

SEATON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18 JULY 2016

Present:

Councillor P F Bateman	Councillor R McCracken
Councillor Mrs K P Birkett	Councillor J Musgrave
Councillor M T Ditchburn	Councillor Mrs J Norman
Councillor A Grey	Councillor J Sandwith
Councillor Mrs L Harwood (Chairman)	Councillor K Slone
Councillor D Horsley	Councillor Mrs C Tibble
Councillor M I Jenkinson	Councillor C Woodman

Clerk: P Bramley

Minute No. 50

Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor S Forrester.

Minute No. 51

Declarations of Interest

Declarations of Interest were received from Councillor Mrs K P Birkett, Item 8, Personal & Prejudicial; Councillor M Ditchburn, Item 16, Planning Application 2/2016/0376, personal as member of Village Hall Committee; Councillor J Musgrave, Item 16, Planning Application 2/2016/0376, personal as member of Village Hall Committee; Councillor K Slone, Item 7, Personal; Councillor Mrs C Tibble, Planning Application 2/2016/0376, personal as member of Village Hall Committee; & Clerk P Bramley, Item 8, Personal, as a resident of Fernleigh Drive

Resolved that the declarations of interest be noted.

Minute No. 52

Requests for Dispensations

A request for dispensation to speak on Item 8 was received from Councillor Mrs K P Birkett.

Resolved that the request be agreed.

Minute No. 53

Minutes of Meeting held on 20 June 2016

Resolved that the minutes of the Meeting held on 20 June 2016 be accepted and signed as a correct record.

Minute No. 54

Police Report

PCSO's Laura Jackson & Steven Smith attended the meeting to present a report from Sergeant Joe Stamper. It was reported that 'sneak-in' burglaries were currently prevalent in the Workington area & advised on a number of precautions which could be taken. Details were given of recent car crimes, anti-social behaviour & other matters. Improvements were being made to the Seaton CCTV camera. The Police continued to address complaints of speeding through the village, through regular provision of camera vans, & the force was looking with Cumbria Highways at longer term options. Members were advised that PCSO Laura Crears held drop-in surgeries at Seaton Library every three weeks. Members were invited to take part in the Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner's public consultation on policing issues considered most important by the public.

Resolved that the report be noted.

Minute No. 55

Progress Reports

1) Clerk

The Clerk presented a report advising of progress on various matters.

Resolved that the progress report be noted.

2) Village Hall

Councillor Mrs C Tibble advised that Allerdale Borough Council Building Control Services was not signing off drainage works at the Village Hall until planned works to the Bowling Club had been carried out. A property on Fernleigh Drive had constructed, without permission, a patio in the field to the rear of the property; the Committee had written to the householders advising that they were not allowed to use the land in question. A problem with Japanese Knotweed in the old football field was being addressed by ISS.

Resolved that the progress report be noted.

Minute No. 56

Allotments

Members received an update on the position concerning the Council's arrangements for the provision of allotments.

- 1) Members were advised that the Council's solicitor had requested some amendments to the Seaton Allotment Association, (SAA), Constitution. Whilst he had asked the SAA to make the required changes, the Clerk had requested that the solicitor put the document in a format suitable for the Council to be able to appoint SAA to manage the proposed Meadow Vale Allotment Site on its behalf.
- 2) The Council's solicitor had received confirmation from the Land Registry that the land at Meadow Vale had now been transferred to the Council's ownership.

- 3) Quotes had been received for the provision of an access route & perimeter fencing to the proposed Allotment Site at Meadow Vale, to size & standard recommended by the Allotment Working Party. To enable progress to be made as necessary, & subject to planning permission being granted, it was recommended that the Council agree a suitable financial provision from its General Reserves to permit the necessary works to be carried out.

Resolved that the position be noted & that the works recommended by the Allotment Working Party be agreed, with a maximum budget of £30,000, the agreed works to be overseen by the Allotment Working Party.

