

# SEATON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18 APRIL 2017

### **Present:**

Councillor P F Bateman

Councillor Mrs L Harwood (Chairman)

Councillor D Horsley

Councillor M Jenkinson

Councillor J Musgrave

Councillor Mrs J Norman

Councillor J Sandwith

Councillor K Slone

Councillor Mrs C Tibble

**Clerk:** P Bramley

### **Minute No. 219**

#### **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs K P Birkett, M Ditchburn, A Grey, R McCracken & C Woodman.

### **Minute No. 220**

#### **Declarations of Interest**

A declaration of interest was received from Councillor K Slone, Item 7, Personal.

### **Minute No. 221**

#### **Requests for Dispensation**

None received.

### **Minute No. 222**

#### **Minutes of Meeting held on 20 March 2017**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Meeting held on 20 March 2017 be accepted and signed as a correct record.

### **Minute No. 223**

#### **Police Report**

PCSO Lisa Jackson provided a report on police matters affecting the parish over the previous month.

**Resolved** that the report be noted.

### **Minute No. 224**

#### **Progress Reports**

##### **1) Clerk**

The Clerk presented a report on outstanding items. A meeting had been held between Parish Council representatives & a Cumbria County Council Highways officer on 13 April at which a number of matters previously reported were discussed.

**Resolved** that the report be noted & that clarification be sought from Cumbria County Council regarding the possible inclusion of a pedestrian barrier under the bridge as a part of planned health & safety improvements to road safety in the vicinity of Seaton Academy.

## **2) Village Hall**

Councillor Mrs C Tibble asked Councillor D Horsley to report on planned improvements to the football field. Councillor Horsley reported that he & Councillor Slone had arranged for damaged goal posts to be repaired & for new ones to be constructed, & that arrangements were being made for a fund raising event to support repairs to the field.

**Resolved** that the progress report be noted & proposals welcomed.

## **Minute No. 225**

### **Allotments**

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

- 1) Advice from Natural England indicated that an application for screening was not required in respect of proposals for the development of an allotment site at Meadow Vale.
- 2) A second pre-planning meeting had been held with Allerdale Borough Council Planning officers on 28 March. A draft plan of the proposed site arrangements was being prepared for submission, to include footpath access across the playing field, a building to facilitate allotment site & football field users, & expansion of the existing parking area & realignment & screening of the storage containers. It was considered that a significant element of the proposed development fell outside planning requirements.
- 3) The possibility of providing disabled access from the cycletrack to the allotment site was being investigated.
- 4) Consideration was given to the response to the questions raised by Mr P Nicholson at the Council meeting held on 20 March 2017.

**Resolved** that the position be noted, development proposals supported & that the following responses to Mr Nicholson's questions, below, be agreed:

- 1) Having recognised that the timescale requested for a response indicated in the letter had passed, he asked when a response could be expected.  
**Noting that Mr Nicholson had recognised & agreed that the Council should have time to consider & respond to the letter at the Council meeting held on 20 March, advice was given at the meeting that a response would be provided once it had been prepared following Council consideration later in the meeting. On his suggestion that the Clerk to the Council should be able to give this advice, he was advised that it was not for a member of the public to advise the Council on its administrative arrangements.**

- 2) He asked if the 'strict obligations' of the proposals could be separated from the additional items, which he indicated to be an access track & changing rooms.

**It was the Council's decision that all matters related to the proposed development would be considered in Part 2 of the meeting.**

- 3) He asked whether the Council was prepared to keep an open mind to alternative sites. He referred to the possibility of developing an allotment site as part of any development of a piece of land at Low Seaton, & other unspecified sites in Seaton alleged to be in existence.

**The Council was prepared to consider any proposals for the development of allotment sites. It was proceeding with its proposals for Meadow Vale but, should it consider the demand to warrant it, would consider any proposals for suitable additional sites.**

- 4) He asked whether it was proposed to provide a joint changing room/meeting room facility for the allotment site & Seaton Junior Football Club.

**The Council was proposing to develop a suitable joint changing room/meeting room facility on Meadow Vale.**

#### **Minute No. 226**

##### **Public Questions**

- 1) Mrs Caroline Johnson reported to the Council her concerns with the system for allocation of places for children at Seaton Junior School. She was concerned that her grandson, a pupil at Seaton Academy & resident of Seaton, had not been offered a place at Seaton Junior School, rather, had been offered a place at Ashfield Junior School. She advised that the family had a history of attendance at Seaton schools.

