

SEATON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 DECEMBER 2016

Present:

Councillor P F Bateman	Councillor M Jenkinson
Councillor Mrs K P Birkett	Councillor J Musgrave
Councillor M T Ditchburn	Councillor J Sandwith
Councillor A Grey	Councillor Mrs C Tibble
Councillor Mrs L Harwood (Chairman)	Councillor C Woodburn
Councillor D Horsley	

Clerk: P Bramley

Minute No. 133

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Forrester, R McCracken, Mrs J Norman & K Slone.

Minute No. 134

Declarations of Interest

None received.

Minute No. 135

Requests for Dispensation

None received.

Minute No. 136

Minutes of Meeting held on 21 November 2016

Resolved that the minutes of the Meeting held on 21 November 2016 be accepted and signed as a correct record, subject to the addition in the list of attendance of Councillor S Forrester & an amendment to Minute 127, Planning Application 2/2016/0664, from 'No Objections' to 'Concerned with access problems at a site beside a bend on the main road with visibility issues & access via a single track lane'.

Minute No. 137

Police Report

Resolved that the report be noted.

Minute No. 138

Progress Reports

1) Clerk

The Clerk presented a report advising of progress on various matters. Further to concerns with parking enforcement, an attendance record for the previous year of Cumbria County Council Enforcement Officers in Seaton, together with a record of action taken, would be distributed to members & Councillor Mrs C Tibble advised that she had requested that out of hours visits be included in the officers' ongoing schedule.

Further to the request to the Environment Agency concerning the course of the river near to Camerton Church, it was reported that the vicar for the area had advised that the Church didn't consider the matter to be a problem &, that being the case, it was considered a matter for the relevant Church bodies. Councillor J Sandwith reported that he had written to Sue Hayman MP on the matter & couldn't understand why every other issue with the river following the December 2015 floods had been addressed. Councillor Mrs C Tibble advised that any matters of flooding should have been reported some time ago & that the Environment Agency would shortly be presenting its findings through the publication of a report & a public presentation in Workington, which people should attend & report any problems to.

Resolved that the progress report be noted.

2) Village Hall

Councillor Mrs C Tibble advised that the disabled access facilities had been completed, & that attendance at the hall was high & was expected to increase with the additional facilities provided. It was reported that the Bowling Club had requested the Village Hall Committee to apply for grant funding on its behalf for work to the building, & had instead been provided with details of potential grant funding sources for it to apply to. Recent Christmas parties for senior citizens & children had been well attended.

Resolved that the progress report be noted.

Minute No. 139

Allotments

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

- 1) A desk top study of the Meadow Vale site to investigate former mining & other potential risks had been commissioned.
- 2) A useful pre-planning application meeting with an Allerdale Planning Services officer had been held on 9 December. A number of matters were being further investigated following that meeting & a further meeting would be held in the new year.
- 3) A meeting of the Allotment Working Party had been arranged for 20 December 2016.

Resolved that the position be noted.

Minute No. 140

Public Questions

No members of the public present.

Minute No. 141

County & District Councillors' Reports

1) Cumbria County Council

Councillor Mrs C Tibble reported that work carried out recently had identified a number of properties in Seaton which had been subject to flooding damage in December 2015, but hadn't applied for flood grant. More details & other findings would be presented at a public meeting organised by Cumbria County Council in the near future.

2) Allerdale Borough Council

Councillor M Jenkinson reported that a clean-up day to coincide with National Spring Clean Day in Spring 2017 was being organised for Seaton, to involve school pupils, which Allerdale Borough Council was supporting. He also reported that he had donated a website to the Church, (seatonchurches.org.uk).

Councillor J Sandwith reported that a resident had had problems using the defibrillator at Firth House recently, as it needed a code, which the emergency services hadn't been able to issue to her when requested.

Councillor Mrs C Tibble advised that she had investigated & had been advised that matters had now been organised so that a user would be able to obtain the access number from the emergency services, by dialling 999, in the future.

