

SEATON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17 JULY 2017

Present:

Councillor P F Bateman

Councillor M Ditchburn

Councillor A Grey

Councillor Mrs L Harwood (Chairman)

Councillor D Horsley

Councillor M Jenkinson

Councillor R McCracken

Councillor J Musgrave

Councillor Mrs J Norman

Councillor K Slone

Councillor Mrs C Tibble

Clerk: P Bramley

Minute No. 50

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs K P Birkett, S Forrester, J Sandwith & C Woodman.

Minute No. 51

Declarations of Interest

A declaration of interest was declared by Councillor K Slone, Item 7, Personal.

Minute No. 52

Requests for Dispensations

None received.

Minute No. 53

Minutes of Meeting held on 19 June 2017

Resolved that the minutes of the Meeting held on 19 June 2017 be accepted and signed as a correct record.

Minute No. 54

Police Report

A report was received from PCSO Lisa Jackson. It was reported that motorbikes have been seen being ridden on Meadow Vale football pitches & also that the Police do not deal with lost property issues any longer.

Resolved that the report be noted & the Police asked to investigate the motorbike issue reported.

Minute No. 55

Progress Reports

1) Clerk

Resolved that the progress report be noted & that Allerdale Borough Council be contacted concerning damaged litter bins at a number of sites.

2) Village Hall

Councillor Mrs C Tibble advised that the committee was seeking ways to assist the Bowling Club with funding for the proposed extension. In addition, following issues with parking, signs were to be erected to clarify arrangements.

Resolved that the progress report be noted.

Minute No. 56

Allotments

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

- 1) A Certificate for Lawful Development had been submitted to Allerdale Borough Council.
- 2) The Council had received two letters from Mr P Haughin of Seaton Allotment Association, which expressed concerns at the involvement of residents in discussions with the Seaton Allotment Working Party.
- 3) A meeting of the Allotment Working Party would be held on 20 July, principally to consider arrangements for the supply & installation of external fencing to the site.

Resolved that the position be noted & actions undertaken endorsed.

Minute No. 57

Public Questions

- 1) Ms Gemma Hannah of High Seaton sought guidance on whether the Parish Council would be represented at the Allerdale Borough Council Development Panel Meeting to be held on 25 July for the consideration of the planning application by Story Homes for a residential development at High Seaton. Ms Hannah was advised that the Parish Council had submitted objections to the proposed development & it was suggested that she write to each member of the Development Panel outlining concerns with the proposal.

Minute No. 58

County & District Councillors' Reports

1) Cumbria County Council

Councillor Mrs C Tibble advised that an administration had been formed at Cumbria County Council & that she had been appointed as Executive member with responsibility for the Environment, a portfolio which encompassed a wide range of responsibilities.

The Allerdale Area Committee had received a report on school pupil numbers in Allerdale. It was reported that Seaton had experienced a 'blip' in numbers in 2017, & that the report indicated that after five years, there were likely to be spare places at both Seaton schools. Councillor M Jenkinson reported that schools receive a projection of pupil numbers some eighteen months in advance of the school year commencing & it was suggested that Seaton Junior School had not acted on this information in 2015. He advised that over the following two years it was projected that there would be over sixty pupils at Seaton Academy & that Seaton Junior School required two further

classrooms, so was preparing for the opportunity to request a specific Section 106 Agreement to suit projected numbers.

Councillor Tibble reported that work would commence on 24 July on the construction of a school crossing over the main road at Seaton Academy. She also reported that the County Council Executive member responsible for Highways had intervened to require contractors working on Camerton Road to comply with the law, allowing access for farmers.

2) Allerdale Borough Council

Councillor M Jenkinson reported that the development site at the former Coachman Inn was in a poor state of presentation which he was trying to have addressed. He advised that, with regard to Planning Application 2/2017/0335, he had requested Sport England to be consulted, given the potential impact on the football pitch & supporting infrastructure. He also advised that work to address the culverting issues with Ling Beck were due to commence imminently.

Minute No. 59

Seaton Scarecrow Festival 2017

Councillor Mrs L Harwood reported on the Scarecrow Festival 2017, in which there had been 25 entries, less than in past years, but a reasonable turnout on trail day, given the number of alternative events at the same time. It was suggested that the Council consider more involvement of the public in the organisation of next year's event, together with not charging an entry fee.

Resolved that the report be noted & that Mr Kevin Moore be thanked for his contribution to the festival.

Minute No. 60

Dropped Kerbs

The Council received a report on the lack of dropped kerbs in Seaton, with many areas being reported as having none, so preventing access by wheelchair users.

Resolved that members notify the Clerk of specific sites where dropped kerbs are considered to be needed for reporting to Cumbria County Council.

Minute No. 61

Hunters Drive Play Area

Further to the Council's expression of interest in taking over Hunters Drive Play Area from Allerdale Borough Council, (Minute 104/2016 refers), consideration was given to a draft Heads of Terms document submitted by Allerdale Borough Council

Resolved that the Council open discussions with Allerdale Borough Council with a view to progressing the transfer, & seek information concerning the cost of grounds & equipment maintenance, together with a report on the condition of the equipment.

Minute No. 62

Cumbria in Bloom 2018

Resolved that, further to Minute 235/2017, a Working Party be established to progress the Council's contribution to Cumbria in Bloom 2018, consisting of Councillors M Ditchburn, Mrs L Harwood, D Horsley, M Jenkinson, R McCracken & K Slone, & that a meeting be arranged involving interested members of the public, to which Cumbria in Bloom official Mr Alan Heath be invited to offer advice.

