

SEATON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20 JULY 2015

Present:

Councillor P F Bateman	Councillor Mrs J Norman
Councillor M T Ditchburn	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. 51

Apologies for Absence

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

Minute No. 52

Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received from Councillor Mrs J Norman, Item 15, Planning Applications 2/2014/0737, Predetermined viewpoint, & 2/2015/0296, Personal; Councillor K Slone, Item 7, Personal; & Councillor Mrs C Tibble, Planning Application 2/2014/0737, Predetermined viewpoint.

Resolved that the declarations of interest be noted.

Minute No. 53

Requests for Dispensations

None received.

Minute No. 54

Minutes of Meeting held on 15 June 2015

Resolved that the minutes of the Meeting held on 15 June 2015 be accepted and signed as a correct record.

Minute No. 55

Police Report

PCSO Laura Crears submitted a report providing an update for the previous month.

The report advised of the following incidents in the previous month:

- A theft of money had occurred at the One Stop Shop on 22 June as a part of a currency exchange.
- Reports had been received of young males shooting wildlife at various sites; Police patrols had been stepped up.
- A Rottweiler had been reported as being loose on Jackson Street Playing Field on 29 June; the Police had provided the owner with suitable advice.
- A strimmer had been stolen from a shed on Camerton Road on 14 July; no suspects had been identified.
- Youths had been reported starting fires behind the hedge of the back garden of a property on Fernleigh Drive; there had been no descriptions of the culprits, who had left on Police arrival.

There were no matters raised to report to the Police.

Resolved that the report be noted.

Minute No. 56

Progress Reports

1) Clerk

Resolved that the progress report be noted.

2) Village Hall

Resolved that the report be noted & that it be noted that a meeting of the Village Hall Committee would be held on 27 July.

Minute No. 57

Allotments

Councillor K Slone left the room for the duration of this item.

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

- 1) It was noted that an article in the Times & Star of 17 July had stated that the owners of the Lowca Lane allotment site had extended the lease for a year, inferring a benevolent gesture, based perhaps on a letter from one of the owners published previously. The correct position was that the Council held a lease on the land to which it had been, in law, entitled to a notice period of twelve months. The article also quoted Councillor R McCracken as having stated that 'the compulsory purchase order will be progressed regardless of Mr Walker's thoughts that eviction would cease this'. It should be noted that any such views were personal to Councillor McCracken & not those of the Council. Councillor McCracken would need to give further consideration to his position on this matter in terms of holding a predetermined viewpoint.

- 2) Further to Minute 34, the Clerk had received a response from Persimmon Homes regarding possible use of land at the western end of Meadow Vale as allotments, in which the company's land director had advised that in principle, the proposal could be agreed, but was subject to main board approval.
- 3) Further to Minute 34, the Clerk had received guidance concerning the deregistering of common land which required investigation.
- 4) A meeting of the Allotment Working Party had been held on 13 July. The Working Party had heard that the allotted Seaton Allotment & Gardeners' Society representative had been unable to contact Mr Mitchell concerning potential land for allotments in the vicinity of the reservoir off Main Road.
- 5) No response had yet been received 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) No definite decision be made on the selection of any land for developing allotments on until all information had been received back on land under investigation for that purpose.
- 2) Councillor Mrs L Harwood attempt to contact Mr Mitchell concerning possible land for allotments off Main Road.

Minute No. 58

Public Questions

- 1) Mr R Hunter of Barncroft Avenue, Seaton, representing the owners of the Lowca Lane allotment site, expressed disappointment that, aside from Councillor P Bateman, no members had taken up his invitation to view the Lowca Lane allotment site following its vacation by those occupying the land. He advised that the Council would need to ensure provisions were put in place for the effective management of any allotment sites which the Council provided in the future. Councillor Mrs L Harwood advised that suitable arrangements would be determined by the Council at the appropriate time.
- 2) Mr A Ferguson of Seaton Junior Football Club requested assistance from the Council in improving the Meadow Vale football pitches, which suffered from poor drainage. He provided copies of information on potential methods of improvement & opportunities to attract Football Association funding. He advised that the club did not have a copy of the lease of the site which the Council had granted, which was required to enable the club to seek funding for the site.

