

# SEATON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 JUNE 2017

### **Present:**

Councillor P F Bateman

Councillor S Forrester

Councillor A Grey

Councillor Mrs L Harwood (Chairman)

Councillor D Horsley

Councillor Mrs J Norman

Councillor J Sandwith

Councillor Mrs C Tibble

Councillor C Woodman

**Clerk:** P Bramley

### **Minute No. 28**

#### **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs K P Birkett, M Ditchburn, M Jenkinson, R McCracken, J Musgrave & K Slone.

### **Minute No. 29**

#### **Declarations of Interest**

None received.

### **Minute No. 30**

#### **Requests for Dispensations**

None received.

### **Minute No. 31**

#### **Minutes of Meeting held on 15 May 2017**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Meeting held on 15 May 2017 be accepted and signed as a correct record.

### **Minute No. 32**

#### **Police Report**

A report was received from PCSO Lisa Jackson.

**Resolved** that the report be noted.

### **Minute No. 33**

#### **Progress Reports**

##### **1) Clerk**

**Resolved** that the progress report be noted.

## **2) Village Hall**

Councillor Mrs C Tibble advised that the committee was pursuing an extension for the Bowling Club, but that a full methane survey was required. Usage continued to be high & the organisation in surplus.

**Resolved** that the progress report be noted.

## **Minute No. 34**

### **Allotments**

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

- 1) A meeting of Council members of the Allotment Party had reviewed the pre-planning advice received from Allerdale Borough Council Planning Service. Members had agreed to submit two separate applications for a Certificate of Lawful Development, one to exclude footpaths & the other to include the footpath across the Meadow Vale playing field perimeter only. Councillor M Jenkinson was in discussions with Iggesund concerning the provision of a footpath leading to the rear of the proposed allotment site from the cycletrack, which would obviate the need for, although not exclude the provision of, the latter footpath.

**Resolved** that the position be noted & actions undertaken endorsed.

## **Minute No. 35**

### **Public Questions**

A number of members of the public with an interest in planning applications 2/2017/0277, 2/2017/0278 & 2/2017/0279 on Camerton Road attended the meeting.

- 1) Mr Chris Sellick reported Barepot residents' concerns with additional water flowing through Gale Brook potentially exacerbating flooding problems. Gale Brook was the major source of flooding in Barepot in December 2015; surface & highway drainage is understood to discharge into the beck. In addition, the pressure on the sewerage system led to flooding in both 2009 & 2015; Mr Sellick believes that additional discharge to the system from new properties would only worsen problems for households further down the system.
- 2) Mr Colin Vaughan advised of concerns with the potential impact of additional traffic on roads in Seaton, which he thought to be at least two hundred extra vehicles, suggesting that the roads in the area were already problematic, particularly Causeway Road, Church Road & Low Seaton. Councillor Mrs C Tibble reported that she has held site meetings with various management staff from Cumbria County Highways & had written to Cumbria County Council Highways Manager expressing her objections to the proposed developments due to the potential traffic impact. She had supplied picture evidence of the roads in the area when usage had been high & asked that further site visits take place prior to the County Council submitting its comments as a part of the consultation process. Councillor Tibble also advised that she would be requesting her attendance at the local area meeting where the matter was discussed by Cumbria County Council.

Councillor Bateman reported a meeting held between Council members & a Cumbria Highways officer, Mr Matthew Reeves, & advised of Mr Reeve's preference not to introduce a one-way road system on Church Road due to concerns with the tendency, in his opinion, of such systems to encourage speeding.

Councillor Sandwith suggested that if the housing developments proceeded, there would be traffic chaos in Seaton whatever road system was in place. He suggested members of the public write individually to Allerdale Borough Council expressing their views on the proposed developments.

- 3) Ms Gill Brinicombe reported concerns with the potential impact of the developments on school numbers. She advised that the larger development included an estimated additional 38 children, which she considered a vast underestimate of the likely number, particularly given the number of three, four & five bedroom properties proposed. She had concerns with the impact of likely numbers on Seaton schools, on allocation of school places & on transport arrangements for secondary school pupils. She asked if the estimated number of children in the large application could be challenged, noting that the smaller applications allowed for no children. Ms Brinicombe also asked note to be taken of the extent of undeveloped land in the larger development & the likelihood that the land would be developed later. Councillor Tibble advised that she had arranged for school pupil numbers to be included on the next local Cumbria County Council meeting agenda. She said that there were no pupil number restrictions on academies, only those under local authority control, but would request an indication of pupil numbers & the impact on the area to be prepared. She advised that the figures for the number of children & the number of vehicles used in the planning applications were based on nationally set formulae.

#### **Minute No. 36**

##### **County & District Councillors' Reports**

###### **1) Allerdale Borough Council**

Councillor Sandwith advised he had no matters to report.

###### **2) Cumbria County Council**

Councillor Tibble advised that, as yet, following the County Council elections in May, no agreement on Council control had been reached between the respective parties.

#### **Minute No. 37**

##### **Application for Financial Assistance – Seaton ARLFC**

**Resolved** that a grant of £200 be awarded to Seaton ARLFC in support of a player selected for an international tour.

**Minute No. 38**

**Seaton Scarecrow Festival 2017**

Councillor Mrs L Harwood reported on the award of prizes at Seaton's schools to the winners of the Scarecrow Festival poster design competitions, & asked for assistance from members on Festival Trail Day on 8 July. Councillor Forrester reported on potential trophy styles.

**Resolved** that such members as were available assist with trail day administration & a glass style of trophy be ordered.

