

SEATON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2015

Present:

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

Clerk: P Bramley

Minute No. 73

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K Slone & C Woodman.

Minute No. 74

Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received from Councillor M T Ditchburn, Item 11, Personal; Councillor S Forrester, Item 16, Planning Applications 2/2015/0308 & 2/2015/0489, Personal; Councillor M I Jenkinson, Item 14, Personal; Councillor Mrs J Norman, Item 16, Planning Applications 2/2015/0308, 2/2015/0485, 2/2015/0489 & 2/2015/0296, Personal; & Clerk P Bramley, Item 14, Personal.

Resolved that the declarations of interest be noted.

Minute No. 75

Requests for Dispensations

None received.

Minute No. 76

Minutes of Meeting held on 20 July 2015

Resolved that the minutes of the Meeting held on 20 July 2015 be accepted and signed as a correct record.

Minute No. 77

Best Kept Garden & Container Competition 2015

The winning entries in the Council's Best Kept Garden & Container Competition 2015 were presented with prizes.

Resolved that the winners be congratulated on their efforts.

Minute No. 78

Police Report

None received.

Minute No. 79

Progress Reports

1) Clerk

Resolved that the progress report be noted & that Workington Secondary schools be contacted to express concern at the lack of a school bus serving Seaton, given the long walk for pupils from where they disembark regular service buses & also the prevalence of cars, & request their consideration of a school bus service.

2) Village Hall

Resolved that the report be noted.

Minute No. 80

Allotments

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

- 1) It was noted that, further to Minute 34, general advice offered from Cumbria County Council Commons Registration Officer was that, in consideration of the possibility of the de-registration of part of the common land at Brick Dubs to enable it to be used for allotments, for a piece of land in excess of 200 square metres, alternative land of a similar size was highly likely to have to be offered in exchange in order for the de-registration to be successful.
- 2) The Clerk had received no further response from Persimmon Homes regarding possible use of land at the western end of Meadow Vale as allotments, (which the company's land director had advised that in principle, the proposal could be agreed, but was subject to main board approval).
- 3) The Clerk had located a copy of the conveyance concerning the transfer of land at Meadow Vale from Hassall Homes (Cumbria) Ltd to the Parish Council.
- 4) Further to Minute 57, Councillor Mrs L Harwood had been in contact with Mr Mitchell concerning potential land for allotments in the vicinity of the reservoir off Main Road. Whilst she had been advised that the land in question was not available, she was advised that there was a piece of land beyond & to the west of Meadow Vale football field which had been a 'stint', of which ownership was uncertain & which may be available for use as allotments. In addition, it was understood by Mr Mitchell that there was a piece of adjacent land which was believed to be in the ownership of Iggesund, which may be available for allotments.
- 5) An opinion had been received on the day of the meeting from the Barrister hired by the Council to advise on the likelihood of success of a compulsory acquisition of the Lowca Lane site.

Resolved that the position be noted & that:

- 1) A site meeting of the Allotment Working Party be sought with Mr Mitchell to ascertain the location & extent of the land to the west of Meadow Vale which he had referred to in discussions with Councillor Mrs L Harwood.
- 2) The Council contact Iggesund, as appropriate, seeking information on the availability of land in the company's ownership referred to by Mr Mitchell.
- 3) Members review the opinion on the likelihood of success of a compulsory acquisition of the Lowca Lane site for consideration at the next meeting.

Minute No. 81

Public Questions

- 1) Mr P Haughin of Seaton Allotment & Gardeners Society reported that members of the society had met recently & had agreed that, since the compulsory acquisition of the Lowca Lane site was likely to be some time in dealing with, it was the Society's preference that the Council pursue the possibility of land under consideration at the end of Meadow Vale.

Resolved that the comments be noted.

Minute No. 82

County & District Councillors' Reports

1) Allerdale Borough Council

Councillor J Sandwith reported that a number of residents had approached him concerning flooding in Branthwaite Lane, which was causing recently laid tarmac to be raised. He had met with United Utilities & Cumbria County Council representatives on site & it had been agreed that a new drain would be installed. Councillor M I Jenkinson advised that he had nothing to report. Councillor Mrs C Tibble advised that the council had to find savings of some £20 million in 2016/17.

