

SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the proceedings of the **JUNE**
MONTHLY MEETING of the **Council** held at **7pm** on
Monday 10th JUNE 2024
in
Sedgefield Parish Hall

Present **Cllr. Allan Blakemore (Chairman) and**
Cllrs. David Brown, Mark Cant, Kelly Dickerson, John Finlayson, Elizabeth Flanagan, Jenny Haworth, Peter Hinde, Julie Towler and Mavis Wayman

Officer Dr Jane Ayre (Town Clerk)

1. Apologies:

Cllrs Ann Carr, Mel Carr and Dave Jasper.

2. Declaration of interest:

Cllr Elizabeth Flanagan declared an interest in anything Sedgefield Players and Parish Hall related. No other Cllr made any declaration of interest.

3. STC Minutes / Committee Reports:

a. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Monday 13th May 2024:

These were confirmed as a correct record. (JH / MW)

b. Minutes of the Monthly meeting held Monday 13th May 2024:

These were confirmed as a correct record. (PH / EF)

c. Minutes of the P&R Committee held Monday 13th May 2024:

These were confirmed as a correct record. (JH / PH)

d. Minutes of the Environment Committee held Monday 13th May 2024:

These were confirmed as a correct record. (M Cant / KD)

e. Minutes of the Community Development Committee held Monday 13th May 2024:

These were confirmed as a correct record. (MW / M Cant)

f. Minutes of the Personnel Committee held Monday 20th May 2024:

These were confirmed as a correct record. (AB / JF)

g. Minutes of the Estates Working Group held Monday 20th May 2024:

These were confirmed as a correct record. (AB / JF)

h. Minutes of the Finance Working Group held Thursday 30th May 2024:

These were confirmed as a correct record. (AB / JF)

RESOLVED:

To accept all of the minutes as above and recommendations contained therein.

4. Matters of Information:

4.1 DM/23/02390/FPA – The Old Smithy, Sedgefield:

The Clerk had shared with all Cllrs information from Ms Jennifer Jennings of DCC's Planning Department confirming this application has been refused and shared the accompanying report and decision (information shared with all Cllrs electronically on 20th May 2024).

RESOLVED:

To receive the information and to close this matter.

4.2 Planning application DM/23/02968/FPA – proposed two storey dwelling to land to the rear of 5 West End, Sedgefield and associated parking and the felling of 3 no trees:

The Clerk had shared with all Cllrs information from Ms Jennifer Jennings of DCC's Planning Department confirming this application has been refused under delegated powers and shared the link to the accompanying report and decision (information shared with all Cllrs electronically on 16th May 2024).

RESOLVED:

To receive the information and to close this matter.

4.3 Current Planning Applications:

The Clerk had submitted to DCC Planners comments agreed in relation to planning applications 1-5.

Note: Following additional information received in relation to planning application DM/24/00903/WAS for Sprucely Farm a letter of objection was submitted along with request this be called in for determination by Full Planning Committee.

RESOLVED:

To receive the information and to close this matter.

4.4 Additional Planning Applications:

No objections or comments were submitted by Cllrs to the Clerk regarding planning application DM/24/01102/FPA.

RESOLVED:

To receive the information and to close this matter.

5. Dates of Meetings:

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated to all details of all meetings in June 2024 plus events until November 2024. The Clerk highlighted to all that the date for the Mayor's Quiz would not be 25th October 2024 and that this event would be moving from a Friday evening to a Saturday evening in order to attract more attendees. Information will be issued to all Cllrs once a new date has been confirmed, however, the venue will remain as Ceddesfeld Hall.

RESOLVED:

To receive the information.

6. Public Participation:

The Chairman, Cllr Allan Blakemore, closed the meeting for the public to give their views and comments.

