

SEATON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21 NOVEMBER 2016

Present:

Councillor P F Bateman	Councillor R McCracken
Councillor M T Ditchburn	Councillor Mrs J Norman
Councillor S Forrester	Councillor J Sandwith
Councillor A Grey	Councillor K Slone
Councillor Mrs L Harwood (Chairman)	Councillor Mrs C Tibble
Councillor D Horsley	

Clerk: P Bramley

Minute No. 115

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Jenkinson, J Musgrave & C Woodman.

Minute No. 116

Declarations of Interest

A Declaration of Interest was received from Councillor K Slone, Item 7, Personal.

Resolved that the declaration of interest be noted.

Minute No. 117

Requests for Dispensations

None received.

Minute No. 118

Minutes of Meeting held on 17 October 2016

Resolved that the minutes of the Meeting held on 17 October 2016 be accepted and signed as a correct record.

Minute No. 119

Police Report

None received.

Minute No. 120

Progress Reports

1) Clerk

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

Resolved that the progress report be noted & it also be noted that lamps on posts 215 & 035447 had been repaired.

2) Village Hall

Councillor Mrs C Tibble advised that the Bowling Club appeared to have decided not to develop a stand-alone building, rather, to arrange glazing in the balcony area. This has the advantage that if the bowling club ceases to exist, the glazing will represent an improvement to the Village Hall.

In addition, following an enquiry, Seaton ARLFC had been invited to investigate necessary requirements to bring the lower pitch back into use.

Resolved that the progress report be noted.

Minute No. 121

Allotments

Members received an update on the position concerning the Council's arrangements for the provision of allotments. Members were advised that a meeting of the Allotment Working Party had been held on 20 October 2016, following which draft plans had been agreed for the proposed Meadow Vale site & submitted to Allerdale Borough Council for pre-planning advice, & at which it had been agreed to commission a topographical survey of the proposed site.

Resolved that the position be noted.

Minute No. 122

Public Questions

No members of the public present.

Minute No. 123

County & District Councillors' Reports

1) Allerdale Borough Council

Councillor J Sandwith advised that the Parochial Church Council Warden had approached him expressing concerns at the potential impact of the change in the course of the River Derwent immediately to the east of the church.

Councillor Sandwith had contacted the Environment Agency, as had Camerton Parish Council. Councillor Mrs C Tibble stated that the Parochial Church should have completed an application form for funding, (the deadline for which had been extended to 31 March 2017), to address the problem, also that she had advised Camerton Parish Council that it should appoint a representative to attend Flood Group meetings in the area. The Environment Agency had adopted a holistic approach in the area, mindful of the potential negative impact on other sites of making changes to one site.

Councillor Mrs C Tibble advised that she had nothing to report.

2) Cumbria County Council

Councillor Mrs C Tibble advised that she was awaiting the final report on the investigation into changes introduced to street lighting in Seaton, but that it appeared that lamps had been fitted to posts which they were unsuitable for. Councillor J Sandwith asked about the possibility of a road crossing in the vicinity of Asda; he was advised that the road design in the area was being investigated as a part of the development of a hotel in the vicinity.

Resolved that the reports be accepted & that Councillor Sandwith notify the Clerk of the contact details of the member of the Environment Agency he had contacted, to enable the Council's concerns at the potential impact of river erosion on Camerton Church to be reported.

Minute No. 124

Recognition of Public Spirited Seaton People

Resolved that arrangements for the submission of proposed recipients for the 2016 award be made in conjunction with the Council's Working Party as necessary.

Minute No. 125

Christmas Celebrations

Resolved that preparations for the Council Christmas lights switch-on be agreed & that members make themselves available to assist with arrangements on switch-on day.

Minute No. 126

Provision of Bench

Consideration was given to the provision of seating in the vicinity of Jackson Street Bus Shelter for bus passengers.

Resolved that perch style bus shelter seats be acquired for appropriate bus shelters in Seaton.

Minute No. 127

Planning Issues

Resolved that the following observations on planning applications be made:

Reference No: PB/2016/0038
Applicant: Mr Rick Thompson, BT Payphones
Proposal: Removal of public payphone
Location: Phone Box, Causeway Road, Seaton

No Objections

Reference No: HOU/2016/0035
Applicant: Mr Steven Johnstone
Proposal: Demolition of garage & erection of side & rear extension
Location: 30 West Croft, Seaton

No Objections

Reference No: 2/2016/0664
Applicant: Mr & Mrs P Riley
Proposal: Outline application with some matters reserved for erection of dwelling
Location: 55 Main Road, Seaton
Concerned with access problems at a site beside a bend on the main road with visibility issues & access via a single track lane

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

Reference No: HOU/2016/0014
Applicant: Mr A Petre
Proposal: Erection of detached garage
Location: 16 Lowca Lane, Seaton
APPROVED

Reference No: HOU/2016/0005
Applicant: Mr Andrew Martin
Proposal: Extension to provide additional accommodation
Location: 12 Calva Road, Seaton
APPROVED

Reference No: 2/2016/0596
Applicant: Miss Cassie Rourke
Proposal: Single storey rear extension
Location: 22 Milburn Croft, Seaton
APPROVED

Minute No. 128

Accounts – November 2016

Resolved that the accounts listed in the schedule, totalling £2,707.31, be agreed for payment.

Minute No. 129

Budget 2017/18

Members considered a report presented by the Clerk setting out the background to the budget & the uncertainties behind some of the figures. Members were reminded that the Secretary of State held reserved powers within the Localism Act through which restrictions may be placed on local councils' budget proposals, should such powers be exercised. The Secretary of State's intentions regarding application of such powers for the 2017/18 financial year were not anticipated to be available until January. The report set out by way of illustration the estimated financial impact of various budgetary increases, taking into account ongoing developments & the council's Forward Plan.

Resolved that the Council agree to increase Council Tax levels in 2017/18 by 5% over the rates in 2016/17.

Minute No. 130

Correspondence

Correspondence received since the last meeting was noted.

Resolved that:

- 1) Further to Allerdale Borough Council's notification of arrangements for clearing leaf fall & a request for specific areas to be identified, the Council request that the area in the vicinity of the Parish Rooms be cleared prior to Saturday 26 November.
- 2) It be noted that, further to the invitation to submit comments in respect of the proposed application for development consent for 400KV Electricity Transmission systems from Moorside to existing system Preliminary Environmental Information Report, Councillor Harwood reported on her attendance at a CALC training event on the submission of comments. Reference was made to the drop-in to be held by North West Coast Connections on 1 December at Seaton Village Hall, & members were asked to submit issues arising from members' attendance at that event, or otherwise, to Councillor Harwood, who it was agreed would submit comments on the proposals.
- 3) A donation of £300 be made to the Great North Air Ambulance.
- 4) The Council not support a request for possible sites for a Recycling Centre in Seaton from Recycling Solutions North West Ltd.

Minute No. 131

Councillors' Reports

- 1) It was agreed that consideration be given to the benefits of introducing a one-way system on Church Road at a future meeting.
- 2) It was agreed to report a large pot-hole on Derwent Bank to Cumbria Highways.
- 3) It was agreed to give consideration to a May Day celebration in 2017 on a future agenda.

- 4) It was agreed to report to Cumbria Highways the need for all broken road lines at junctions to be repainted, together with bus stop areas, & to again report the need to repaint the pelican crossing on the main road by Seaton service station.
- 5) It was agreed to report to Cumbria Highways the need for parking enforcement officers to check the area regularly for parking on double yellow lines.

Minute No. 132

Next Meeting

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

The meeting finished at 8.35 pm.

Signed

Chairman

Date