2) Cumbria County Council

Councillor Mrs C Tibble advised that:

- a) Delays in the process for the award of the contract for the gully cleaning service had led to a gap in service provision, but the service had now recommenced.
- b) Materials being blown off the Iggesund site were under investigation in terms of planning regulations.
- c) Repairs to the footway at Jackson Street were projected to cost around £42,000, which was some £22,000 above budget.
- d) Cuts in government funding were leading to further significant staff cuts at Cumbria County Council, which had to save a further £66 million in 2016/17, with cuts in Highways management causing a particular concern.

Minute No. 83

Request for Financial Assistance – Seaton Village Hall Committee

Resolved that a grant of £518.96 be awarded to Seaton Village Hall Committee to support the purchase of new stage curtains.

Minute No. 84

Allerdale Borough Council Community Grant Application 2015/16

It was reported that, further to Minute 60, it be noted that a response from Cumbria County Highways had indicated that the cost of converting the crossing in Seaton to a pelican crossing type would be around £70,000 to £80,000, & the cost of installing speed controls at the entrance to the Ling Beck estate would range from around £1,000 for a sign to up to £6,000 for a speed hump. It was also reported that the Allerdale Borough Council Town Centre Manager for Workington had indicated to the Clerk that he considered that expenditure on highways items may not be supported by Allerdale.

Resolved that the Council appoint a group of representatives, consisting of Councillors D Horsley, M I Jenkinson & R McCracken, to meet with the Town Centre Manager to discuss options, based on proposals put forward previously.

Minute No. 85

Christmas Celebrations

It was reported that Allerdale Borough Council had organised, at no cost to the Parish Council, a market licence, & that Councillor Mrs C Tibble had sourced a stage, a Santa with sleigh & market stalls. In addition, the Clerk had sourced a possible Christmas sign for display on the Youth Club buildings.

Resolved that:

- 1) The Council authorise Councillor Mrs C Tibble to pursue bookings for a Christmas lights switch-on event to be held on 5 December, noting that although the Church would be holding an event on 28 November, that date clashed with the Workington Christmas lights switch-on.
- 2) Councillor Mrs L Harwood seek the involvement of Seaton community & school choirs in the switch-on event.
- 3) Further investigations be carried out into the Christmas sign, funding for which could be supported by provision made in Councillor Mrs C Tibble's County Councillor ward allowance.

Minute No. 86

Lease of Meadow Vale Football Pitches

Resolved that the Council seek further information from Seaton Junior Football Club on the length of lease required to support suitable grant funding applications for pitch improvement works, & make arrangements for a lease to be drawn up to facilitate the Club's requirements, ensuring that the agreement was of a fixed term nature with an option to negotiate suitable extensions, & appropriate break clauses to suit the parties to the agreement.

Minute No. 87

Meeting Extension

Resolved that an extension beyond 9.00pm be agreed to allow proper consideration of the following items of business.

Minute No. 88

Public Presentation of Council News & Information

Resolved that, further to quotes received from its current website provider, the Council ascertain whether & what ongoing maintenance costs would be charged, & also seek additional quotes, based on provision of suitable alternative providers which could provide the improvements previously agreed, identified to the Clerk by members.

Minute No. 89

Planning Issues

Resolved that the following observations on planning applications be made:

Reference No: PB/2015/0056
Applicant: Mr John Sherlock
Proposal: Removal of telephone & replace with defibrillator inside kiosk
Location: Phone box at junction of Causeway Road & Church Road, Seaton
No Objections

Reference No: TPO/13/1950
Applicant: Mrs Jane Trimble
Proposal: Works to Tree Preservation Order Trees
Location: 94 Whitestiles, Seaton
No Objections

Reference No: 2/2015/0308
Applicant: Mr Mark Hodgson, C/O Telford Planning Associates
Proposal: Outline planning application for change of use of land to residential, (amendment)
Location: Lowca Lane, Seaton
No Objections

Reference No: 2/2015/0485
Applicant: Mr Jason Lowden
Proposal: Extension to cattle shed
Location: St Helens Farm, St Helens Lane, Flimby, Seaton
No Objections