Minute No. 57

Public Questions

Councillor Mrs K P Birkett left the room for this item, returning subsequently to speak, upon being granted dispensation, to attempt to seek a means of resolution to the matter of the escaping horses, (Minute 57(1) below).

- 1) Mr Peter Haywood of Fernleigh Drive attended to report on the current position regarding horses escaping a field adjacent to Fernleigh Drive, previously reported to the Council on 16 May 2016, (Minute 13 refers). Mr Haywood reported continuing concern by Fernleigh Drive residents at escaping horses damaging private property & the potential for injury to the horses. Mr Haywood reported residents' views that fencing which had agreed to be put in place was incomplete & inadequate, that the kissing gate had been damaged & replaced with a gate with a spring which could be left open & which horses had been able to exit the field through, by larger horses opening the gate. He advised that he had been categorically told, (by a resident of Fernleigh Drive), that ownership of the field did not reside with Councillor Mrs K P Birkett. The owners of the horses had advised Mr Haywood & Mr D Ashbridge of Fernleigh Drive that they were planning to take over the lease ownership of the field. Mr Haywood advised that a petition had been prepared & that residents had reported problems caused by horses having escaped on the morning 23 June 2016, including damage to gardens & frightening parents & children.
PCSO Lisa Jackson advised that if the horses were causing damage to gardens & property, it constituted criminal damage for which the horse owners were responsible & should be reported to the Police.
Councillor Mrs K P Birkett advised that she was well aware of residents' concerns & was trying to address the matter but had experienced a number of problems with the horse owners. She advised that the horse owners were not taking over the livery or the lease. Councillor Birkett advised that, contrary to previous reports, she had offered to meet with Mr D Ashbridge, but that he had not taken up that invitation. She invited Mr Haywood, together with any other parties he wished to take, to meet with her at her house, to discuss the position, to which Mr Haywood agreed.

The current position was that the horses' owners had been given notice to remove their five horses from the field, which would leave only those in Councillor Birkett's ownership, which she advised were of an age & level of training that they would not attempt to escape. She advised that she had made arrangements to meet with a landscape gardener to arrange for the fencing to be repaired along the length of the field adjoining Fernleigh Drive properties & would notify Mr Haywood of the estimated timescale of such works at the proposed meeting.

Mr Haywood advised of his telephone number, to facilitate the proposed meeting being set up, & handed Councillor Birkett the petition gathered from Fernleigh Drive residents & asked whether she intended to arrange for a replacement kissing gate to be installed. Councillor Birkett advised that she understood that the provision of a kissing gate was not a requirement, but that she would check.

Minute No. 58

County & District Councillors' Reports

1) Cumbria County Council

Councillor Mrs C Tibble reported problems in getting a response to requests for information on progress on various Highways issues.

2) Allerdale Borough Council

Councillor M Jenkinson reported on having taken part in Seaton Clean-up day.

Councillor J Sandwith advised that he had nothing to report.

Councillor Mrs C Tibble reported that as Allerdale Borough Council representative on Cumbria Police & Crime Panel, she had been re-elected as Chairman for the fifth year.

Resolved that the reports be accepted.

Minute No. 59

Seaton Scarecrow Festival 2016

Councillor Mrs L Harwood reported a successful Festival & a sizeable turnout on Trail Day, despite some inclement weather, & thanked members who had assisted with the event.

Resolved that the report be noted.

Minute No. 60

Maintenance Costs of Meadow Vale Football Pitches

Consideration was given to a request received from Seaton Junior Football Club for the Parish Council to arrange additional maintenance of the Meadow Vale football pitches. Councillor Mrs J Norman suggested that the drainage problem on the site was due to the football pitches being set out on poor quality soil deposited on the site by the developers of the Meadow Vale housing estate.

Resolved that the Council agree to increase grass cutting to a weekly cycle between April & September, & fortnightly during March & October, with such other maintenance considered as necessary, the changes to be introduced with immediate effect.

