

SEATON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16 JUNE 2014

Present:

Councillor J M Ardron	Councillor C J Holding
Councillor P F Bateman	Councillor Mrs J King
Councillor Mrs K P Birkett (Chairman)	Councillor W McIntyre
Councillor M T Ditchburn	Councillor J Musgrave
Councillor Ms M M Gainford	Councillor Mrs J Norman
Councillor A Grey	Councillor J Sandwith
Councillor Mrs L Harwood	Councillor Mrs C Tibble
	Councillor C Woodman

Clerk: P Bramley

Minute No. 24

Apologies for Absence

No absences.

Minute No. 25

Declarations of Interest

None received.

Minute No. 26

Requests for Dispensations

None received.

Minute No. 27

Minutes of Meeting held on 19 May 2014

Resolved that the minutes of the Meeting held on 19 May 2014 be accepted and signed as a correct record.

Minute No.28

Progress Reports

1) Clerk

Resolved that the progress report be noted & that Cumbria County Council be informed that the 30 mph Warning Sign on Calva Brow had not operated for several weeks.

2) Village Hall

Councillor M Ditchburn reported that the Village Hall would be closed for three days to enable work to treat a woodworm problem to be carried out.

Resolved that the progress report be noted.

Minute No. 29

Allotments

Members received an update on the position concerning the Council's provision of allotments. It was noted that:

- 1) Allerdale Borough Council Deputy Monitoring Officer had been requested to advise on what further information would be required should the Council decide to proceed with its request for support from Allerdale in proceeding with a compulsory acquisition of the Lowca Lane allotment site. The deputy Monitoring Officer had also been requested to provide guidance on its opinion of the strength of the Council's case. No response had been received at the time of the meeting.
- 2) A submission from the Council under the Community Right to Bid scheme nominating the allotment site at Lowca Lane as an Asset of Community Value had been made to Allerdale Borough Council.

Resolved that the position be noted.

Minute No. 30

Public Questions

- 1) Mr K Slone of the Seaton Allotment & Gardeners' Society advised that former allotment tenants of the Parish Council had not received letters from the Council's solicitor concerning the position of those still occupying plots on the site. He advised that the Society supported the registration of the Lowca Lane site as a community asset, & that the group considered that a compulsory purchase was the only way forward.
Mr Slone was reminded of the position concerning a compulsory acquisition, that Allerdale Borough Council was responsible for determining whether such a process could proceed in the first instance, not the Parish Council, that such legal matters were a time consuming process & it was important that it was dealt with correctly, & that the availability of finance for the acquisition was likely to be a prime requirement of the Borough Council.
- 2) Mr A Lawson, Allerdale Borough Council member for Seaton, attended the meeting & requested a copy of future Parish Council agendas.

Minute No. 31

County & District Councillors' Reports

1) Cumbria County Council

Councillor Mrs C Tibble advised that she had contacted Cumbria County Council officers concerning the speed limit changes proposed at High Seaton & on Lowca Lane, & was due to meet them on site. Councillor Tibble also advised that she was looking at disabled access to the Village Hall with officers of both County & Borough Councils.

2) Allerdale Borough Council

Councillor Ms M M Gainford advised that the new Home Housing site developed between Croftfield Road & Whitestiles had proved popular with tenants.

Resolved that the reports be noted.

Minute No. 32

Seaton Scarecrow Festival 2014

Councillors Mrs J Norman & Mrs K P Birkett updated members on preparations for the Scarecrow Festival 2014. Council members were asked to provide support on Scarecrow Trail Day, to be held on Saturday 5 July.

Resolved that the report be welcomed.

Minute No. 33

Seaton Best Kept Garden Competition 2014

Resolved that the judges for the Seaton Best Kept Garden Competition 2014 be Councillors K P Birkett, M Ditchburn & J Musgrave, with assistance from Mrs L Harwood, B McIntyre & the Clerk, as required.

Minute No. 34

Planning Issues

Resolved that the following observations on planning applications be made:

Reference No: WTPO/2014/0015
Applicant: ISS Facilities
Proposal: Trees Works
Location: 83 Whitestiles, Seaton

No Objections

Reference No: 2/2014/0352
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Andrew Davidson
Proposal: Erection of two storey extension
Location: 20 Ling Beck Crescent, Seaton

No Objections

Reference No: 2/2014/0353
Applicant: Mr & Mrs D Simmons
Proposal: Alterations to Conservatory, including provision of solid pitched roof
Location: 25 Ling Beck Park, Seaton

No Objections

Reference No: 2/2014/0183
Applicant: Mr & Mrs T Stephens
Proposal: Erection of detached dwelling, (resubmission to 2/2013/0773)
Amendment: Cross section through site
Location: 28 High Seaton, Seaton

Objections as per those previously submitted

Reference No: 2/2014/0382
Applicant: Mr & Mrs P McConaghy
Proposal: First floor extension above garage, front porch & replace existing conservatory with single storey sun room
Location: 57 Whitestiles, Seaton
No Objections

Resolved: that the following planning application decisions made by Allerdale Borough Council be noted:

Reference No: 2/2014/0234
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Penn
Proposal: Demolition & replacement of semi-derelict domestic storage outbuildings
Location: 52 High Seaton, Seaton
APPROVED

Reference No: 2/2014/0250
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Short
Proposal: Erection of rear extension, heightening & extension of garage
Location: 3 Barncroft Close, Seaton
APPROVED

Minute No. 35

Accounts – June 2014

Resolved that the accounts listed in the schedule totalling £1,998.52 be agreed for payment.

Minute No. 36

Correspondence

Correspondence received since the last meeting was noted.

Resolved that:

- 1) Further to correspondence from Mrs D Mitchell concerning dog control areas, it be noted that Hunters Drive & Meadow Vale were already dog control areas, & that dog control orders were determined in respect of playing fields, not roads.

Minute No. 37

Councillors' Reports

- 1) It was reported that the grit bin on Sunnyside had been overturned.
- 2) It was noted that the memorial seat due to be placed on the Main Road was still not in place.
- 3) It was noted that a Seaton resident reached the age of one hundred in July, & members agreed to provide a bouquet of flowers in recognition.

- 4) It was reported that the hedges on Yearl Rise were overgrowing, forcing pedestrians to walk on the road.
- 5) It was reported that the footpath on Scar Bank was in a poorly maintained condition. It was agreed to approach Cumbria County Council & the Community Payback organisation.
- 6) An electrical fault on street lights near Jackson Street was reported; it was noted that Cumbria Highways had it in hand.

Minute No.38

Next Meeting

Members were advised that the next meeting would be held on 21 July 2014 at 7.00pm.

The meeting finished at 8.15 pm.

Signed

Chairman

Date