Reference No: 2/2015/0489
Applicant: Mr Graham Langcake
Proposal: Rear part two storey extension, (resubmission of 2/2015/0311)
Location: 33 High Seaton, Seaton
No Objections

Reference No: 2/2015/0296
Applicant: Mr Ken Wilson
Proposal: Installation of single wind turbine with maximum height to tip of 45m, (amendment: supplementary noise assessment)
Location: Moor House Farm, Access Road to Moorhouse Farm, Winscales, Workington
No Objections

Reference No: 2/2015/0542
Applicant: Mr Mark Ivison
Proposal: erection of two bungalows with living accommodation in roof space
Location: Land adjacent to Buildings Farm, Lowca Lane, Seaton
No Objections

Reference No: 2/2015/0577
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Bamford
Proposal: Single storey extension to provide kitchen, dining room & day room including chimney stack removal
Location: 12 Whitestiles, Seaton
No Objections

Reference No: 2/2015/0585
Applicant: Mr A Chalmers
Proposal: Erection of garage to side elevation for car & motor home, along with shower room
Location: 6 Ling Beck View, Seaton
No Objections

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

Reference No: 2/2015/0311
Applicant: Mr Graham Langcake
Proposal: Rear part two storey extension
Location: 33 High Seaton, Seaton
REFUSED

Reference No: 2/2015/0337
Applicant: Mr A D Allison
Proposal: Outline application for the erection of a single storey dwelling
Location: Barncroft, 16 High Seaton, Seaton
REFUSED

Reference No: 2/2015/0273
Applicant: Mr & Mrs F Mullen
Proposal: Demolish existing garage & construct new single storey
garage extension
Location: 37 Kelsick Park, Seaton
APPROVED

Reference No: 2/2015/0399
Applicant: Mr Paul Haughin
Proposal: Lower kerb
Location: 42 Lowca Lane, Seaton
APPROVED

Reference No: 2/2015/0374
Applicant: Mr & Mrs J Ramsden
Proposal: Single storey extension & alterations
Location: 9 Church Road, Seaton
APPROVED

Minute No. 90

Accounts – September 2015

Resolved that the accounts listed in the schedule, including payments agreed at the meeting, totalling £4,891.82, be agreed for payment.

Minute No. 91

Correspondence

Correspondence received since the last meeting was noted.

Resolved that:

- 1) Further to Allerdale Borough Council Planning Service's Public Open Space/Amenity Space consultation, the Council support:
 - a) The retention of area reference EN38, identified by Allerdale Planning Services as having been a policy on the old local plan & representing a wedge of open space between Seaton & Workington.
 - b) The retention of all green space identified as such on the plan extract under consideration & covering Seaton.
- 2) The Council offer no comments on Allerdale Borough Council Draft Local Validation Requirements consultation.
- 3) The Council seek to arrange a presentation to a future Council meeting from a National Grid representative covering the proposals for the North West Coast Connection project & particularly its potential impact on Seaton.

Minute No. 92

Councillors' Reports

- 1) It was agreed to contact Cumbria County Council again concerning the condition of the bridleway behind Seaton Park, following works carried out by a resident.
- 2) It was noted that Cumbria Police were investigating speeding traffic in Seaton.
- 3) It was noted that car parking tickets had been issued to cars parked illegally in the vicinity of Jackson Street recently.
- 4) It was agreed to consider at a future meeting how suitable recognition could be given to people who had demonstrated good community spirit.
- 5) It was agreed to contact Home Housing providing support for an application by a Seaton Home Housing tenant, Ms V Dixon, who was main carer for her mother, to transfer to a vacant property near her mother's house.
- 6) It was noted that a water leak on Causeway Road had still not been corrected & it was agreed to contact United Utilities again.
- 7) It was reported that a notification had been placed on the Seaton Scarecrow Festival Facebook site encouraging a fun event involving display of 'scary' scarecrows over the Halloween period.
- 8) It was agreed to seek information, including planning permission requirements, for the installation of a flag on the village green.
- 9) It was agreed to consider, at the next meeting, the introduction of a Council Newsletter.

Minute No. 93

Next Meeting

Members were advised that the next meeting would be held on 19 October 2015 at 7.00pm.

The meeting finished at 9.40 pm.

Signed

Chairman

Date