

SEATON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16 JANUARY 2017

Present:

Councillor M T Ditchburn
Councillor S Forrester
Councillor A Grey (Chairman)
Councillor D Horsley

Councillor R McCracken
Councillor J Sandwith
Councillor Mrs C Tibble

Clerk: P Bramley

Minute No. 151

Election of Chairman

Resolved that Councillor A Grey be elected as Chairman for the meeting, in the absence of the Chairman & Vice Chairman of the Council.

Minute No.152

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs K P Birkett, Mrs L Harwood, M Jenkinson, Mrs J Norman & K Slone. Councillor Mrs C Tibble apologised for her late attendance.

Minute No. 153

Declarations of Interest

None received.

Minute No. 154

Requests for Dispensation

None received.

Minute No. 155

Minutes of Meeting held on 19 December 2016

Resolved that the minutes of the Meeting held on 19 December 2016 be accepted and signed as a correct record.

Minute No. 156

Christmas Lights

A presentation was made to the winners of the best Household Christmas Lights 2016, in accordance with the selection panel, which had met on 27 December 2016. The winners were Mr Vince and Mrs Ann Ormond, 2 Cape Road, Seaton, who requested that their prize be donated to the Natalie Fisher fund. Joint runners-up were Carol Launder, 3 Cape Road, Seaton and Mr George and Mrs Christine Collister, 5 Cape Road, Seaton. Each received a prize of a gift token.

Resolved that the winners be congratulated.

Minute No. 157

Presentation of Seaton Community Champion 2016 Awards

A presentation was made to the winners of the Seaton Community Champion Award 2016 in accordance with the decisions of the Selection Panel, consisting of Seaton Vicar, the Reverend Ian Grainger, Seaton Academy Headteacher Mrs C Banks & Parish Councillors Mrs L Harwood, Mrs J Norman & Mrs C Tibble, which had met on 12 January 2017.

The winner of the individual award was Mike Thompson, Caretaker & Administrator of Seaton Village Hall. Mr Thompson was nominated for his tireless work to bring the hall into the 21st Century, including his efforts in promoting the use of the hall, which has increased hugely, his organisation of the significant improvements made to the hall's facilities to make it available to many more members of the community & his friendly disposition & reliability in supporting organisations & events in their hire of the hall.

The winners of the group category were leaders of the First Seaton Brownies, Susan Graham, Yvonne Stevens & Heather Wilson. The ladies were nominated for giving up their own time each week to enrich the lives of young girls through the Brownie Group. They are seen as supportive, nurturing & caring in their management of the girls in their care, a role they have undertaken with enthusiasm over a long period, one where unfortunately many other such groups were folding as a result of a lack of volunteers to operate them, a commendable achievement.

The winners received an engraved, silver salver in recognition of their contributions.

Resolved that the selection panel be thanked & the winners commended for their contributions to the community.

Minute No. 158

Presentation from the Reverend Ian Grainger

A presentation was received from Seaton, Camerton & West Seaton Vicar, the Reverend Ian Grainger. He advised that he had attended a meeting in Aspatria on 'colourful conversations' & proposed to look at communication with the Seaton community. He noted that organisations were often prescriptive & suggested that a group be formed from representatives of various Seaton organisations to invite the community to identify how Seaton life could be improved. This would form the basis for the preparation of a strategy setting out long term objectives for developments.

Resolved that the proposals be supported & that expressions of interest be sought from Council members to represent the Council on the group.

Minute No. 159

Police Report

PCSO Lisa Jackson attended the meeting & reported that she was taking on the Police role for Seaton. She advised that she would be holding bi-monthly meetings in Seaton library but was keen to ensure that she provided a direct service to the area & suggested that members contact her directly with any matters of concern to the Police.

Resolved that the report be noted.

Minute No. 160

Progress Reports

1) Clerk

The Clerk presented a report on outstanding items.

Resolved that the progress report be noted.

2) Village Hall

Councillor Mrs C Tibble advised that usage of the Village Hall continued to grow & that she would provide a graph for members depicting the position.

Resolved that the progress report be noted.

Minute No. 161

Allotments

Members received an update on the position concerning the Council's arrangements for the provision of allotments. A meeting of the Allotment Working Party had been held on 20 December 2016. Consideration had been given at the meeting to the means by which the Council could move forward with proposals for the development of an allotment site at Meadow Vale, following the pre-planning meeting held by Council representatives with an Allerdale Planning Services officer on 9 December 2016. It was agreed to recommend to the Council that open meetings be held with residents potentially affected by the allotment site development, with a view to identifying issues which could be discussed in a follow-up to the pre-planning meeting to be arranged.

Resolved that the position be noted & that:

- 1) The Council hold open meetings on Saturday 21 & 28 January, 10.00 am to 12.00 pm.
- 2) The Council be represented at the meetings by members of the Allotment Working Party, Councillors Mrs L Harwood, A Grey, D Horsley, M Jenkinson & J Sandwith, together with Councillor R McCracken, (who could provide a visual image of the potential layout of the proposed site).
- 3) A bullet point summary be prepared explaining how the current position on the provision of allotments had been arrived at.
- 4) Details of residents likely to be consulted in the event of a planning application being made be obtained from Allerdale Planning Services & those households be directly invited to attend the meetings.
- 5) General invitations to members of the Seaton public to the open meetings be advertised on the Council's notice boards.

