

SEATON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16 APRIL 2018

Present:

Councillor P Bateman	Councillor Mrs J King
Councillor M Ditchburn	Councillor M Jenkinson
Councillor S Forrester	Councillor J Musgrave
Councillor Mrs L Harwood (Chairman)	Councillor Mrs J Norman
Councillor D Horsley	Councillor Mrs M Sandwith
	Councillor K Slone

Clerk: P Bramley

Minute No. 210

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs K Birkett, R McCracken & J Sandwith.

Minute No. 211

Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received from: Councillor Mrs J King, Item 11, Planning Application 2/2018/0148, Personal; Mrs J Norman, Item 11, Planning Application 2/2018/0148, Personal: & Councillor K Slone, Item 8, Personal.

Minute No. 212

Requests for Dispensation

None received.

Minute No. 213

Minutes of Meeting held on 19 March 2018

Resolved that the minutes of the Meeting held on 19 March 2018 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

Minute No. 214

Progress Reports

1) Clerk

Resolved that the progress report be noted & that, following advice from Cumbria County Council that it was not prepared to install fencing on Scaw Bank footpath, & that the Parish Council could do so at its own risk, no further action be taken in this regard.

2) Village Hall

Councillor Mrs L Harwood advised of concerns received that the Village Hall was not being sufficiently heated for events. Councillor M Ditchburn agreed to speak to the Caretaker. It was also reported that dog fouling was a problem on the mini-pitch next to the hall, & that the fencing was not preventing access by dogs. Councillor D Horsley offered to attend to the fencing.

Resolved that the report be noted & that Allerdale Borough Council be requested to step-up enforcement of dog fouling legislation in the area.

Minute No. 215

Public Questions

- 1) Mr Mark Bowes of Quality Corner reported on problems with vehicle access to his property as a result of actions taken by a neighbour. He advised that he had had considerable correspondence with Cumbria County Council, which had denied responsibility. It was noted that the definitive map of the area shows that highway reference U2309, Brown's Place Section 104, is the responsibility of Cumbria County Council.

Resolved that:

- a) The Parish Council contact Cumbria County Council, citing the Highways Act 1980, Section 130(6), Protection of Public Rights, which provides a duty on the local highway authority to take proper proceedings, requesting that it address the problem.
 - b) The Parish Council report concerns with the standard of work carried out by a resident of the area concerned, following examination of photographic evidence, to Allerdale Borough Council Building Control service.
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- 2) Mrs Janet & Mr Richard Crawshaw reported on visibility problems with exiting their property on Main Road, opposite the junction with Derwent Avenue. The Council was advised that Cumbria County Council had been requested to install a suitable mirror opposite the property to assist with visibility, but had refused. It was noted that the main problems were caused by the extent of a neighbouring hedge linked to the speed of traffic travelling on the main road from the Workington direction, & that there had been a bad road traffic accident in that area recently. It was suggested that a mutual agreement with a neighbour to reduce the size & extent of a hedge may assist in resolving the problem.
- Resolved** that Cumbria County Council be contacted to request that it address the problem, through investigating the possible encroachment of the hedge onto the highway, the installation of a suitable mirror, or by other means.

Minute No. 216

County & District Councillors' Reports

1) Allerdale Borough Council

Councillor M Jenkinson reported that the WiFi cabinet serving the area including Seaton Parish Rooms was now operational.

Resolved that the report be noted.

Minute No. 217

Allotments

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

- 1) Internal pathways & hard standing sites for sheds at the Meadow Vale site had been completed & twenty sheds were in the process of being delivered & installed, with completion expected by the end of the week.
- 2) The development of an access path from the car park to the allotment site at Meadow Vale was proceeding satisfactorily. It was noted that concerns reported by residents in the area had led to a site visit from Allerdale Borough Council Enforcement Officer, who appeared satisfied that the works constituted permitted development. Subsequently, a suggestion had been received from Allerdale Borough Council Planning Manager Mr Steve Long, suggesting that the Council may like, for the avoidance of doubt, to pursue either a certificate of lawfulness or a planning application for the works. However members of the Allotment Working Party consulted on this matter did not express a wish to pursue either course, given that the works were to bring an existing footpath up to Cumbria County Council adoptable standard, were believed to be permitted development, the Parish Council owned the land & had obtained supportive counsel opinion on its powers to develop an access route, & the potential timescale involved.
- 3) Significant damage to a contractor's vehicle, which was believed to have taken place over the Easter weekend, amounting to some £2,000, was reported to have delayed work on the Allotment Site for a few days. It appeared from the type & extent of damage that it had been carried out by perpetrators with expertise in vehicle mechanics. The matter had been reported to Cumbria Police.
- 4) Tree planting work at Meadow Vale Allotment Site was due to take place at 10am on Friday 20 April at Meadow Vale. Councillor D Horsley had obtained over 400 saplings from the Woodland Trust which were of a species suitable to form a natural hedgerow. Seaton Schools' children would be taking part, as well as volunteers from the village, & Council members were invited to join in.