Minute No. 61

Community Garden

Resolved that, in place of a proposed development beside Seaton Village Hall, the Council support the development of a Community Garden adjacent to the Allotment Site development on Meadow Vale.

Minute No. 62

Allerdale Borough Council Community Grant

Resolved that the Council support the Community Grant Working Party proposals for the application of Allerdale Borough Council community grant in 2016/17 as follows:

Electric Supply Post	£2,500
Footpath Bridges	£3,850
Cycletrack Bank Wildflower & Bulb Display Area	£1,000
Flower Bed Development & 2016/17 Maintenance	£560 est.
Jackson Street Playing Field Football Goals & Pitch	£600 est.
Community Garden Meeting Rooms	£1,490

Minute No. 63

Bus Shelters

All members present reported that they had visited the sites under consideration prior to the meeting.

Resolved that the Council agree to provide bus shelters on Lowca lane, opposite the junction with Cape Road, & at the western end of Hunters Drive, & that, following notification of the proposals & review & advice given by Cumbria County Council, consideration be given to shelter types at a future meeting of the Council.

Minute No. 64

Defibrillator

Resolved that progress with the arrangements for the provision of a defibrillator to be sited at Firth House, Seaton, be noted & that the Council agree to support the provision of the necessary staffing for the operation of the equipment.

Minute No. 65

Planning Issues

Resolved that the following observations on planning applications be made:

Reference No:	2/2016/0376
Applicant:	Seaton Bowling Club
Proposal:	Erection of Clubhouse; resubmission of application 2/2008/0070
Location:	Seaton Village Hall, Causeway Road, Seaton

No Objections

Reference No: 2/2016/0465
Applicant: Mr Carl Holding
Proposal: Demolition of conservatory & replacement with sun lounge & first floor extension over garage
Location: 43 Meadow Vale, Seaton
No Objections

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

Reference No: 2/2016/0182
Applicant: Mr Graeme Mitchell
Proposal: Expansion of brewery to use adjoining agricultural building as a warehouse & storage & part change of use of brewery to allow D2 use for public events.
Location: The Tractor Shed, Calva Brow, Seaton
APPROVED

Reference No: 2/2016/0325
Applicant: Mr & Mrs C Wilson
Proposal: Demolition of garage & extension to bungalow
Location: 7B Chapel Gardens, Low Seaton, Seaton
APPROVED

Minute No. 66

Accounts – July 2016

Resolved that the accounts listed in the schedule, totalling £4,649.70, be agreed for payment.

Minute No. 67

Finance Report

Members received a report showing actual expenditure & income for the period 1 April to 30 June 2016, in comparison to budget.

Resolved that the report be agreed.

Minute No. 68

Risk Assessment & Management Review

Members considered the 2016/17 Risk Assessment & Management Review, which detailed risks faced by the Council in its operations, together with how the risks were managed & kept under review.

Resolved that the review be agreed.

Minute No. 69

Correspondence

Correspondence received since the last meeting was noted.

Resolved that the Council agree to support the purchase of the Bus Shelter to be sited at Calva Brow, funded by Mr I Mitchell of Calve Brow Farm, & to take responsibility for the ongoing maintenance of the shelter.

Minute No. 70

Councillors' Reports

- 1) It was reported that pavements continued to be in a poor condition on the Coronation Estate, & that dog fouling on the path to Barepot was prevalent.
- 2) A request was received for the Parish Rooms toilet wall hand dryer cabling to be plastered in & for the provision of a mirror.
- 3) It was agreed to report concerns with parking on the corner of Derwent Bank below Derwent Avenue to Cumbria County Council.
- 4) It was agreed to request the owner of the gate accessing the footpath adjacent to Garth Croft, Low Seaton, to repair the gate, which was in a poor state of repair.

Minute No. 71

Next Meeting

Members were advised that the next meeting would be held on 19 September 2016.

The meeting finished at 8.45 pm.

Signed

Chairman

Date