Mrs Johnson was advised that the Parish Council had no input but that an appeal to the Education Authority should be lodged. Seaton Junior School could take up to sixty pupils on the role, but any above that would be dealt with by appeal, heard by an independent panel. There was some precedent for the potential for success of such an appeal, with one year group in the school having had an additional eight pupils added to the accepted sixty. The problem was seen as being as a result of the 1988 Education Act, which introduced parental choice to schools, which had been exacerbated by the willingness of Seaton Academy to accept pupils from outside Seaton, whose parents then wanted their children to continue their education in Seaton.

#### **Minute No. 227**

##### **County & District Councillors' Reports**

###### **1) Allerdale Borough Council**

Councillor J Sandwith reported that he was still engaged in seeking suitable repairs to the land damaged by flooding in the vicinity of Camerton Church. Councillor M Jenkinson reported that he was working with Sustrans to address access problems to the cycletrack, for example, in the area of Seaton library.

Councillor Mrs C Tibble advised that in her year as Mayor of Allerdale, she had raised some £4,000 for local charities.

**2) Cumbria County Council**

Councillor Mrs C Tibble advised that she had no information to report because of purdah restrictions due to the forthcoming election.

**Resolved** that the reports be accepted.

**Minute No. 228**

**Application for Financial Assistance – Cumbria Children’s Dyslexia Project**

**Resolved** that the application be not supported.

**Minute No. 229**

**Mini-Football Pitch beside Seaton Village Hall**

**Resolved** that the matters reported under Minute 224(2) be noted.

**Minute No. 230**

**Seaton Junior Football Club Liaison Working Party**

Members received a report from the Seaton Junior Football Club Liaison Working Party Meeting held on 29 March 2017.

**Resolved** that:

- 1) The draft lease proposed by Seaton JFC be agreed, subject to a number of amendments, & forwarded to the Council’s solicitor for preparation.
- 2) It be agreed to support pitch maintenance work, estimated to cost some £8,000 annually, subject to an annual review, with suitable wording inserted in the lease agreement, the work to consist of:
  - a) Twice yearly verti-draining between April & September.
  - b) Annual slitting, ideally in May.
  - c) Surface treatment, consisting of weeding, feeding & seeding.
  - d) Regular grass cutting, with collection of cuttings.
- 3) It be agreed that the lease should be subject to Seaton JFC holding a suitable public liability insurance policy to a value of £10 million.
- 4) Permission be given for Seaton JFC to have a stock fence erected, at the club’s own expense, to prevent access & fouling by dogs, subject to Seaton JFC accepting responsibility for the maintenance of the fence & for members of the public to be permitted access to the fenced area.
- 5) Permission be given for Seaton JFC to arrange for maintenance works to the pitches, to consist of verti-draining & sand application to address drainage problems, in the near future.
- 6) Permission be given to Seaton JFC to replace the goal posts currently in place with suitable alternative posts, to be maintained at Seaton JFC’s expense.
- 7) Advice on storage cabins adjacent to the car park be held pending proposals for the redevelopment of the car park sought by the Council being arranged.

### **Minute No. 231**

#### **Christmas Lights**

**Resolved** that:

- 1) Seaton Christmas Lights switch-on 2017 be held on 2 December, to take place at 5pm, following entertainment commencing at 4pm & following the Seaton Church Christmas Fayre.
- 2) The possibility of installing small Christmas tree decorations above Seaton shops be investigated.
- 3) The possibility of installing Christmas decorations around Seaton service station be investigated.
- 4) Permission to close the car park by Seaton shops between 4pm & 5pm on 2 December be sought.
- 5) Seaton Youth Club be utilised to provide suitable entertainment for the event.

### **Minute No. 232**

#### **Jackson Street Play Area**

It was reported that the Council had been successful in attracting grant funding of £1,650 towards new equipment for the play area from the Wythegill Wind Turbine Community Fund. This could be supported by funding from the Council, following receipt of funding from Councillor Mrs C Tibble's Cumbria County Council ward budget. It was also reported that one of the new display boards designed & built by Lakes College students was displayed in the wrong place.

**Resolved** that the display board be moved to the fencing beside Jackson Street Bus Shelter & that an official opening of the Play Area be held once the new equipment was in place.

### **Minute No. 233**

#### **Bus Shelters**

The Council considered the Final Report of the Bus Panel into the proposed siting of bus shelters by the Parish Council at sites on Lowca Lane & Hunters Drive. It appeared that the proposals had been rejected largely on the basis of objections by a small number of residents in the immediate vicinity of the proposed sites. The Council considered that the weighting given to such objections was unreasonable in relation to the number of users who would benefit from the provision of shelters.

**Resolved** that the Council express its disappointment at the decision & the apparent weighting given to the opinion of immediate residents, & that information be sought on the number of users at the bus stops concerned.