Mr Bill Smith said he had returned to the Town after being away for 25 years and was "horrified" with the state of the place citing dirty pavements and kerbs, weeds, shabby shops frontages and area behind the chemists/doctors which included raised tree roots through the tarmac, the state of the entire property at 26 Front Street and its immediate surrounding area, debris fallen from trees being left on pavements and the road without being cleared up, dangerously overgrown grass verges, dog mess on all walks around the Town, a lack of dog bins in the new housing estate, the lack of a dropped kerb on the footpath from the new housing estate, a missing drain at the new housing estate (Taylor Wimpey) which results in water accumulating very near to a property, evidence of ash die back at the trees at Eden Drive near to the bungalows, excessive speeding through the village and vehicles causing an obstruction by parking on the pavement, particularly in the area of Cross Street. The Chair, Cllr Allan Blakemore, and the Clerk explained that many of the issues raised by Mr Smith are

issues for DCC. The Clerk will reply via email to Mr Smith in relation to each of his concerns providing details where relevant as to how he can progress such concerns with the appropriate authority.

Ms Lisa Kilner said that she would like to open a conversation with the Town Council regarding possible community sports facilities for tennis and football which are available to young people on a free, ad hoc basis rather than via traditional clubs which are timed and require payment. Ms Kilner had submitted an email to the Town Council the previous day regarding this matter. The Clerk confirmed this had been received but not in time to be added to the June 2024 P&R Committee meeting, however, the Clerk had informed Ms Kilner this would be included on the July 2024 P&R Committee's agenda and that it would be useful for Ms Kilner to attend tonight to give an introduction. Ms Kilner said that she had spoken to a number of other parents of young children who had expressed their support for her idea. Ms Kilner said there are good facilities in the Town for football and tennis at the Community College but these aren't accessible. Ms Kilner had also spoken to County Cllr Chris Lines earlier that day to also bring this matter to his attention. Ms Kilner said that such facilities would be good for exercise, fresh air, mental wellbeing and could reduce anti-social behaviour. Ms Kilner said that she didn't have all the answers or fully formulated ideas but instead would welcome an opportunity to open a conversation to see what could be possible.

The Chairman thanked the public for their comments and re-opened the meeting.

7. Internal Reports:

7.1 Chairman's Report:

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated to all a Chairman's Report produced by Cllr Mel Carr which detailed his actions since the last Monthly Meeting.

RESOLVED:

To receive this information.

7.2 Mayor's Report:

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated to all a Mayor's Report produced by Cllr Peter Hinde which started to outline his plans for his civic year.

RESOLVED:

To receive the information in the Mayor's Report.

7.3 Draft Annual Town Meeting Minutes 2024 Report by Town Clerk:

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated to all the Draft Annual Town Meeting Minutes 2024 and confirmed that whilst these will not be approved as correct until the next Annual Town Meeting in May 2025 they will be uploaded to the Town Council's website in draft format.

RESOLVED:

To receive the information.

7.4 Councillor Resignation Update Report by Town Clerk:

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated to all a Councillor Resignation Update report. The Clerk reported that earlier that day DCC had confirmed the requisite number of electorate had not come forward to request an election and that the Town Council was now able to progress to fill this vacancy via co-option. Cllrs agreed unanimously to the process for co-option suggested by the Clerk in the report circulated.

RESOLVED:

- i) To receive the information.**
- ii) The Clerk to issue casual vacancy notices from 11th June 2024 through the Town Council's communications networks with a closing date of 12 noon on 23rd August 2024 for completed application forms. A Special Town Council meeting will then be scheduled in September 2024 for appointment**

8. External Reports:

8.1 Report From Durham County Councilor Chris Lines, Sedgefield Division:

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated to all a report from Durham County Cllr Chris Lines who represents the Sedgefield Division.

RESOLVED:

To receive this information.

9. Correspondence:

9.1 Examination of the County Durham Minerals and Waste Policies and Allocations (email from Mr M Kelleher, DCC dated 24th May 2024) [Note: email circulated electronically to all Cllrs 29th May 2024]

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated to all an email from Mr M Kelleher of

DCC dated 24th May 2024 informing the Town Council that DCC are now making available the Inspector's Report upon examination of the County Durham Minerals and Waste Policies and Allocations Development Plan. This information had been shared with Cllrs electronically on 29th May 2024 to enable them to access the documentation directly.

RESOLVED:

To receive this information.

9.2. Supplementary Planning Documents Consultation (email from Mr M Kelleher, DCC dated 4th June 2024) [Note: email circulated electronically to all Cllrs 5th June 2024]:

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated to all an email from Mr M Kelleher of DCC dated 4th June 2024 informing the Town Council of a number of DCC consultations in relation to Shopfront Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (2nd draft), Energy Efficiency, Renewables and History Environment (2nd draft), Non-designated Heritage Assets (1st draft) and Biodiversity Plan (1st draft) which run from 3rd June 2024 – 14th July 2024. This information had been shared with Cllrs electronically on 5th June 2024 to enable them to access the documentation directly.

