

MINUTES: of the Meeting of Seamer Parish Council held in the Community Centre, Crossgates, Scarborough on 9 July 2019 commencing at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor L Wallis (Chairman) in the Chair;
Councillors T Groves, S Hill, H Mallory, V Milner, D Raine, J Ridsdale, WH Smith, J Stockdale and J White;
County Councillor D Jeffels, Police Sergeant 272 V Quigley, Police Community Support Officer 6780 A Wilkinson, ten members of the public and the clerk.

54 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Stockdale signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the start of the meeting.

55 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Secretary of Seamer Sports Association.

56 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Groves declared a personal interest in any matter arising on the agenda in relation to the Seamer and Irton Memorial Hall, as he was a representative on the Management Committee.

Councillor Mallory declared a personal interest in any matter arising on the agenda in relation to the Seamer Sports Association, as she was a representative on the Association.

Councillor Milner declared personal interests in any matter arising on the agenda in relation to the Friends of Seamer Village, as she was Secretary of the Group, and in relation the Linden Homes' housing development near Stoney Hags Road and Beacon Road, as she lived in that area.

Councillor Raine declared a personal interest in any matter arising on the agenda in relation to the Friends of Seamer Village, as he was a member of the Group.

Councillor Smith declared a personal interest in any matter arising on the agenda in relation to the Crossgates Community Centre, as he was Chairman of the Association.

Councillor Wallis declared personal interests in any matter arising on the agenda in relation to Station Road, as she lived in that area, and in relation to the Crossgates Community Centre, as she was a representative on the Association.

57 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Further to minute 38 of the last meeting, the Council considered appointing a representative to the Youth Club Management Committee.

RESOLVED that the Youth Club Management Committee be asked to confirm its members' commitment to attendance and effective Council representation.

58 TRAVELLERS' HORSE FAIR

The Council considered a verbal report by PS Quigley, concerning: further reduced attendance, vehicles and horses being anticipated, than 2018; the opening of the site from 0600 Friday 12 to 1800 on Monday 15 July 2019; an on-site Police, Local Authority and RSPCA presence; the basing of the Police mobile unit from the Main Street area of Seamer; foot patrols operating from vehicles to be parked at Flower Court, and any incidents to be reported to the Police by telephoning 101 or 999, as appropriate, to ensure accurate recording and a suitable response via the central control room and local despatchers. Responding to questions, PS Quigley confirmed that offences meeting the threshold for arrest and custody, supported by a history and evidence, would be likely to result in arrest in the normal way and specifically that there was no policy to the contrary.

RESOLVED that the report be received, with thanks.

59 MONTHLY POLICE REPORT

The Council noted that the monthly Police report had not been received, for which PS Quigley apologised and offered to follow the matter up.

The Council considered a verbal report by PCSO Wilkinson that Officers had responded to an alarm and possible attempted break in at the Seamer Sports Association on 25 June 2019 and an adult male acting suspiciously, including taking photographs of houses and gardens, on 4 July 2019. The community was asked to be particularly vigilant and to report concerns immediately. Officers had given advice to a parent about their young child riding an electric scooter in the road. High visibility patrols had been undertaken to deter unsafe parking near the School and anti-social behaviour near and at the railway station. Councillors and members of the public highlighted vehicles travelling the wrong way on White Horse Lane, and anti-social behaviour and littering at and near to the bus shelter opposite Station Road. It was noted that an offender had to be caught in the act by the Police or direct evidence of the individual and their actions made available, for Police action to follow.

RESOLVED that: (i) the apology and report be received, with thanks.

- (ii) the June Police report be provided and distributed to Councillors, and circulated and published for the next meeting with the July Police report.

60 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the previously circulated minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11 June 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

61 MATTERS ARISING

None.

62 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following matters were raised by members of the public and Councillor Jeffels, whose report was also considered, and discussed:

- (a) archaeology and quarrying locally.
- (b) hedge cutting in the Pasture Lane and Long Lane areas.
- (c) street names for the Linden Homes development in Stoney Haggs Road.
- (d) further to minute 24 of the meeting held on 14 May 2019, re traffic calming on the B1261 at Crossgates, provision of a pedestrian crossing/island refuge.
- (e) further to minute 29 (c) of the meeting held on 14 May 2019, a proposed traffic management system to address Station Road parking and extending into Byward Drive.
- (f) further to minute 167 of the meeting held on 12 February 2018, re management of heavy traffic for the Linden Homes Development in Stoney Haggs Road, installation of traffic lights at the crossroads of Pasture Lane and Stoney Haggs Road.
- (g) a broken highway destination sign on the Crossgates to Musham Bank section of the B1261.
- (h) a delay on the pedestrian crossing near Proudfoots.
- (i) dog mess in Pasture Lane and Byward Drive.

RESOLVED that: (i) the report be received, with thanks.

