

MINUTES

of the Meeting of Seamer Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, Main Street, Seamer, Scarborough on 14th April 2015 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillor V Milner (Vice Chairman) in the Chair
Councillors D Morrison, H Pickles, D Raine and W H Smith
County Councillor D Jeffels, PCSO A Marshall, one member of the public and the clerk

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors H Mallory and R Murphy

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor V Milner declared a personal interest in matters which concerned the Friends of Seamer Village. Councillor D Raine declared a personal interest in minute 9(iii)

3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following matters were raised and discussed:

- Vehicle parking on the zigzag lines at the crossing on Main Street, Seamer
- Vehicles parked and for sale at Station Road
- A report from County Councillor Jeffels on the area of land at Knapton used by travellers prior to the horsefair
- A lamp column (no.12) obscured by a tree adjoining the cycle track at Centurion Way
- Damaged netting to the play area at the corner of Crab Lane and Long Lane
- The possible provision of a picnic bench

RESOLVED that (i) the reports be received and the NYCC be asked to deal with the obscured lamp column

(ii) the damaged netting to the play area at the corner of Crab Lane and Long Lane be referred to the SBC together with a request for the provision of a picnic bench

(iii) the offer of the police to investigate the car sales from the highway and to deal with parking on the zigzags be accepted with thanks

4 TRAVELLERS' HORSE FAIR

The clerk reported that Mr A Skelton of the SBC and Inspector Short of the Police were hoping to attend the June meeting to advise on arrangements for this year's horsefair

RESOLVED that the report be received

5 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the previously circulated minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 10th March 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

6 MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Morrison reported that she had purchased archive boxes for archaeological items

RESOLVED that the report be received and Councillor Morrison be re-imbursed for the purchase

7 CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence/communication were considered:

- (a) the monthly Police report (PCSO Adam Marshall also reported verbally thereon)
- (b) an email from the Yorkshire Energy Partnership concerning an information event
- (c) an email from Ms D Temple concerning School House Drive
- (d) an email from Councillor Milner concerning a tree at The Green
- (e) a request from Councillor Smith to consider arranging for the planters to be planted in time for Summer
- (f) a letter from 'Earthmill' regarding a proposed wind turbine
- (g) an email from the NYCC regarding temporary VAS signs

RESOLVED that (i) the correspondence be received

(ii) Ms D temple be advised that the matter she has raised is not one for the Parish Council and that she may wish to consult her solicitors on the matter

(iii) the tree at The Green be retained for the time being but the providers, Wykeham Estates, be asked to carry out a site visit to inspect the tree as the Council is concerned with regard to its poor growth

(iv) Councillor W H Smith and the clerk be authorised to meet the Council's contractor at Crossgates Community Centre for a quote to re-plant the planters for the summer and if they consider the quote acceptable, then the work be carried out as soon as possible

(v) with regard to the proposed wind turbine, Earthmill be asked to ensure there is no inconvenience to nearby properties in terms of noise, that the Council is concerned regarding the turbine's proposed height and its visual impact on the surrounding landscape and that they reserve the right to make any further comments if and when a planning application is submitted

(vi) no action be taken on the proposed VAS signs

8 NYCC GRASS CUTTING PROPOSALS- 2015/16

The Council noted that there had been no response as yet from the NYCC on the request for plans and specifications for the proposed grass cutting. County Councillor Jeffels advised that the NYCC would be carrying out the first cut of the season in all parishes during May 2015. He also advised that he would seek further advice from the NYCC as a matter of urgency and forward any advice received to the clerk as soon as possible

RESOLVED that (i) the report be received
(ii) it be noted that the Council is unable to take a decision on grass cutting until detailed plans and specifications have been received from the NYCC
(iii) when the requested further information is received from Councillor Jeffels and the NYCC then, if required, a special meeting be arranged to consider the matter further

9 PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Applications

15/00456/AA - 1 x illuminated sign and 2 x illuminated free-standing signs at Des Winks Cars Ltd, Hopper Hill Road, Eastfield

RESOLVED that no objection be raised

15/00432/FL - Proposed detached 3 bedroomed house with garage adjacent to side garden area at 72 Main Street, Seamer

RESOLVED that no objection be raised but the SBC be asked to ensure that the surface water flooding in the area is addressed

15/00461/FL - Site manager's lodge and 1 extra lodge at Saxon Park, Crossgates

RESOLVED that no objection be raised

10 OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Pickles reported on her attendance at the recent Memorial Hall Committee meeting

RESOLVED that the Memorial Hall Committee be advised that the Council is extremely concerned that they were not consulted as Custodian Trustees about the matter of renting car parking space to the car sales business adjoining the premises, that the area should be reserved for visitors to the Hall, that the decision creates a disincentive to hirers of the Hall and that it is not compatible with the Hall and its environs and that they should urgently re-consider their decision

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Accounts for payment

RESOLVED that the accounts as per the schedule be approved and paid

(b) Income received since the date of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the income as per the schedule be noted

(c) Community Grant Scheme

RESOLVED that consideration of the application from the Memorial Hall Committee for a grant towards the new roof be deferred to the next meeting

12 PARISH SECURITY

Parish security was reviewed and will be reviewed again in May 2015

13 JUBILEE ALLOTMENTS

The clerk advised that Roger Burnett of the SBC had now planted the new hedge at the allotments

RESOLVED that the Council's thanks for this work be conveyed to Mr Burnett

14 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public 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 terms proposed by or to the Council in the course of negotiations for the supply of goods or services

15 COUNCIL WEBSITE

Further to minute 193 of the last meeting, the Council considered responses from website providers.

The clerk also submitted details of a free of charge website hosting service

RESOLVED that (i) the responses be received but no action be taken
(ii) the clerk be authorised to proceed with the free hosting service and set up a new site as soon as possible

The meeting closed at 9:10 p.m.

The next annual meeting of the Council will be held at the Crossgates Community Centre, Crossgates, Scarborough on 12th May 2015 commencing at 7.00 p.m.