RESOLVED

To receive this information.

10. Current Planning Applications:

A schedule of the current planning applications had been circulated prior to the meeting. Applications were considered, and the following comments were made (Note: number refers to the number on the circulated list):

10.1 DM/24/01242/VOC – variation of condition 4 pursuant to planning permission DM/21/03348/FPA seeks to amend the currently approved outline parameters in terms of heights, finished floor levels and number of building zones for Zone 1 of NETPark Phase 3a, primarily in relation to Unit 9, land to the North West of William Armstrong Way, NETPark, Sedgfield:

Cllrs did not have any objection to this application.

10.2 DM/24/01243/RM – approval of reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) of Unit 9 in Zone 1 of NETPark Phase 3a, pursuant to hybrid planning permission DM/21/03348/FPA (as amended), land to the North West of

William Armstrong Way, NETPark, Sedgefield:

Cllrs did not have any objection to this application.

RESOLVED:

The comments on planning applications 1 – 2 above to be submitted to DCC Planners.

ADDITIONAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

The Clerk reported that earlier that day the latest list of planning applications published by DCC had been circulated to all Cllrs. This list included the following planning applications which needed to be considered by Cllrs:

DM/24/01444/FPA – single storey rear extension, 22 Elm Avenue, Sedgefield

DM/24/01471/FPA – part two storey and part single storey extension to rear and extend drive to front, 11 Rowan Oval, Sedgefield

RESOLVED:

Cllrs to forward comments on the above planning application to the Clerk by no later than 9am on Monday 17th June 2024.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.28pm.

APPROVED

SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

POLICY & RESOURCES



Minutes of the proceedings of the **JUNE**
POLICY & RESOURCES of the Council
held following the **Monthly Meeting**

on

Monday 10th June 2024

in

Sedgefield Parish Hall.

Present

Cllr. Allan Blakemore (Chair)

Cllr. Jenny Haworth (Vice Chair) and

Cllrs. David Brown, Mark Cant, Kelly Dickerson, John Finlayson, Elizabeth Flanagan, Peter Hinde, Julie Towler and Mavis Wayman

Officer

Dr Jane Ayre (Town Clerk)

1. Apologies:

Cllrs Ann Carr, Mel Carr and Dave Jasper.

2. Declaration of interest:

None.

3. Matters of Information:

3.1 Terrace Hill Discussion:

The Clerk and Head Gardener & Cemetery Superintendent met on-site in Ceddesfeld Grounds with Mr Martin Lowe of Historic England on 2nd June 2023. A follow-up meeting has now taken place with DCC's Conservation Officer and Tree Officer(s) who recommend the Clerk now liaises with DCC's Head of Ecology in order that appropriate specifications and costings can be sought so a further Discussion Meeting can be scheduled with Town Cllrs. Priority work relating to budget planning and community events has meant no further action has taken place in relation to this item. The Clerk to keep Cllrs updated on this matter.

RESOLVED:

To receive the information.

3.2 ASB Action Plan:

Ms Kate Ward of DCC is to contact the Town Council when she has scoped out a project to install a CCTV camera, new block paving, installation of bollards and a heavy-duty bin at the Youth Shelter. County Cllr Lines is also going to contact Ms Ward to request an update. The Clerk to keep Cllrs updated on this matter.

RESOLVED:

To receive the information.

3.3 InspectEDGE:

An official order has been placed to purchase InspectEDGE. This system has now been installed and training took place for staff earlier on 10th June 2024. This software will be used during the 2024/25 headstone testing process with initial emphasis upon Butterwick Road Cemetery.

RESOLVED:

To receive the information and to close this matter.

3.4 Trees Near South View:

The Town Council's appointed contractor hoped to undertake this work on 3rd June 2024. The Clerk has informed the nearby resident. The Clerk to keep Cllrs updated on this matter.

RESOLVED:

To receive the information.

3.5 New Alarm Systems:

New alarms have now been installed at both the Town Council Offices and the Parish Hall.

