

SEATON PARISH

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 16 MARCH 2015

Present:

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 A Grey	Councillor Mrs J Norman
Councillor Mrs L Harwood	Councillor Mrs C Tibble
	Councillor C Woodman

Clerk: P Bramley

Minute No. 1

Minutes of Meeting held on 17 March 2014

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 March 2014 be accepted and signed as a correct record.

Minute No. 2

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Ardron, Ms M M Gainford, C J Holding & J Sandwith.

Minute No. 3

Annual report of the Parish Council

The Chairman of Seaton Parish Council, Councillor Mrs K P Birkett, presented the Annual Report of the Parish Council's operations for the year ended 31 March 2015, The Chairman commented that the Council had been involved in matters in the parish in varying aspects, of which several were worthy of comment:

- 1) The Council had begun work on redeveloping the Brick Dubs site as a nature reserve, although it was in its early stages, but it was anticipated that it would become an asset for the community.
- 2) The provision of allotments continued to be a concern for many members of the public & the Council had approached Allerdale Borough Council seeking support for a compulsory acquisition of the Lowca Lane allotment site.
- 3) The Scarecrow Festival had been another success, & Councillors Mrs J Norman & M Ditchburn received especial thanks for their contributions. 2014 was the last year in which Councillor Norman could support the running of the festival.
- 4) The Best Kept Garden competition had been successful, & improvements to attract more entrants had been agreed for the following year.

- 5) The presentation from the proposed developers of new wind turbines at the Iggesund Plant had been disappointing & it was noted that the proposal had not at that time gone to the Planning Development Panel.
- 6) A bench had been sited on Main Road, Seaton, as a memorial to Trevor Fee, former Council Chairman who had died suddenly in 2013. The opening coincided with the anniversary of his passing.
- 7) Bus services serving Seaton had been reduced, despite Parish Council support for amendments, as a result of the curtailing of bus subsidies, leading to operators cancelling services.
- 8) Dog fouling continued to be a problem, particularly the cycle track & the Council had contacted Allerdale Borough Council requesting action on a number of occasions during the year.
- 9) Several approaches had been made to Cumbria County Council during the year as a result of street lighting problems. At one point, over fifty lights had been out in Seaton.
- 10) There were ongoing problems with parking, especially outside Seaton Academy coinciding with school times. Cumbria Police & the relevant council Car Parking services had been approached on a number of occasions.
- 11) Improvements continued to be made each year to Seaton's Christmas lights display.
- 12) The Council was looking to improve facilities for older children at Jackson Street Playing Field. Provision of £12,000 was held in reserve & assistance was being sought in developing children's preferred improvements & attracting additional financial support, involving the community, through external expertise.

Minute No. 4

Questions from members of the Parish Electorate

There were no questions from members of the public present.

The meeting finished at 7.20pm.

Signed

Chairman

Date