- (ii) the Council had already proposed street names for the Linden Homes development.
- (iii) the Council consider the County Council's proposals for traffic calming on the B1261, following the County Council's engineer's recommendations, noting Councillor Jeffels' suggestion that a scheme could be part funded through his County Council Locality Budget for environmental work.
- (iv) the Council consider the County Council's proposals for a traffic management system to address Station Road parking and extending into Byward Drive, following Councillor Jeffels receiving further information and/or when it goes out to public consultation, noting Councillor Jeffels' suggestion that, if necessary, he will call another public meeting to be held at Crossgates Community Centre.
- (v) the Council receive further information on the installation of traffic lights at the crossroads of Pasture Lane and Stoney Haggs Road, following Councillor Jeffels receiving further information in this matter.
- (vi) the Council receive further information on the broken highway destination sign on the Crossgates to Musham Bank section of the B1261, following Councillor Jeffels raising this matter with the County Council and receiving further information.
- (vii) the Council receive further information on delay on the pedestrian crossing near Proudfoots, following Councillor Jeffels raising this matter with the County Council and receiving further information.
- (viii) Scarborough Borough Council be asked to provide litter and dog waste bins in Pasture Lane, and to monitor the situation by regular patrols by Wardens.

63 TREE PLANTING

Further to minute 40 of the last meeting, the Council considered a verbal report by Councillor Hill, that he was due to attend a meeting on this matter on 15 July 2019.

RESOLVED that consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting to enable Councillor Hill to report further.

64 TEMPORARY VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN (VAS)

Further to minute 43 of the last meeting, the Council considered:

- (a) a further response received from the Clerk to West Ayton Parish Council, that West Ayton PC was keen to pursue a possible joint purchase of VAS with neighbouring PCs and was seeking further information.
- (b) a response received from the Clerk to Irton and East Ayton Parish Councils that Irton PC could consider the matter at its next meeting and East Ayton PC was purchasing 3 VAS.
- (c) a response received from the County Council that the permanent VAS, which was no longer operational, was programmed to be removed from Main Street, Seamer on 3 July 2019.
- (d) an invitation received from the County Council's Highways Customer Communications Officer to Parish Council workshops, to which a Councillor and the Clerk were invited.

RESOLVED that: (i) the correspondence be received.

(ii) the permanent VAS had been removed.

(iii) the Chairman and the Clerk attend one of the Parish Council workshops.

(iv) it be confirmed whether the Council received a response to a request for monitoring and enforcement under the Speed Management Protocol in late 2018 or early 2019.

(v) the matter be considered further at the next meeting.

65 PUBLIC SEATS

- (a) Further to minute 46(ii) of the last meeting, the Council considered a verbal report by the clerk, that no response had been received from the Borough Council as to its views on the possible siting of a bench near the BMX track.
- (b) Further to minute 9 of the meeting held on 9 April 2019, the Council considered a verbal report by the clerk, that following the previous 5 quotations sought for the refurbishment of the public seats in Seamer and Crossgates, of which 1 quotation was received but then withdrawn in writing, 5 further quotations had been sought, of which 2 quotations were received and the work awarded accordingly. Councillor Stockdale reported the work was nearing completion and, subject to the weather, should be completed in 10 days. The clerk reported that thanks had been received from a member of the public concerning the refurbished bench in Long Lane.
- (c) The Council considered a verbal report by Councillor Milner, that a bench and litterbin had been removed from Stoney Haggs Road. Councillor Ridsdale understood this might have been removed temporarily by Linden Homes for safe storage in its compound.

RESOLVED that: (i) the reports be received.

(ii) Scarborough Borough Council be asked to respond as to its views on the possible siting of a bench near the BMX track.

(iii) the existing refurbishment be completed prior to the next meeting.

(iv) Linden Homes be asked to confirm the temporary removal and safe storage of the bench and litterbin from Stoney Haggs Road, and arrangements for their reinstatement in Stoney Haggs Road in good condition.

66 'CAROUSEL' EQUIPMENT AT THE GREEN

Further to minute 46(iv) of the last meeting, the Council considered the report of 1 July 2019 of the Chairman and Vice Chairman on the removal of the roundabout from The Green on child safety grounds and the temporary making safe of the site, and a response from the manufacturers of 9 July 2019.

RESOLVED that: (i) the report and correspondence be received.

(ii) a local building hire firm be asked to urgently make the site of the roundabout more safe and secure with appropriate barriers.

(iii) quotations be sought for the repair and replacement of the roundabout.

(iv) the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) be informed of the accidents, resulting in young children having painfully squashed fingers, and drawing its attention to the omission of this issue in its report provided on 11 October 2018 of its Safety Inspection of 15 September 2018.

(v) the Council consider reviewing all play areas and equipment, following receiving further information at the next or subsequent meeting.

67 CORRESPONDENCE

The Council considered the following and any other general correspondence/communications received since the last meeting:

- (a) further to minute 39, 4th bullet point (ii) of the last meeting, e-mails from a Resident and the Borough Council re overgrown kerbs at Leighton Close.
- (b) E-mails from and to a Resident re: Various Matters:
 - (i) a damaged metal gate on the netted play area near the Long Lane end of Crab Lane.
 - (ii) overgrowing trees over the footpath in Hadrians Walk.
 - (iii) an overgrowing tree obscuring the view of traffic in Centurion Way.
 - (iv) a book lending system the Council may wish to consider for the 'Tots play area'.
- (c) further to minute 38 of the last meeting, additional e-mails to and from the Borough Council, concerning land proposed for a new access/egress to the School.
- (d) Report of County Councillor D Jeffels re Area 3 Highways meeting 8 July 2019.

