued during 2021/22 and we are very hopeful of a determination soon regarding our planning application to ensure we can continue to have a burial facility in the Town.

I would like to express my thanks to all Town Councillors for their work and time. I would like to say goodbye and thanks to those Town Councillors who left us during 2021/22 and welcome to those who have joined us at the end of 2021/22 and who we look forward to working with in the future.

In summary, it is fair to say that unprecedented times continued in 2021/22 but that we are in a very good position to face whatever challenges come our way in 2022/23!

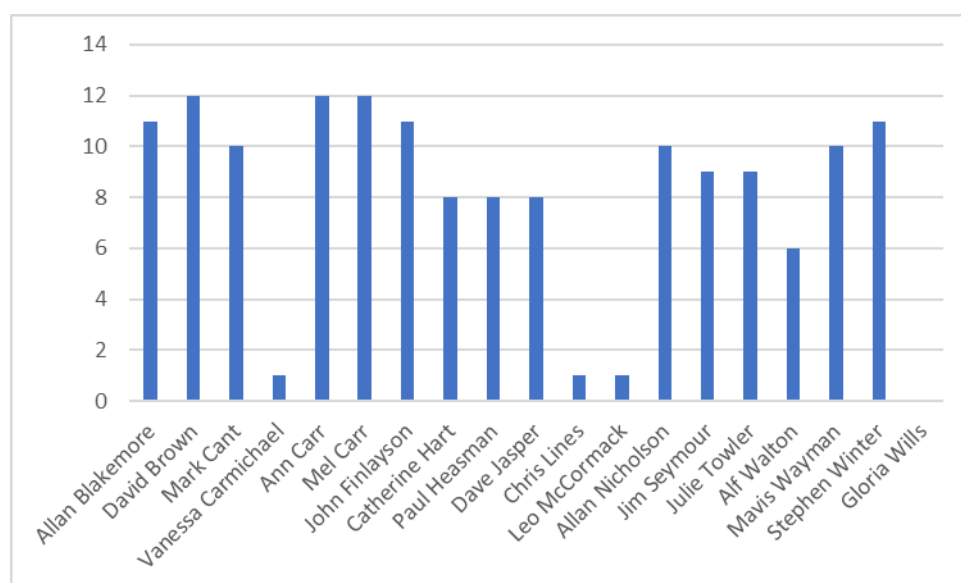
The P&R Committee met in January 2022 to consider the precept request for 2022/23. Through continued financial vigilance, Sedgefield Town Council was able to keep its increase in precept to 7.4% on a Band D rating.

In accordance with legislation, it is a statutory requirement to publish allowances received by members of the Town Council. The agreed allowance per month for Members of Sedgefield Town Council is £25.75. This was claimed over the past civic year by:

Cllrs David Brown, Vanessa Carmichael, Ann Carr, Mel Carr, John Finlayson, Dave Jasper, Julie Towler, Alf Walton, Fiona Warrand, Mavis Wayman, Gloria Wills

Councillor Attendance at Meetings

A request was made to publish the attendance record of Members of the Town Council in 2021/22. This request was agreed and below are the attendance figures for the Council's Monthly meetings, Annual General Meeting and Annual Town Meeting (Total 13) for 2021/22. These figures do not include attendance at Special meetings, Committee meetings, Working Group meetings or other meetings.



Notes:

- Cllrs Vanessa Carmichael, Chris Lines, Leo McCormack and Gloria Wills left the Town Council after Local Council elections in May 2021.
- Cllrs John Finlayson, Catherine Hart, Allan Nicholson and Jim Seymour joined the Council after local elections in May 2021.
- Cllr Dave Jasper was co-opted to the Council in July 2021.
- Cllr Alf Walton resigned from the Council in October 2021.
- Cllr Allan Nicholson resigned from the Council in January 2022.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

31/03/21		Unaudited 31/03/22
£		£
	<u>Income</u>	
448.60	Bank Interest	73.55
0.00	Mayor's Charity	8,955.25
3,080.00	Ceddesfeld Hall	3,060.00
313,996.64	Precept	339,797.00
18,872.11	Parish Hall Hire	20,812.91
1,742.31	Community Services	328.65
70.00	Open Spaces	110.00
6,652.16	Cemetery Lodge	3,799.21
6,731.00	Cemetery	4,642.00
25.00	Events	7,612.95
4,178.85	Environment	4,526.78
0.00	Income Misc	279.46
355,706.67	TOTAL INCOME	393,997.76
	<u>Expenditure</u>	
6,827.14	Council Offices	7,188.20
214.58	Capital Expenditure	0.00
5,735.06	Community Development	34,846.33
16,960.61	Environment	28,106.32
25,654.73	General Administration	28,879.69
650.00	Grants	1,380.00
8,628.02	Loan Repts	8,628.02
6,340.00	Mayor's Charity	834.00
10,173.68	Parish Hall	15,733.16
196,871.93	Personnel	188,308.38
5.99	Civic Hospitality	76.51
1,464.79	Cemetery Lodge	2,363.68
16,163.23	Cemetery	15,575.17
27,367.94	REFURB Council Offices	4,893.50
0	REFURB Cemetery Lodge	10,390.00
323,057.70	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	347,202.36
168,807.42	Balance as at 01/04/21	207,114.18
355,706.67	Add Total Income	393,997.76
524,514.09		601,111.94
323,057.70	Deduct Total Expenditure	347,202.96
0.00	Stock Adjustment	0.00
5,657.79	Transfer to/from reserves	-605.80
207,114.18	Balance as at 31/03/22	253,303.18

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

31/03/21		Unaudited 31/03/22
£		£
	Long Term Assets	
0.00	LONG TERM Investment Accounts	0.00
0.00	TOTAL LONG TERM ASSETS	0.00
	Current assets	
0.00	Investments	0.00
0.00	Loans Made	0.00
0.00	Investment	0.00
5,312.82	VAT Recoverable	10,483.28
50.00	Debtors	1,461.05
5,558.46	Payment in Advance	5,683.01
368,737.97	Cash in Hand at Bank	417,983.44
379,659.25	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	435,610.78
379,659.25	TOTAL ASSETS	435,610.78
	Current liabilities	
0.00	Loans Received	0.00
0.00	Temporary Borrowing	0.00
0.00	VAT Payable	0.00
17,072.84	Creditors	26,072.57
44.00	Receipts in Advance	201.00
17,116.84	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	26,273.57
362,542.41	TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	409,337.21
0.00	Long Term Borrowing	0.00
0.00	Deferred Liabilities	0.00
0.00	Deferred Credits	0.00
0.00		0.00
362,542.41	NET ASSETS	409,337.21
	Represented by	
207,114.18	General Fund	253,303.18
10,481.56	Parish Hall Refurbishment	10,481.56
22,500.00	T Hill—Sedgefield Bowls Club	22,500.00
448.75	Mayor's Charity	448.75
997.92	Sedgefield 700+	202.95
120,000.00	Butterwick Cemetery Expansion	120,000.00
1,000.00	Community Chest	1,920.00
0.00	Refurbishment of Festive Lighting	480.77
0.00	Cemetery Lodge Refurbishment	0.00
362,542.41		409,337.21

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