### **Minute No. 234**

#### **Meeting Extension**

**Resolved** that the meeting be extended beyond 9.00pm to allow consideration of the following items of business.

### **Minute No. 235**

#### **Cumbria in Bloom**

**Resolved** that:

- 1) The Council seek to enter Cumbria in Bloom in 2018.
- 2) A Working Party be formed to make preparations for the Council to enter the event in 2018.
- 3) Residents of Seaton be invited to participate in the Working Party's operations.

### **Minute No. 236**

#### **Planning Issues**

**Resolved** that the following observations on planning applications be made & planning application decisions made by Allerdale Borough Council be noted:

#### **New Planning Applications**

Reference No: HOU/2017/0059  
Applicant: Mr & Mrs A Haile  
Proposal: Conversion of garage to kitchen/dining area & first floor extension  
Location: 75 Whitestiles, Seaton  
**No Objections**

Reference No: HOU/2017/0029  
Applicant: Mr Richard Gallagher  
Proposal: Side & rear extension, (re-submission)  
Location: 110 Ling Beck Park, Seaton  
**No Objections**

Reference No: HOU/2017/0063  
Applicant: Mr Ian Blackwell  
Proposal: 2 storey extension to rear  
Location: 28 Lowca Lane, Seaton  
**No Objections**

Reference No: 2/2016/0657  
Applicant: Mr Adam McNally, Story Homes  
Proposal: Residential development of 69 dwellings & associated infrastructure, (re-submission)  
Location: Land north-east of Coachman Inn, Seaton  
**Objections as previously submitted**

## **Planning Notifications**

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  
**APPROVED**

Reference No: 2/2017/0111  
Applicant: Mrs C Banks, Seaton Academy  
Proposal: Variation of condition 3 on application 2/2014/0186 to allow siting of cabin for additional 3 years  
Location: Seaton Academy, High Seaton, Seaton  
**APPROVED**

Reference No: HOU/2017/0042  
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Holiday  
Proposal: Raising of single storey roof over garage to provide enlarged bedroom on first floor  
Location: 85 Meadow Vale, Seaton  
**APPROVED**

Reference No: 2/2017/0113  
Applicant: Mr Brian Lomax  
Proposal: Change of use & extension of former garage & MOT bay to form dwelling  
Location: The Garage, Sunnyside, Seaton  
**APPROVED**

### **Minute No. 237**

#### **Accounts – April 2017**

**Resolved** that the accounts listed in the schedule, totalling £2,033.89, be agreed for payment.

### **Minute No. 238**

#### **Finance Report**

Members received a report showing actual expenditure & income for the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017, in comparison to budget.

**Resolved** that:

- 1) The report be agreed & variances noted.
- 2) Virements of £190 from Rent & NNDR; £280 from Gas; & £100 from Equipment budgets to Employees, (£100); Postage, Stationery & General Expenses, (£280); Councillor Training, (£80); Miscellaneous, (£40); & Donations, (£70) budgets, be agreed.

**Minute No. 239**

**Correspondence**

**Resolved** that correspondence received since the last meeting be noted & that:

- 1) It be agreed not to support the Farmers' Flood Group.
- 2) No objections be offered to Allerdale borough Council in respect of the road closure application for Seaton Carnival on 10 June 2017.
- 3) No comments be offered to Cumbria County Council on its consultation on its Draft Cumbria Minerals & Waste Local Plan.
- 4) It be noted that more information was being sought from Allerdale Borough Council on the basis of its Seaton Parish Council Election Recharge from May 2015.
- 5) Consideration be given to an application for funding received from 1<sup>st</sup> Seaton Rainbows at the next meeting.

**Minute No. 240**

**Councillors' Reports**

- 1) It was reported that the flower display on the cycletrack embankment by Seaton shops had been designed by Mr Jeff Harkness & colleagues from ISS, & agreed that a letter of thanks be sent.
- 2) It was agreed to hold a meeting of the Scarecrow Festival Working Party to make arrangements for the 2017 Festival.
- 3) It was noted that the grit bin at the top of Yearl Rise had been tipped over.

**Minute No. 241**

**Next Meeting**

Members were advised that the next meeting, the Annual Council Meeting, would be held on 15 May 2017.

**Minute No. 242**

**Resolved** that the public & press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business by reason of its confidential nature.

**Minute No. 243**

**Allotments**

Members considered a report from the Council's solicitor & Counsel opinion on the Council's proposed development of an allotment site at Meadow Vale.

**Resolved** that the report be noted & that the Council's solicitor be requested to prepare letters of permission through licence for relevant residents to access, from their properties, the Meadow Vale site.

The meeting finished at 9.25 pm.

Signed .....

Chairman

Date .....