Resolved that the reports be accepted.

Minute No. 142

Wythegill Community Fund

Resolved that:

- 1) The Council submit a bid for £3,000 for funding towards the development of Jackson Street Playing Field.
- 2) The Council support an application of £250 to be made in 2017/18 by the Workington Transport Heritage Group for a free Boxing Day bus service to serve the area.
- 3) The Council support Seaton Youth Club in its bid for funding in 2016/17.

Minute No. 143

Road Traffic Restrictions Causeway Road/Church Road Area

Resolved that the matter be deferred.

Minute No. 144

Planning Issues

Resolved that the following observations on planning applications be made:

Reference No: HOU/2016/0064
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Craig Graham
Proposal: Single storey extension to side & rear
Location: 34 Meadow Vale, Seaton
No Objections

Reference No: HOU/2016/0065
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Allison
Proposal: Demolition of conservatory & conversion to larger sun room & floor extension
Location: Seaton Park House, Main Road, Seaton
No Objections

Reference No: HOU/2016/0041
Applicant: Mrs B Sloan
Proposal: Extension to front of property & installation of upper floor window to side elevation, (with obscure glazing)
Location: 62 Hazelgrove, Seaton
No Objections

Reference No: 2/2016/0701
Applicant: Mr Paul Wilson
Proposal: Erection of detached dwelling
Location: 37 Low Seaton, Seaton
Concerns with potential saturation & over-development of the area, particularly that part of Low Seaton, with attendant ingress & egress issues.

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

Reference No: HOU/2016/0026
Applicant: Mr Wayne McCarron
Proposal: Extension over garage & rear kitchen/dining extension
Location: 23 Fernleigh Drive, Seaton
APPROVED

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
Location: Lowca Lane, Seaton
APPROVED

Minute No. 145

Accounts – December 2016

Resolved that the accounts listed in the schedule, totalling £2,370.28, be agreed for payment.

Minute No. 146

Correspondence

Correspondence received since the last meeting was noted.

Resolved that:

- 1) Further to a request for the Council to consider the installation of a gate or barrier controlling access to Meadow Vale Playing Fields, the matter be addressed in conjunction with the proposed development of an allotment site at Meadow Vale.
- 2) No comments be offered to Cumbria County Council on its budget consultation, but concern be expressed at the government's proposed means of funding Social Services through permitted Council Tax increases, which adversely impacted on areas of the country with a lower tax base, such as Cumbria.
- 3) Further to the request from Rebecca Hanson, West Cumbria Voice for Healthcare, to support a letter to the Chief Executive of NHS Cumbria, on Future of Healthcare in West, North & East Cumbria, it be noted that the Council had already offered its response on the matter.
- 4) In response to the consultation on Library Services proposed for Seaton, Cumbria County Council be advised that it would prefer some provision for people working through the week, either through a late evening or Saturday opening.
- 5) No comments be offered in respect of the consultation by the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy.
- 6) It be agreed to support the North West Ambulance Service in lobbying the area MP for the mandatory installation of defibrillators in public buildings.

Minute No. 147

Councillors' Reports

- 1) It was agreed to thank volunteers who assisted with the provision of the Seaton old folks' Christmas dinner in the Council's next newsletter.
- 2) It was agreed to hold a meeting of the Christmas Lights Working Party in the new year.
- 3) It was noted that there had been some confusion with the different locations for Christmas lights switch-on entertainment & the location of the Christmas tree.

Minute No. 148

Next Meeting

Members were advised that the next meeting would be held on 16 January 2017.

Minute No. 149

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

Minute 150

Allotments

Members discussed correspondence between the Council & a resident of Meadow Vale, concerning the proposed development of an allotment site at Meadow Vale.

Resolved that the matter be noted & that it be agreed to seek counsel's advice, as necessary, in accordance with the Council's solicitor's advice.

The meeting finished at 8.30 pm.

Signed

Chairman

Date