

SEATON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20 OCTOBER 2014

Present:

Councillor P F Bateman

Councillor Mrs K P Birkett (Chairman)

Councillor M T Ditchburn

Councillor Ms M M Gainford

Councillor A Grey

Councillor Mrs L Harwood

Councillor C J Holding

Councillor W McIntyre

Councillor Mrs J Norman

Councillor J Sandwith

Councillor Mrs C Tibble

Clerk: P Bramley

Minute No. 82

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Ardron, Mrs J King, J Musgrave & C Woodman.

Minute No. 83

Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received from Councillor Mrs L Harwood, Item 11, Personal, & Councillor Mrs J Norman, Item 11, Personal.

Minute No. 84

Requests for Dispensations

Requests for dispensation to speak on item 11 were received from Councillors Mrs L Harwood & Mrs J Norman.

Resolved that the dispensation requests be agreed.

Minute No. 85

Minutes of Meeting held on 15 September 2014

Resolved that the minutes of the Meeting held on 15 September 2014 be accepted and signed as a correct record.

Minute No. 86

Community Games Funding

Jackie Hayhow from Community Games Funding presented the Council with a cheque for £500 won in a raffle of Community Games funded organisations, for application towards a suitable community project.

Resolved that costings be sought for skate park equipment & a zip wire for potential installation at Jackson Street Playing Field & that further consideration be given to the matter at the next meeting.

Minute No. 87

Police Report

PCSO Hannah Donaughee reported that criminal damage had been carried out to vehicles on Derwent Avenue & Kennedy Road during the previous month. There had been a burglary on Lowca Lane & cases of anti-social behaviour on Lowca Lane & Hunters Drive. She advised that if anyone saw scooters being used on the cycleway, the police should be contacted. It was reported that vehicles were parking on double yellow lines outside Seaton Academy, & PCSO Donaughee advised that it was a Council matter, although the Police would visit the owners of identified vehicles, depending on the severity of the issue. PCSO Donaughee advised that she would need to take advice from a senior officer regarding a matter reported as having happened in the vicinity of Camerton Church.

Resolved that the report be noted.

Minute No. 88

Progress Reports

1) Clerk

Resolved that the progress report be noted & that:

- a) It be noted that Allerdale Borough Council had advised that it would not reintroduce the previous system of providing free doggy bags for Seaton, & that Allerdale was planning to cease providing doggy bags altogether.
- b) In response to a request from Allerdale Borough Council Parking Services Manager for specific problem areas & times for parking on double yellow lines to be identified, the following be indicated:
 - Parking at schools start & finish times around Seaton shops
 - Top of Jackson Street, after work times
 - Seaton Academy After School Club finish time
 - Causeway Road on Sunday mornings
 - Derwent Ridge turning circle, intermittent

2) Village Hall

Resolved that the progress report be noted.

Minute No. 89

Allotments

Members received an update on the position concerning the Council's provision of allotments. It was noted, in response to the Parish Council's information & enquiries, Allerdale Borough Council had advised that it was that Council's view that the Lowca Lane site did not fit the required criteria set out in the legislation, as it was not considered realistic to think that allotment use would not continue or resume within the next five years. Allerdale also advised that its Listing Panel was responsible for considering nominations of assets of community value & that meetings of the Panel were not open to the public.

Resolved that the position be noted, & that Allerdale Borough Council be requested to advise whether, when the Panel made its decision, was it aware that the site continued to be used for allotments, where the information originated which had led the Panel to consider that it was not realistic to think that allotment use would not continue or resume within the next five years & whether there was a right of appeal.

Minute No. 90

Public Questions

- 1) Mr K Slone of the Seaton Allotment & Gardeners' Society advised that he had spoken with one of the Lowca Lane site owners, who had informed him that Allerdale Borough Council had not spoken to the owners. He had asked if there was a sensible way the issue could be resolved, but did not receive a positive response. It was suggested to Mr Slone that the Seaton Allotment & Gardeners' Society should formally write to the owners to seek a resolution. Mr Slone stated that he thought a CPO was the means to resolve the issue & requested that a meeting of the Allotment Working Party be held to discuss the matter. He considered that the CPO cost would be around £20,000 & that costs could be recovered through plot rentals over a period of around ten years. He was advised that the Council had previously received guidance that the costs would be much more than that when the necessary legal costs were taken into account.

Resolved that a meeting of the Allotment Working Party take place prior to the Council meeting in December.

Minute No. 91

County & District Councillors' Reports

1) Cumbria County Council

Councillor Mrs C Tibble advised that the public consultation period on the second wave of bus service reductions had been shortened, preventing effective representations being organised.

2) Allerdale Borough Council

Councillor Mrs C Tibble advised that she had toured the village with Allerdale Borough Council's Street Scene Officer, & that they had found little evidence of dog fouling. She advised she was seeking to ensure that a property on Ling Beck Park was investigated under planning regulations due to the extent of mess outside the property. She advised that bushes were due to be trimmed at the corner of Hunters Drive & Main Road, & that she was concerned about resources being put into a footpath behind Fernleigh Drive which would be truncated by a proposed housing development at the end of Fernleigh Close. Councillor Ms M M Gainford advised that she was concerned at Allerdale Borough Council's proposals to withdraw doggy bags & that bingo players, as well as hospital visitors, had been affected by the withdrawal of the evening bus service to Seaton.

