

MINUTES: of the Meeting of Seamer Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, Main Street, Seamer, Scarborough on 13 August 2019 commencing at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillor L Wallis (Chairman) in the Chair;
Councillors S Hill, H Mallory, V Milner, D Raine, J Ridsdale, WH Smith, J Stockdale and J White;
County Councillor D Jeffels, 5 members of the public and the clerk.

76 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor T Groves, due to a work commitment.

77 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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 Stockdale declared a pecuniary interest in item 10 on the agenda [minute 85 (a)] in so far as it related to the existing refurbishment of public seats.

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.

78 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Further to minute 57 of the last meeting, the Council considered a verbal report by the clerk that the Youth Club Management Committee had been requested to confirm its members' commitment to attendance at meetings and effective Parish Council representation, on or before 30 August 2019 for the next meeting of the Parish Council.

RESOLVED that this matter be deferred for consideration at the next meeting.

79 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

- (a) a proposal to extend the duration of the road closure in Long Lane.
- (b) regular parking and the possible siting of an operating centre for heavy goods vehicles in a field.
- (c) a public notice by the County Council concerning a field to the south of Long Lane.
- (d) obstruction of a public right of way from Dunslow Road across a field (near to but not involving North Sea Winches) by an impassable blackthorn hedge.
- (e) an application made to the County Council to register a village green and an intention to submit an application for a public right of way, in the Rowan Fields area of Crossgates.
- (f) a request for additional speed restriction signs in Ratten Row.
- (g) further to minute 62 (iii) of the last meeting, awaited traffic calming on the B1261 at Crossgates.
- (h) further to minute 62 (iv) of the last meeting, a traffic management system for Station Road and Byward Drive.
- (i) further to minute 62 (v) of the last meeting, the installation of traffic lights at the crossroads of Pasture Lane and Stoney Hags Road.
- (j) further to minute 62 (vii) of the last meeting, continued delay in the operation of the pedestrian crossing near Proudfoots.
- (k) removal of a post box from Pasture Lane at the end of Dennyson Avenue, and it not having been replaced following work by the Borough Council on light columns.
- (l) a request for a litter bin near the play area on the sports ground.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the report be received, with thanks.

- (ii) further to minute 140 of the meeting held on 13 November 2018, Councillor Jeffels' offer to explore extending the closure of Long Lane to motor vehicles to July and August with the County Council, be accepted with thanks.
- (iii) Councillor Jeffels' offer to raise the parking and possible siting of an operating centre for heavy goods vehicles near 1 Ayton Road for investigation by the Borough Council, as the Planning Authority, be accepted with thanks, and the matter be explored also with the relevant regulatory authority.
- (iv) clarification be sought of the purpose and potential impacts of the public notice concerning the field to the south of Long Lane, for which Councillor Jeffels' offer to raise the matter in his forthcoming meeting with the County Council's Public Rights of Way Officer be accepted with thanks.
- (v) Councillor Jeffels' offer to raise the obstruction of the public right of way in Dunslow Road, in his forthcoming meeting with the County Council's Public Rights of Way Officer, be accepted with thanks.
- (vi) the application made to the County Council to register a village green and an intention to submit an application for a public right of way, in the Rowan Fields area of Crossgates, be noted.
- (vii) it be noted that the 30mph speed limit in Ratten Row is notified and enforceable with existing signage covering the village.
- (viii) 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.
- (ix) Councillor Jeffels' confirmation that he will ensure a further public meeting, as part of the consultation on a traffic management system for Station Road and Byward Drive, be accepted with thanks.
- (x) it be noted that traffic lights will be installed at the crossroads of Pasture Lane and Stoney Hags Road by 31 March 2020.
- (xi) 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.
- (xii) Royal Mail be requested to replace the post box in Pasture Lane at the end of Dennyson Avenue as soon as possible.
- (xiii) Councillor Stockdale's offer to provide an existing litter bin and Seamer Sports Association's offer to install and manage it near the play area on the sports ground be accepted with thanks.

80 TRAVELLERS' HORSE FAIR

Further to minute 58 of the last meeting, the Council considered a verbal report by the Chairman that attendance had been higher and the Police presence less visible than had been anticipated, with some vandalism at The Green.

RESOLVED that this matter be deferred for consideration at the June 2020 meeting and the Police Inspector be requested to attend.

81 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the previously circulated minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 9 July 2019:

- (i) be amended in the first paragraph of minute 70 to replace "Friends of Seamer Village" with "CAP Group".
- (ii) be amended at the end of minute 75 to add "(iii) Tower Estates (Scarborough) Ltd be requested to effect a repair to replace missing and refix loose slates on the roof."
- (iii) then be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

82 MATTERS ARISING

None.

83 TREE PLANTING

Further to minute 63 of the last meeting, the Council considered a report by Councillor Hill, following a meeting with the Borough Council's Parks & Countryside Services Manager on 15 July 2019.

RESOLVED that the Borough Council be requested to confirm its permission and offer of assistance, and to clarify arrangements for the future maintenance of the trees, in writing.

84 ROAD SAFETY

(a) Temporary Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS)

Further to minute 64 (iii) of the last meeting, the Council considered a report by the Chairman, supported by an additional report by the clerk and information from the County Council.

RESOLVED that the County Council's Senior Engineer, Traffic Engineering's offer of a site visit at 5.30pm and attendance at the next meeting at 7.00pm on 10 September 2019 be accepted with thanks.

(b) Monitoring and enforcement under the Speed Management Protocol

Further to minute 64 (iv) of the last meeting, the Council considered information from the County Council.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) enquiries be made with the Traffic Bureau at North Yorkshire Police.
- (ii) a request be made for Main Street, Seamer.