**Minute No. 39**

**Rat Infestation**

**Resolved** that quotes be sought for treating rat infestation in the following areas:

- 1) Lowca Lane in the vicinity of the bridge by the shops.
- 2) Kennedy Road.
- 3) Donald Road.
- 4) Croftfield Road, (particularly around number 20).
- 5) Rosebeck.
- 6) Barncroft Avenue.
- 7) Causeway Road.

**Minute No. 40**

**Dropped Kerbs**

**Resolved** that the matter be deferred to the next meeting.

**Minute No. 41**

**Allerdale Borough Council Community Fund**

**Resolved** that a Working Party, consisting on Councillors S Forrester, Mrs L Harwood, D Horsley & M Jenkinson be established & a meeting with Allerdale Borough Council Town Centre Manager Mr Toni Magean be arranged.

**Minute No. 42**

**Proposed Work in Scar Bank Wood**

**Resolved** that work proposed to be carried out to improve footpaths in Scar Bank Wood be agreed & that the consent form for the proposed work be signed.

**Minute No. 43**

**Planning Issues**

**Resolved** that the following observations on planning applications be made:

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

**No Objections**

Reference No: 2/2017/0218  
Applicant: Roslyn Colderly  
Proposal: Surfacing of access point adjacent to Seaton Library, linking Lingbeck Park to National Cycleway Network Route 71  
Location: Access adjacent to Seaton Library, Main Road, Seaton  
**No Objections**

Reference No: 2/2017/0278  
Applicant: Ms A Copsey  
Proposal: Outline application for erection of five dwellings including reserved matters of access only  
Location: North of Camerton Road, Seaton  
**Objections based on concern with ingress & egress to a small country road, encompassing poor sight lines, with no pavements & no room to introduce them, together with unsuitable proposals for pedestrian access through fields or across a cycletrack to a fence. It is suggested that the walk to school times have been miscalculated.**

Reference No: 2/2017/0277  
Applicant: Mrs A Copsey, Trustees of Copsey Family Trust  
Proposal: Hybrid planning application for outline permission of up to 100 dwellings, with details of access & associated works & full planning permission for the partial demolition of the Royal British Legion & relocation of car park  
Location: Princess Hall, Low Seaton, Seaton  
**Objections to the proposals based on the potential impact of the additional properties on the area. Access arrangements are considered to be unsuitable, currently overused highways inadequate to support the likely additional traffic, serious safety concerns for pedestrians & vehicle users. The facilities are considered inadequate for a village with a population greater than Keswick & the infrastructure inadequate, with concerns for the potential impact of flooding in the drainage zone for the site. Consideration should be taken of other properties already coming onto the market in Seaton & the cumulative impact of proposed developments on the area services & infrastructure, which appear to be related to Seaton's inclusion within the Workington Local Plan Area.**

Reference No: 2/2017/0279  
Applicant: Ms A Copsey  
Proposal: Outline application for four dwellings including access  
Location: Hillside, Camerton Road, Seaton  
**Objections based on concern with ingress & egress to a small country road, encompassing poor sight lines, with no pavements & no room to introduce them, together with unsuitable proposals for pedestrian access through fields or across a cycletrack to a fence. It is suggested that the walk to school times have been miscalculated.**

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

Reference No: HOU/2017/0059  
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Haile  
Proposal: Conversion of existing garage to kitchen/dining area & first floor extension  
Location: 75 Whitestiles, Seaton  
**APPROVED**

Reference No: HOU/2017/0063  
Applicant: Mr Ian Blackwell  
Proposal: 2 storey extension to rear of property to add additional bedroom & kitchen/diner  
Location: 28 Lowca Lane, Seaton  
**REFUSED**

#### **Minute No. 44**

##### **Accounts – June 2017**

**Resolved** that the accounts listed in the schedule, totalling £8,848.67, including payments agreed at the meeting, be agreed for payment.

#### **Minute No. 45**

##### **Financial Reserves 2016/17**

**Resolved** that the report be agreed & the following be agreed:

- 1) A contribution of £120 to general reserves.
- 2) An increase in the Allerdale Borough Council Community Grant Reserve of £4,990.
- 3) An increase in the Brick Dubs Development Reserve of £5,000.
- 4) The provision of an Elections Reserve of £7,000.
- 5) A contribution to an Environmental Improvements Reserve of £1,400.

**Minute No. 46**

**Internal Audit Report 2016/17**

Members received a report from the Council's Internal Auditor, Sharron Scholey, following her audit of the 2016/17 accounts. Ms Scholey advised that the 2016/17 internal audit did not find any areas of significant concern and that the procedures being followed were both effective and efficient.

**Resolved** that the report be accepted & the Clerk commended.

**Minute No. 47**

**Correspondence**

Correspondence received since the last meeting was noted.

**Resolved** that:

- 1) No objections be offered to the proposed name of 'The Woodlands' to the new housing development adjacent to Hazelgrove.
- 2) If a suitable flag can be located, & facilities for its display made suitable, the Council agree to fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day 3 September 2017.
- 3) In the event of no volunteers having come forward, Mr Rushton of Connecting Cumbria be advised of the Council's withdrawal of its offer to host a superfast broadband event in Seaton.

**Minute No. 48**

**Councillors' Reports**

- 1) It was reported that Sustrans was planning to resurface the cycletrack between Camerton & Seaton.
- 2) It was agreed to request Cumbria County Council to make improvements to the surface of the track leading from Quality Corner to Seaton Junior School & in addition that the hedgerows be cut back.
- 3) It was agreed to repair the section of the footpath between Low Seaton & Barepot which is subject to flooding.

**Minute No. 49**

**Next Meeting**

Members were advised that the next meeting would be held on 17 July 2017.

The meeting finished at 8.40 pm.

Signed .....

Chairman

Date .....