RESOLVED:

To receive the information and to close this matter.

3.6 2023/24 Year End Accounts:

The Town Council's Exercise of Public Rights dates commenced on 3rd June 2024 and will cease on 12th July 2024. Notices were displayed on 30th May 2024. The Clerk to keep Cllrs updated on this matter.

RESOLVED:

To receive the information.

3.7 Community Chest Terms of Reference:

The updated Terms of Reference are now displayed on the Town Council's website. The Finance Working Group will review the Terms again in November 2024 as well as consider the annual allocation made to the Chest.

RESOLVED:

To receive the information and to close this matter.

4. Public Participation:

The Chairman, Cllr Allan Blakemore, closed the meeting for the public to give their views. The members of public in attendance did not wish to speak. The Chairman re-opened the meeting.

5. Reports:

5.1 Reviewed Village Green Policy Recommendation Report by Estates Working Group:

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated to all a Reviewed Village Green Policy Recommendation Report by the Estates Working Group. This report was duly considered.

RESOLVED:

- i) The Village Green Policy remains the same and is reviewed again in a further 24 months time.**
- ii) An allocation of £20,000 for maintenance of surfaced village green areas be factored into the 2025/26 Town Council income and expenditure budget.**

5.2 Butterwick Road Cemetery Expansion Project Update Report by Town Clerk:

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated to all a Butterwick Road Cemetery

Expansion Project Update Report which detailed the work that had taken place between The CDS Group and DCC Planning representative to progress the Council's project nearer towards work being able to start on-site. The Clerk confirmed The CDS Group envisage submitting a Section 73 application later this week/early next week to DCC. At the same time the tender process will commence so that a Special Town Council meeting can take place prior to the summer recess in order to be able to appoint contractor(s).

RESOLVED:

i) To receive this information.

ii) A Special Town Council Meeting to held at 6.30pm on Monday 22nd July 2024 in Sedgefield Parish Hall at which The CDS Group will present recommended contractors for the Town Council's appointment.

5.3 Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society Report by Cllr Dave Jasper:

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated to all an Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society Report by Cllr Dave Jasper in which he detailed the work of the Society and how they were seeking Heritage Lottery Funding. Cllr Jasper recommended the Town Council submit a letter for support for the Society's application as the Society had been extremely supportive of his time as Mayor and during that time he had become aware of the range of community services the Society provided and joy it brought to many. All Cllrs excluding Cllr David Brown expressed their support for Cllr Jasper's proposal.

RESOLVED:

The Clerk to write a letter of support for the Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society's Heritage Lottery Funding application.

Note: Reports related to information exempt from the public are considered under agenda item 8.

6. Financial Matters:

6.1 Invoices for payment by cheques for approval after 13th May 2024:

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated to all details of cheques for approval after 13th May 2024 numbered 110868 to 110880. The Clerk circulated to all an updated list which also included cheques numbered 110881 to 110890.

RESOLVED:

- i) All cheques and invoices were approved for payment.
- ii) Cllrs Mel Carr and Allan Blakemore plus the Town Clerk to duly sign the cheques.

6.2 Financial Budget Comparison as at 31st May 2024:

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated to all a Financial Budget Comparison as at 31st May 2024.

RESOLVED:

To receive the financial budget comparison as at 31st May 2024.

6.3 Debtors List as at 31st May 2024:

RESOLVED:

To receive the Debtors List as at 31st May 2024.

6.4 Direct Debits and BACS List for 1st – 31st May 2024:

RESOLVED:

To receive Direct Debits and BACS List for 1st – 31st May 2024.

6.5 May 2024 Bank Reconciliations Plus May 2024 Imprest Account and April 2024 Public Sector Deposit Fund Reconciliation Report by Town Clerk:

RESOLVED:

To receive this information.

7. Correspondence:

None.

At this point in the agenda the Committee were to consider reports that were exempt from the public so it was **RESOLVED to close the meeting to allow the members of the public present to observe/participate as they wished in the Environment Committee and Community Development & Engagement Committee meeting before then re-opening the P&R Committee meeting to consider Reports Exempt From The Public.** The meeting closed at 7.40pm.