Resolved that the position be noted & the decisions taken agreed.

Minute No. 218

Seaton's Got Talent

Resolved that a grant of £150 be awarded to Seaton Village Choir to support the Seaton's Got Talent competition 2018.

Minute No. 219

Seaton Scarecrow Festival

Councillor Mrs J Norman reported that the Council had received permission from Allerdale Borough Council Assistant Business Development Manager Mr Ernie Davidson to include decorated wheelie bins as a part of the festival, if it so wished, provided that the decorations weren't offensive & didn't affect the ability of refuse collection crews to collect the bins in the future.

Resolved that a meeting of the Scarecrow Festival Working Party be held to discuss arrangements for the 2018 Festival & that Councillors Mrs J King, Mrs J Norman & Mrs M Sandwith join the Working Party.

Minute No. 220

Planning Issues

Resolved: that the following observations on planning applications be made, (note that Councillor Mrs J King left the room whilst application 2/2018/0148 was considered):

Reference No: 2/2018/0136
Applicant: Mr D Johnstone, Millweld Engineering Ltd
Proposal: Variation of condition 2 on application 2/2017/0335 for reduction from 6 to 4 units & reposition of one unit on site due to restrictions of water main
Location: Eastman Chemicals, Siddick, Workington
No Objections

Reference No: 2/2018/0148
Applicant: Mr D A Brown
Proposal: Erection of detached dwelling
Location: Land at Sunnyside, Seaton
No Objections

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

Reference No: HOU/2017/0257
Applicant: Mr Martin Sandwith
Proposal: Two storey rear extension
Location: Hall Garth, 57 Low Seaton, Seaton
APPROVED

Minute No. 221

Accounts – April 2018

Resolved that:

- 1) The accounts listed in the schedule, totalling £14,563.63, be agreed for payment.
- 2) It be agreed to award annual grants of the stated amounts to the specified organisations for the years 2018/19 to 2020/21:

• 1st Seaton Scout Group	£500
• Hospice at Home West Cumbria	£200
• Seaton Athletics Club	£500
• Maintenance of St Peter's & St Pauls Churchyards	£1,000
• Seaton Children's Carnival	£500
• 1 st Seaton Rainbows	£250
• Seaton Club for Young People	£500

Minute No. 222

Finance Report

Members received a report showing actual expenditure & income for the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018, in comparison to budget.

Resolved that:

- 1) The report be agreed & variances noted.
- 2) Virements of £800 from Legal Fees to Property Repairs & Maintenance, (£200); Planning Fees, (£100) & Miscellaneous Expenditure, (£500), be agreed.
- 3) A virement of £250 from Equipment to Postages, Stationery & General Expenses be agreed.
- 4) A virement of £100 from Festivals to Subscriptions, (£70), & External Audit Fees, (£30), be agreed.
- 5) Contributions from Earmarked Reserves of £3,050 in respect of Jackson Street Play Area; £330 in respect of Environmental Improvements; & £35,620 in respect of Meadow Vale allotment Site development be noted.
- 6) A contribution from Earmarked Reserves of £7,000 in respect of Election 2015 costs be noted.

Meeting No. 223

Correspondence

Correspondence received since the last meeting was noted.

Resolved that:

- 1) No further comments be offered in respect of APP/G0908/W/18/3197769, an appeal by Ms A Copsey against planning refusal concerning a site at Hillside, Camerton Road, Seaton.
- 2) A meeting of the Seaton Junior Football Club Working Party be arranged to discuss a request for a drainage system beside the footpath under development at Meadow Vale.
- 3) No objections be offered concerning a Temporary Road Closure for Seaton Children's Carnival on 9 June 2018.

Minute No. 224

Councillors' Reports

- 1) It was reported that a Casino Night would be held at Seaton Village Hall on 12 May to raise funds for Seaton Village Hall Car Park improvements.
- 2) It was reported that rats were prevalent on Ling Beck, Meadow Vale & Hazelgrove estates.
- 3) It was agreed to request ongoing reports from Cumbria Police concerning a recent racial problem in Seaton.
- 4) It was agreed to request a response from the relevant Cumbria Police Inspector to the Council's objections to the removal of regular Police reports to the Council & replacement with a six weekly meeting for a group of Councils' representatives.

Minute No. 225

Next Meeting

Members were advised that the next meeting, the Annual Council Meeting, would be held on 21 May 2018.

The meeting finished at 8.45 pm.

Signed

Chairman

Date