RESOLVED that: (i) the correspondence be received.

- (ii) the Borough Council, under a service level agreement to the County Council, had since sprayed the kerbs in the Crossgates area, including Leighton Close but it was regrettable that this may have been limited due to parked cars.
- (iii) responsibility for the metal gate, on the netted play area near the Long Lane end of Crab Lane, be established and a remedy requested/actioned.
- (iv) responsibility for the trees, overgrowing the footpath in Hadrians Walk and obscuring the view of traffic in Centurion Way, be established and a remedy requested/actioned.
- (v) a book lending system not be progressed.

68 CHRISTMAS SERVICE ETC

The Council considered a schedule of expenditure for Christmas 2018.

RESOLVED that: (i) the schedule be received.

- (ii) the expenditure for Christmas 2018 be £551 of potentially annual recurring expenditure for consumables, and £508 of exceptional 'one off' expenditure for the purchase and replacement of equipment.
- (iii) applications for 2019 be received and considered at the time.

69 PLANNING MATTERS**(a) Planning Applications**

- (i) 19/01146/FL - Alterations to entrance and erection of side extensions at McDonald's Dunslow Road, Eastfield.

RESOLVED that no objection and no comment be raised.

- (ii) 19/01147/FL - Alterations to entrance, erection of side extensions, new canopies to patio and installation of new customer order displays at McDonald's Dunslow Road, Eastfield.

RESOLVED that no objection and no comment be raised.

- (iii) 19/01021/HS - Re-build and extend current garage to allow utility room at 53 Abbots Garth, Seamer.

RESOLVED that no objection and no comment be raised.

70 OUTSIDE BODIES

The Council considered a verbal report by Councillor Milner about the CAP Group, and information received about penalties for repeat drink/drug driving offenders and the County Council's powers to have inappropriate routes removed or amended on satellite navigation systems.

The Council considered a verbal report by Councillor Raine that he had agreed to present the Flower Society awards this year.

The Council considered a verbal report and point of order by Councillor Mallory, who regretted that she had been unable to attend a meeting of Seamer Sports Association due to another commitment.

RESOLVED that: (i) the reports be received.

- (ii) if a Council representative is unable to attend a meeting of an outside body, relevant information be passed to the representative to report to the Council.

71 FINANCIAL MATTERS**(a) Accounts for payment and income received**

RESOLVED that the accounts received for payment and income received since the last meeting be approved.

(b) Community Fund

Further to minute 49(b) of the last meeting, the Council considered a request for a grant.

RESOLVED that a grant for the full amount applied for of £600.00 be approved, towards Seamer Sports Association's purchases of a defibrillator, CCTV and associated signage.

(c) Parish Council Administration

The Council considered a report by the clerk concerning:

- (i) replacement and updating of the Council's laptop computer, software and e-mail system.

RESOLVED that quotations be sought, the information be provided to all Councillors for consideration and comment, and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be delegated to approve the purchase of a laptop, software and necessary works up to £1,000, inclusive of VAT, plus relevant recurring software costs.

- (ii) adding the Chairman and one other Councillor as further dual signatories to the Council's business account bank mandate.

RESOLVED that the Chairman be added as further dual signatory to the bank mandate.

- (iii) inadequate or unpaid postage on post to the Council.

RESOLVED that inadequately stamped post not be collected and paid for by the Council.

72 PARISH SECURITY

The Council reviewed Parish security.

RESOLVED that: (i) relevant matters be reported to the Police and considered by the Council through the monthly Police report and Public Participation, which are standing items on the agenda for meetings of the Council.

- (ii) this item no longer be a standing item on the agenda for meetings of the Council but be included when necessary.

73 JUBILEE ALLOTMENTS

The Council considered a verbal report by the Chairman, following the judging of the allotments by the Chairman and Councillors Milner, Smith and White.

RESOLVED that: (i) the tenants of those plots which were unsatisfactorily maintained be written to, requiring them to be brought up to standard within a reasonable period of time.

- (ii) locks not be fitted to the water taps due to concern for animal welfare and the risk of damage to the water pipes to extract water.

74 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information (as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act) relating to any particular occupier of accommodation or recipient of any service provided by the authority.

75 OLD SCHOOL HOUSE

The Council considered an e-mail from Tower Estates (Scarborough) Ltd concerning a contribution towards improvements within this property.

RESOLVED that: (i) a 50% contribution towards the improvements be approved.

- (ii) it be noted that this was a majority decision and the Council is not making a continuing commitment to such maintenance improvements for the future.

- (iii) Tower Estates (Scarborough) Ltd be requested to effect a repair to replace missing and refix loose slates on the roof.

The meeting closed at 9:20 pm

The next meeting of the Council will be held in the Memorial Hall, Main Street, Seamer, Scarborough on 13 August 2019 commencing at 7.00 p.m.