The Chair, Cllr Allan Blakemore, re-opened the meeting at 7.57pm. The Chair explained that due to the confidential nature of the following items these would be discussed under Exempt Information said that had any members of the public and/or press been in attendance they would have been asked to leave the meeting at this point (Section 1 Sub-Section (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission of Meetings) Act 1960).

8. Consideration of Reports Exempt from the Public:

8.1 Village Greens Update Report by Town Clerk:

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated to all a Village Greens Update Report which was duly considered and a way forward agreed.

8.2 Town Council Office electrical work for ECIR Recommendation by Estates Working Group:

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated to all the above recommendation report by the Estates Working Group which was duly considered and a way forward agreed.

8.3 Parish Hall electrical work Recommendation by Estates Working Group:

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated to all the above recommendation report by the Estates Working Group which was duly considered and a way forward agreed.

8.4 Sedgefield Youth Club – Proposal to amend Lead Youth Club Worker Hours and Extend Parish Hall Booking Time (both term-time) Report by Cllrs Julie Towler and Kelly Dickerson:

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated to all a proposal report by Cllrs Julie Towler and Kelly Dickerson, on behalf of Sedgefield Youth Club's Management Committee, which was duly considered and a way forward agreed.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT

Minutes of the proceedings of the **JUNE ENVIRONMENT** of the **Council** held following the **P&R** in the **Parish Hall**, Sedgefield, on **Monday 10th June 2024**.

Present **Cllr. Mark Cant (Chairman)**
Cllr. John Finlayson (Vice Chairman) and
Cllrs. Allan Blakemore, David Brown, Mark Cant, Kelly Dickerson, Elizabeth Flanagan,
Jenny Haworth, Peter Hinde, Julie Towler and Mavis Wayman.

Officer Dr Jane Ayre (Town Clerk)

1. Apologies:

Cllrs Ann Carr, Mel Carr and Dave Jasper.

2. Declaration of interest:

None.

3. Matters of Information:

3.1 Winterton Cemetery:

The Estates Working Group are to request a meeting with the Health Authority to seek clarification regarding responsibilities for this cemetery, which includes the wall. The Estates Working Group to keep Cllrs updated on this matter.

RECOMMENDED:

To receive this information.

3.2 Pest Control Issues Near Ceddesfeld Pond:

No further information has been heard yet regarding confirmation of water voles. However, no further "pest control" issues have been reported.

RECOMMENDED:

To receive this information and to close this matter.

3.3 Potential Parson Sculpture:

Potential designs have now been drafted and shared with those who attended the on-site meeting for their consideration. Note: This is not a priority project for the Town Council. The Clerk to keep Cllrs updated on this matter.

RECOMMENDED:

To receive this information.

3.4 Trees in Old Beacon Lane Cemetery:

No quotation has yet been received regarding the wall remedial work. Note: When received this will be presented to a future P&R Committee meeting. The Clerk to keep Cllrs updated on this matter.

RECOMMENDED:

To receive this information.

4. Public Participation:

The Chairman, Cllr Mark Cant, closed the meeting for the public to give their views.

Mr Bill Smith recalled that he had spoken some time ago to contractors who had been working on the mound at the new housing estate and had asked them why the nearby pond was not being cleaned out at the same time. The contractor had replied that if they had been asked then the Council could have received ESG points and this work would have been done for them. The Clerk replied that the Council that was being referenced would have been the County Council as they are the Local Planning Authority for the area. It was agreed to bring this matter to the attention of both local County Cllrs so that they could investigate.

The Chairman thanked the public for their comments and re-opened the meeting.

5. Reports:

None.

6. Correspondence:

6.1 Safety of Lithium Ion Batteries and E-bikes and Scooters (email and attachments from Mr Ron Bailey dated 21st May 2024):

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated to all an email and attachments from Mr Ron Bailey dated 21st May 2024 regarding the Safety of Lithium Ion Batteries and E-bikes and Scooters. Cllrs agreed that providing their was no cost to the Town Council then a letter of support be submitted to Mr Bailey as it is recognized that legislation needs to be strengthened to ensure greater safety in the use and disposal of lithium batteries.

RECOMMENDED:

The Clerk to write to Mr Bailey expressing the Town Council's support for his campaign.