Resolved that, in the event of no copy of the lease being available, arrangements be made to draw up a suitable lease & that the matter be discussed further at the next meeting.

Minute No. 59

County & District Councillors' Reports

1) Cumbria County Council

Councillor Mrs C Tibble advised that work was ongoing to improve roads & pavements on Jackson Street. Repairs made to the top end of Causeway Road had applied a new methodology involving recycling materials. The remainder of the road would also be repaired. The County Council was arranging a survey of residents concerning the extension of the one way system in that area. Councillor Tibble advised that Seaton would benefit in 2015/16 from highways work to the value of £10,000, which she was holding discussions with County Council officers on.

2) Allerdale Borough Council

Councillor Mrs C Tibble advised that she had been re-elected as Chairman of the Police & Crime Panel. She expressed concerns at proposals from the Secretary of State for the closure of Workington Magistrates Court. She was concerned at the accuracy of information on which the proposals had been made, the impact on victims of crime, who would need to travel to either Carlisle or Barrow, & the impact on police time of officers having to travel to one of those courts. Councillor Tibble was concerned that crime issues in respect of West Cumbria were being transferred to management from the 'M6 Corridor' & of the overall threat to the Cumbria Police Service. She urged people to respond to the consultation.

Councillor J Sandwith advised that he had dealt with three phone calls from residents concerning Allerdale Borough Council matters.

Minute No. 60

Allerdale Borough Council Community Grant Application 2015/16

Resolved that the Council support the application of funding to the Meadow Vale football pitches; the provision of traffic calming measures at the entrance to Ling Beck Park estate; & improvements to the road crossing outside Seaton Service Station, & that the matter be further considered at the next meeting when more information should be available on the project areas agreed.

Minute No. 61

Christmas Celebrations

Resolved that:

- 1) The Council authorise Councillor Mrs C Tibble to investigate the possibility of holding a Christmas market in Seaton, to seek to involve the Church in the Council's arrangements for Christmas & to investigate entertainment for the Christmas lights switch-on.
- 2) It be agreed to investigate the costs of a suitable Christmas sign to be displayed on the Youth Club building opposite Seaton shops.

Minute No. 62

Public Presentation of Council News & Information

It was reported that no responses had been received by the Clerk from councillors concerning proposals for improvements to the Parish Council website, as requested.

Resolved that the Council seek, in addition to improvements previously agreed, the introduction of a clearer link to Council minutes, the possibility of including information from 'The Villager' on the website, the possibility of the development of a calendar showing events being held in Seaton & the introduction of a measure of website usage.

Minute No. 63

Provision of Flower Beds & Trees

Resolved that consideration be given to the introduction of flower beds, flower tubs, trees & other planting at its budget meeting, with the following areas considered as suitable, subject to ownership: Jackson Street junction; the Parish Green; the Pack Horse Green; Main Road, particularly around the Trevor Fee memorial seat; & the cross roads by Seaton shops.

Minute No. 64

Risk Assessment & Management Review

Members considered the 2015/16 Risk Assessment & Management Review, which detailed risks faced by the Council in its operations, together with how the risks were managed & kept under review.

Resolved that the review be agreed.

Minute No. 65

Planning Issues

Councillors Mrs J Norman & Mrs C Tibble took no part in the decision reached on Planning Application 2/2014/0737.

Resolved that the following observations on planning applications be made:

Reference No:	2/2014/0737
Applicant:	Mr Hennie Van Der Westhuizen, Iggesund Paperboard (Workington) Ltd
Proposal:	Erection of two wind turbines 65m to hub, 110m to tip, & ancillary infrastructure
Location:	Iggesund (Paperboard) Workington Ltd, Siddick Objections on the grounds of cumulative visual impact to those already visible from the Parish; concerns that the proposed development was within the 800 metre limit in Allerdale Borough Council's Planning Policy on wind turbine development, within which area were households, a primary school & a nature reserve. Concern at the impact on those properties & facilities in particular in terms of noise, flicker, height & disturbance likelihood.