Minute No. 162

Public Questions

- 1) Mr P Haughin of Seaton Allotment Society asked if an Allotment Working Party Meeting could be arranged after the final public open meeting had been held, which was agreed.
- 2) Ms Lesley Robinson of Barncroft Avenue reported concerns with parking practice on Barncroft Avenue. She was advised to ring the Police immediately upon noting parking on the pavement & blockages. It was also agreed to advise Cumbria County Council Parking Enforcement Service.

Minute No. 163

County & District Councillors' Reports

1) Cumbria County Council

Councillor Mrs C Tibble reported on Cumbria County Council's public meeting on flooding which had been held in Seaton on the previous week. She advised that due to the lack of people affected by flooding in December 2015 being willing to identify their properties, Seaton originally only qualified for an 'incident' report. However, in support of the flood meeting, officers had identified properties where the living premises had been affected by flooding, which entailed the production of a full flood report. A series of recommended actions had been identified at the meeting:

- A full camera survey be undertaken by Cumbria County Council of the drains on Lowca Lane & under the bridge on the main road by Seaton Academy.
- The Environment Agency ensure that a full camera survey was carried out of all culverted drainage of Ling Beck, a piece of work which had been thought to have been done but seemingly hadn't.
- The Environment Agency carry out all necessary drainage repairs.
- It be noted that Ling Beck, either in open air or culverted, was the responsibility of properties through which land it passed.
- Cumbria County Council & Sustrans carry out an investigation of water movement between the cycletrack & the highway.
- Cumbria County Council was looking carefully at new housing development proposals & was advising that for the proposed development at High Seaton, drainage tanks which could hold at least 50% more than the current run-off be installed by the developers, with a control to restrict water flow into Ling Beck to less than the current rate.
- Cumbria County Council to provide an escape route for drainage water in the Barncroft Close area.
- Affected households needed to ensure that they contacted Allerdale Borough Council Floods Officer.
- A Flood Action Group needed to be established with identified responsibilities.
- A direct line was being established for blocked drains to be reported to, which Councillor Tibble would issue to Council members.

2) Allerdale Borough Council

Councillor J Sandwith reported that he had made an appointment to meet with Workington MP Sue Hayman concerning the post-2015 floods course of the River Derwent in the vicinity of Camerton Church.

Resolved that the reports be accepted.

Minute No. 164

Road Traffic Restrictions Causeway Road/Church Road Area

Resolved that the matter be deferred.

Minute No. 165

Planning Issues

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

Reference No: HOU/2016/0041
Applicant: Mrs B Sloan
Proposal: Extension to front of property & installation of upper floor window on side of elevation
Location: 62 Hazelgrove, Seaton
APPROVED

Reference No: HOU/2016/0035
Applicant: Mr Steven Johnstone
Proposal: Demolition of garage & erection of side & rear extension
Location: 30 West Croft, Seaton
APPROVED

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

Minute No. 166

Accounts – January 2017

Resolved that the accounts listed in the schedule, totalling £2,584.54, be agreed for payment.

Minute Number 167

Precept 2017/18

Members received a report advising that, further to Minute 129, Allerdale had advised of Seaton's Council Tax Base figure for 2017/18. In addition, the Secretary of State had issued a report to Parliament in December advising that there were no proposals to extend the referenda principles to local councils in 2017/18. The result of this information, given the decisions taken by the Council at its November meeting, would be a precept of £53,188.61.

Resolved that the Council Tax increase of 5% for 2017/18 agreed at the Council's November meeting be confirmed & that the Council's precept for 2017/18, with associated budget, be agreed at £53,188.61 for 2017/18.

Minute No. 168

Finance Report

Members received a report showing actual expenditure & income for the period 1 April to 31 December 2016, in comparison to budget.

Resolved that the report be agreed.

Minute No. 169

Correspondence

Correspondence received since the last meeting was noted.

Resolved that:

- 1) No comments be offered on Allerdale Borough Council’s budget consultation.
- 2) The Chairman be nominated to represent the Council, if selected, at the Buckingham Palace Garden Parties 2017.
- 3) The Council flag be flown on November 11 2018 to commemorate the end of World War 1.

Minute No. 170

Councillors’ Reports

- 1) Councillor M Ditchburn advised that he had handed two photographs of Seaton Choral Society in 1914 & Seaton Boys Choir 1914 to 1918. It was agreed to display a scanned copy in the Council notice boards, on the Council website, & to arrange for the originals to be framed & displayed in the Parish Rooms.
- 2) Positive comments on improvements being made to Seaton had been reported to members.
- 3) It was reported that road markings outside Seaton Academy were badly faded.
- 4) It was reported that a public right of way existed between Huntington Place & Ling Road, which had become disused & enclosed within a household garden boundaries.

Minute No. 171

Next Meeting

Members were advised that the next meeting would be held on 20 February 2017.

The meeting finished at 8.35 pm.

Signed

Chairman

Date