6.2 Sedgefield In Bloom Sponsorship (letter from Mr Ian Milne received 29th May 2024):

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated to all a letter from Mr Ian Milne dated 29th May 2024 seeking sponsorship for Sedgefield in Bloom. It was noted that the Bloom Group would not be undertaking traditional sponsorship seeking work nor updating their notice board of Sponsors. Cllrs were reminded that the Town Council had recently made a donation to the Bloom Group through the Community Chest.

RECOMMENDED:

To receive the information.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.45pm.

SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ENGAGEMENT

Minutes of the proceedings of the **JUNE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE** of the **Council** held following the **Environment Committee** in the **Parish Hall**, Sedgefield, on **Monday 10th June 2024**.

Present

Cllr. Mavis Wayman (Chair) and

Cllrs. Allan Blakemore, David Brown, Mark Cant, Kelly Dickerson, John Finlayson, Elizabeth Flanagan, Jenny Haworth, Peter Hinde and Julie Towler

Officer

Dr Jane Ayre (Town Clerk)

1. Apologies:

Cllrs Ann Carr, Mel Carr and Dave Jasper.

2. Declaration of interest:

None.

3. Matters of Information:

3.1 Armistice Poppies:

The Clerk had written to Ms Carol Briggs giving the Town Council's permission for the Library Craft Group to display their poppies on the bench outside the Library to commemorate Armistice. Ms Briggs has thanked the Town Council.

RECOMMENDED:

To receive the information and to close this matter.

4. Public Participation:

The Chair, Cllr Mavis Wayman, closed the meeting for the public to give their views.

Mr Bill Smith asked why the flag is not flying on the flag pole at the top of St Edmund's Church. It was explained that the Church have responsibility for their own flag flying arrangements and the Town Council did not know why the flag was currently not flying. The Clerk agreed to liaise with the Church in this instance but for any future queries Mr Smith

was advised to contact the Church directly.

Ms Lisa Kilner expressed her thanks to the Town Council for the annual fireworks display.

The Chair thanked the members of the public and re-opened the meeting.

5. Reports:

5.1 Arriva Bus Service Consultation – Fishburn and Teesside Park Links Report by Cllr Jenny Haworth:

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated to all a report by Cllr Jenny Haworth regarding the current Arriva Bus Service Consultation in relation to the Fishburn to Teesside Park links on the X12 bus service which runs half hourly through Sedgfield, between Durham and Stockton/Middlesbrough. Cllr Haworth reported this very important consultation is only being promoted via social media with means for response being online only. Cllr Haworth said that at first glance it appeared the proposals were good news with the proposed new routing being via Fishburn, giving Fishburn residents a direct link to Durham. However, when going into the detail the suggested change also includes the proposed removal of the current Teesside Park stop. Cllr Haworth said it was important that current service users and residents in the Sedgfield area are aware of the specifics of the proposal so they can comment on any impact. Cllr Mavis Wayman said that she had been approached by several members of the public recently who were concerned about this proposal. Cllr Peter Hinde queried if this could potentially be linked to the proposals for a new transport hub at Teesside Park. Cllr Haworth said she was concerned that as County Durham is covered by the North East Mayor and Teesside Park is covered by the Tees Valley Mayor then Sedgfield and surrounding area could fall in between the cracks. Cllr Haworth said that she had submitted her comments as an individual and within that had asked for usage evidence in relation to this route. Cllr Haworth proposed the Town Council also make a submission expressing concern and all Cllrs agreed. Cllr Allan Blakemore suggested that within this submission the question is asked what would be the proposed alternative route to get to Teesside Park. This was agreed.

RECOMMENDED:

- i) The Town Council to make submission to Arriva's consultation and to express concerns about the proposed removal of the Teesside Park stop.**
- ii) The Town Council to publicise this consultation via its own communication channels including residents database, x account and suggest to the Round-**

up, making clear the details of the changes regarding Teesside Park so that this is brought more clearly to residents' attention.

iii) Town Cllrs to use their own community networks to raise awareness and consult on the impact of the proposed changes.

6. Correspondence:

6.1 Sedgefield Youth Club Management Committee (minutes of meeting held on 13th May 2024):

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated to all the Sedgefield Youth Club Management Committee minutes of meeting held on 13th May 2024.

RECOMMENDED:

To receive this information.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.56pm.

APPROVED