Reference No: 2/2015/0374
Applicant: Mr & Mrs J Ramsden
Proposal: Single storey extension & alterations
Location: 9 Church Road, 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, (amended residential amenity assessment, photomontages, viewpoint)
Location: Moor House Farm, Access Road to Moorhouse Farm, Winscales, Workington
Objection on the grounds of cumulative visual impact

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

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

Reference No: 2/2015/0265
Applicant: Mr Bobby Shamin
Proposal: Single storey rear extension creating sunroom/gym
Location: 35 Seaton Park, Seaton
APPROVED

Reference No: 2/2015/0274
Applicant: Mr M Taylor
Proposal: Garage extension & widening of drive to suit
Location: 64 Hazelgrove, Seaton
APPROVED

Minute No. 66

Meeting Extension

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

Minute No. 67

Accounts – July 2015

Resolved that the accounts listed in the schedule, totalling £2,342.14, be agreed for payment.

Minute No. 68

Banking Arrangements

Resolved that:

- 1) The Council transfer its banking service to the Cumberland Building Society.
- 2) The Council determine its authorised signatories to its bank accounts to be:
 - Councillor M T Ditchburn
 - Councillor Mrs L Harwood
 - Councillor M I Jenkinson
 - Councillor Mrs J Norman
 - Councillor J Sandwith
 - Councillor Mrs C Tibble
- 3) The Council authorise the Clerk to act in an administrative capacity on behalf of the Council in its banking operations.

Minute No. 69

Finance Report

Members received a report showing actual expenditure & income for the period 1 April to 30 June 2015, in comparison to budget.

Resolved that the report be agreed, including a virement of £1,000 from Recovery of Costs to Legal Services.

Minute No. 70

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 request a larger scale plan of Seaton with proposed open spaces & amenity spaces suitably identifiable.
- 2) The Council offer no objections to proposals by the Diocesan Mission & Pastoral Committee for the union of the parishes of Camerton & Seaton, & West Seaton, & for the parish church of the parish of west Seaton to be closed for regular public worship.
- 3) In respect of concerns expressed by Mrs J E Melia of Braeside, Seaton, at the Council's proposals for the improvement to facilities on Jackson Street Playing Field, Mrs Melia be advised that the Council had a responsibility towards all of its some five thousand inhabitants, many of whom were children, & that facilities were lacking at the Playing Field & were planned to be developed to offer facilities for older children aged up to around twelve, who were not currently provided for at that site.
- 4) No action be taken in respect of The Commonwealth Flag Day on 16 March 2016.
- 5) No comments be submitted to Allerdale Borough Council concerning its consultation on its Statement of Licensing Policy.

- 6) Members forward any comments concerning the document published by the Department for Energy & Climate Change, (DECC), entitled 'Implementing Geological Disposal: Working with Communities. Call for Evidence', to Councillor A Grey for collation & forwarding to the Clerk for submission. In addition, given that the deadline set by the DECC was 4 September, the Council submit a request for an extension.
- 7) The Council proceed with the proposal submitted by Kolek Consulting for the development of a Council Business Strategy, subject to the success of a bid for funding for the work.
- 8) Consideration be given to a funding request received from Seaton Village Hall Committee at the next meeting.

Minute No. 71

Councillors' Reports

- 1) It was reported that trees growing from the water course behind Donald Road were overhanging properties. It was agreed to advise United Utilities.
- 2) It was reported that loose cables above the bus stop on Lowca Lane opposite the Cape Road junction required attention.
- 3) Following a suggestion that the Council support provision of school buses to the Stainburn Academy, it was agreed to notify Mr Richard Hayward, the officer responsible at Cumbria County Council, of the Council's views.
- 4) Reports were received of footpaths which were overgrown behind Model Row; Camerton Road opposite the Old Vicarage to the footbridge over the cycletrack; Low Seaton to West Croft; the pavement by the bus stop by Junior School Lonning, & the edge of the lonning; the cutting from Milburn Croft to the Royal Oak; 'Bunty's' footpath to Barepot; the footpath from Coronation Avenue to the bottom of the steps on the Barepot bridleway & the pathway from those steps to the bottom of Low Seaton. It was agreed to have the paths attended to.

Minute No. 72

Next Meeting

Members were advised that the next meeting would be held on 21 September 2015 at 7.00pm.

The meeting finished at 9.35 pm.

Signed

Chairman

Date