Minute No. 63

Christmas Lights

Members received a report concerning consideration of possible alternative sites for the erection of additional Christmas Light displays. It was noted that regulations impacted on the extent that lights could be displayed at Seaton service station & that Cumbria Police Authority was unwilling to permit displays to be placed on the security camera pole by Seaton shops. No objections had been given by Seaton shop holders to erecting mini Christmas trees on the walls above the shops & Kow Loon had agreed to the Council accessing its external electric supply.

Resolved that the report be noted & the arrangements agreed, & that a meeting of the Christmas Lights Working Party be held in September.

Minute No. 64

Planning Issues

Resolved that the following observations on planning applications be made:

Reference No: HOU/2017/0132
Applicant: Mr B McMullen
Proposal: Two storey extension
Location: 4 Ling Beck View, Seaton

No Objections

Reference No: 2/2017/0335
Applicant: Mr D Johnstone
Proposal: Erection of six workshop units, Unit 1 to be used as B2, (metal extraction), use class, units 2 to 6 to be mixed use B2, (light industrial), & B8 use class. Erection of palisade fencing around boundary of site.
Location: Eastman Chemicals, Siddick, Workington

Concern expressed at the potential impact of the development on the use of the football pitch adjacent to the site & it be suggested that Sport England be consulted by the planning authority

Reference No: HOU/2017/0153
Applicant: Mr & Mrs R Crenshaw
Proposal: Kitchen single storey extension & extension to garage
Location: Wynfell, Main Road, Seaton

No Objections

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

Reference No: HOU/2017/0107
Applicant: Mr & Mrs A Hall
Proposal: Construction of single storey porch extension
Location: 38 Kelsick Park, Seaton

APPROVED

Reference No: HOU/2017/0113
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Allison
Proposal: Demolition of conservatory & rebuild sunroom extended across the back of existing kitchen & first floor extension. Resubmission of HOU/2016/0065
Location: Seaton Park House, Main Road, Seaton

APPROVED

Reference No: HOU/2017/0218
Applicant: Roslyn Colderly
Proposal: Surfacing of access point adjacent to Seaton Library, linking Ling Beck Park to National Cycle Network Route
Location: Access adjacent to Seaton Library, Main Road, Seaton

APPROVED

Minute No. 65

Accounts – July 2017

Resolved that the accounts listed in the schedule, totalling £16,399.15, be agreed for payment.

Minute No. 66

Finance Report

Members received a report showing actual expenditure & income for the period 1 April to 30 June 2017, in comparison to budget.

Resolved that:

The report be agreed.

Minute No. 67

Risk Assessment & Management Review 2017/18

Members considered the 2017/18 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. 68

Meeting Extension

Resolved that the meeting be extended beyond 9.00pm to allow consideration of the following items of business.

Meeting No. 69

Correspondence

Correspondence received since the last meeting was noted.

Resolved that:

- 1) Action with Communities in Cumbria be contacted to arrange, subject to no additional cost, the supply of Household Emergency Planning documents developed by the group.
- 2) It be noted that Connected Cumbria was running a Superfast Broadband in Seaton Event on Monday 14 August at 7pm at Seaton Village Hall & that members promote the event.
- 3) The agents for the developer of an expansion to the Willow Farm at Low Seaton, Mitchells, be advised that the Council had seen the letter sent to residents by Mitchells & had concerns with a number of aspects of the proposals, namely:
 - a) Destructive work to hedgerows carried out by the developer during stage 1 of the development, which appeared to show no regard for birds nesting, in contravention of the provisions of the Countryside Act.
 - b) Destructive work to stone walls carried out by the developer during stage 1 of the development.
 - c) Concern at further proposals which would cause damage to ancient hedgerows, particularly given the apparent disregard for wildlife noted in (a) above.
 - d) Concern at alterations made to Seaton Mill stream without apparent agreement by the Environment Agency, indicating a possible propensity for the developer to act similarly in stage 2 of the development to that in stage 1.
 - e) Concern that the proposed development may exacerbate existing flooding problems.
 - f) The impact of three metre high trees on the visual aspect from the surrounding areas.
 - g) Concern that there will be a major impact on the environment every three years when the trees are harvested.

In addition, the Council would like to know how any concerns will be addressed & whether the developer proposes to submit an Environmental Impact Assessment report & to whom.

- 4) Further to the invitation by Allerdale Borough Council to speak at its Development Panel Meeting at 1pm on 25 July 2017 on the Story Homes Application for Development to the north east of the Coachman Inn, in the event of all members present indicating their unavailability to attend, Councillor J Sandwith's availability be sought.

Minute No. 70

Councillors' Reports

- 1) It was agreed to seek from Allerdale Borough Council details of any Rights of Way allowance permitted to residents adjacent to Hunters Drive Playing Field.
- 2) It was agreed that a robust solution be sought to repair the bus shelter on Hunters Drive.
- 3) It was reported that Seaton Play & Toddler Group had organised a Family Fun Day at Seaton Village Hall on 29 July, with funding provided by Councillor Mrs C Tibble.
- 4) It was agreed to again report concerns at the extent of weeds on pavements around Seaton & continued speeding problems on the main road to Cumbria County Council.

Minute No. 71

Next Meeting

Members were advised that the next meeting would be held on 18 September 2017.

The meeting finished at 9.30 pm.

Signed

Chairman

Date