Resolved that the reports be noted.

Minute No. 92

Application for Annual Financial Assistance – Seaton Club for Young People

Resolved that an annual award of £500 be made towards the operational costs of Seaton Club for Young People, effective from 2014/15, & that budget provision be considered at the appropriate Council meeting.

Minute No. 93

Application for Annual Financial Assistance – Allerdale Credit Union

Resolved that the matter be deferred pending the receipt of information indicating the extent of usage by Seaton residents.

Minute No. 94

Proposed National Grid Power Lines

Resolved that members should attend appropriate local meetings to consider the location of the power lines & the design of the pylons supporting them.

Minute No. 95

Seaton Christmas Lights

Resolved that Seaton Christmas Lights be switched on at an event to be held on Monday 1 December at 6pm, & that Seaton Choir be invited to participate.

Minute No. 96

Planning Issues

Resolved that the following observations on planning applications be made:

Reference No: 2/2014/0700
Applicant: Mr Barry Quayle
Proposal: Removal of garage & erection of two storey extension
Location: 6 Seaton Park, Seaton

No Objections

Reference No: TPO/13/1950
Applicant: Mrs Suzanne Jones
Proposal: Works to trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order
Location: 83 Whitestiles, Seaton

No Objections

Reference No: 2/2014/0737
Applicant: Mr Hennie Van Der Westhuizen, Iggesund Paperboard (Workington) Ltd
Proposal: Erection of three wind turbines 65m to hub, 110m to tip, & ancillary infrastructure
Location: Iggesund Paperboard (Workington) Ltd, Siddick, Workington
Objections on the grounds of vicinity to dwellings, cumulative visual impact, noise & flicker & proximity to an award winning Nature Reserve, noting that since Iggesund representatives had previously stated that the Biomass Generator installed would provide more than the level of power required to operate the plant, the proposed development was motivated purely by profit.

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

Reference No: 2/2014/0505
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Sean Henstone
Proposal: Erection of two storey extension to side & rear & single storey extension to rear
Location: 5A Main Road, Seaton
APPROVED

Reference No: 2/2014/0469
Applicant: Mr John Caine
Proposal: Single storey side extension
Location: 27 Kelsick Park, Seaton
APPROVED

Reference No: 2/2014/0607
Applicant: Mr Roger Jackson
Proposal: Siting of LPG gas tank & engineering works for pipe supply (retrospective)
Location: Seaton Mill House & Old Mill, Low Seaton
APPROVED

Reference No: 2/2014/0608
Applicant: Mr Roger Jackson
Proposal: Listed Building Consent for pipe work & meter boxes in association with siting of LPG gas tank
Location: Seaton Mill House & Old Mill, Low Seaton
APPROVED

Minute No. 97

Accounts – October 2014

Resolved that the accounts listed in the schedule totalling £2,568.80, including payments agreed at the meeting, be agreed for payment.

Minute No. 98

Finance Report

Members received a report showing actual expenditure & income for the period 1 April to 30 September 2014, in comparison to budget.

Resolved that the report be agreed.

Minute No. 99

Audit of Annual Return 2013/14

The Council considered a report from BDO Stoy Hayward LLP on the audit for the year 2013/14. It was noted that 2012/13 figures for assets had been adjusted to account for a previously unrecorded bus shelter at Barncroft Avenue, & that minute pages should be initialled upon signature following agreement. In addition, two minor issues had been raised concerning the completion of the Return.

Resolved: that the audited Annual Return 2013/14 be accepted, issues noted & its approval agreed.

Minute No. 100

Correspondence

Correspondence received since the last meeting was noted.

Resolved that:

- 1) A request for the Council to budget for grant funding to the Great North Air Ambulance be considered at the Council's budget meeting.
- 2) The Council request a similar provision of the Parcs Scheme in 2015 to that in 2014.

Minute 101

Meeting Extension

Resolved that the meeting be extended beyond 9pm to allow for the following items of business.

Minute No. 102

Councillors' Reports

- 1) It was agreed to investigate the provision of a sign identifying the Parish Rooms.
- 2) Members received an invite to a Casino Night at Seaton British Legion on November 22 in aid of Seaton Scouts funds.
- 3) It was reported that the overgrowth on the cycle path at the bottom of Calva Brow had been addressed.
- 4) It was agreed to notify Cumbria County Council about materials having been washed onto Derwent Bank at the bottom of Branthwaite Lane, requiring attention.
- 5) It was agreed to discuss Brick Dubs at the next meeting.

- 6) It was reported that light number 72 on Branthwaite Lane was not functioning & should be reported to Cumbria County Council.

Minute No. 103

Next Meeting

Members were advised that the next meeting would be held on 17 November 2014 at 7.00pm.

The meeting finished at 9.05 pm.

Signed

Chairman

Date