85 PUBLIC SEATS

Further to minute 65 of the last meeting, the Council considered:

(a) Refurbishment

a verbal report by the clerk of positive feedback received and inspection of the benches.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) completion of the refurbishment, including that of the bench near the Youth Centre instead of that removed from Stoney Haggs Road, be noted.
- (ii) the invoice be approved for payment.
- (iii) the memorial plaque be replaced on the bench at Crossgates roundabout.
- (iv) with reference to minute 86 (g), repair of the concrete base to the bench in Crab Lane be explored.

(b) Bench on Stoney Haggs Road

a verbal report by the clerk that Linden Homes had only recently been written to by e-mail.

RESOLVED that this matter be deferred for consideration of a response from Linden Homes at the next meeting.

(c) Additional Benches

a report by the clerk, following informal consultation with members of the public, and enquiries to the Borough Council and the County Council.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) a specification for the fabrication and installation of 2 benches be worked up.
- (ii) quotations for the fabrication and installation of 2 benches be sought.
- (iii) a response from the Borough Council, as to its views on the siting of a bench in the area known locally as 'the mountains' and 'the BMX track' between Centurion Way and Long Lane, near Constantine Crescent and Brigantia Gardens, Crossgates, be re-requested if necessary and be considered at the next meeting.
- (iv) a Street Furniture Licence be applied for from the County Council, for the siting of an additional bench in Long Lane, adjacent to 'the mountains'.

86 CORRESPONDENCE

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

- (a) further to minute 71(b) of the last meeting, a letter of thanks from Seamer Sports Association re Award of Grant.
- (b) further to minute 59 of the last meeting, the monthly Police reports for July and August.
- (c) further to minute 62 (viii) of the last meeting, an e-mail from a Member of the Public and a report by Councillor Hill re dog waste overflowing bins in Long Lane, and the hard court, and an additional report by the clerk re litter and dog waste bins and regular patrols by Dog Wardens.

- (d) a report by Councillor Hill re Beacon Road flooding.
- (e) further to minute 59 of the last meeting, a report by the Chairman re the views of a Resident re the Bus Shelter on the Eastfield side of Station Road.
- (f) e-mails from a Resident re a hedge overgrowing the footpath on Station Road and Curlew Drive, and the poor state of the nearby bus shelter in Station Road.
- (g) e-mails from a Resident re various matters.
- (h) an e-mail from Seamer Sports Association re "Bowed" fence on the Bell Close side of the approach road to the Sports Club.
- (i) an e-mail and report from the Borough Council re Draft Tennis Strategy – Consultation.
- (j) an e-mail from the County Council re Roadlighting - fixing hanging baskets etc to lighting columns.
- (k) an e-mail and reports with portal access from the Borough Council re Consultation: Affordable Housing SPD Update 2019.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the correspondence be received
- (ii) Seamer Sports Association's thanks and the progress of its developments be noted.
- (iii) it be noted the bins in Long Lane were emptied by the Borough Council following the road being re-opened and requests had been made of the Borough Council for: a number of bins in Pasture Lane; a 4th bin in Long Lane; maintenance to repair the gate to the hard court at the junction of Long Lane and Crab Lane, and patrols by Dog Wardens in the Pasture Lane, Long Lane and Crab Lane areas, which had commenced.
- (iv) the suitability of drainage to prevent run off from Linden Homes' Northfield Meadows development on to the Beacon Road area be clarified with Linden Homes and the Borough Council's Planning Services.
- (v) it be noted: concerns over anti-social behaviour in the brick built bus shelter on B1261 Cayton Low Rd opposite Station Road and criminal damage to the Parish Council's noticeboard in the brick built bus shelter on B1261 next to the junction with Station View had been raised with the Police; requests had been made to the Borough Council for more frequent cleaning of the bus shelter opposite Station Road and for a litter bin at the bus shelter opposite the Byways, and a request had been made to the County Council to identify ownership and responsibility for the bus shelter opposite the Byways, in order to be able to address the structure and presentation of the shelter itself.
- (vi) the Borough Council had been requested to confirm responsibility for various overhanging trees and bushes in the Crossgates area, and the earliest possible timescale for the necessary maintenance to be completed, be noted, and the Parish Council's concern at the inadequacy of routine maintenance be expressed to the Borough Council, with a request for a meeting with Councillor White to address the wider issue.
- (vii) damage to a fence at the junction of Long Lane and Crab Lane be explored.
- (viii) Beyond Housing be requested to ensure the cutting back and future maintenance or removal of overgrown hedges, and repair the fence, on the Bell Close side of the approach road to the Sports Club.
- (ix) Councillor Stockdale consider making a personal response to the Borough Council's Draft Tennis Strategy consultation.
- (x) no response be made to the Borough Council's Affordable Housing SPD Update 2019 consultation.

87 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Planning Applications

- (i) 19/01571/HS - Erection of conservatory to rear and conversion of garage to study at 29 Curlew Drive, Crossgates.

RESOLVED that no objection and no comment be raised.

- (ii) 19/01650/FL - Single span portal building for storage of equipment at North Sea Winches Ltd Dunslow Road, Eastfield.

RESOLVED that no objection and no comment be raised.

88 OUTSIDE BODIES

The Council considered a report by the Chairman re Crossgates Community Association's concerns about trees overhanging car parking spaces outside the Community Centre.

RESOLVED that this matter was included in minute 86 (vi).

89 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Accounts for payment and income received

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the accounts received for payment and income received since the last meeting be approved.
- (ii) further to minute 71 (c) (i) of the last meeting, it be noted the Council's laptop computer, software and e-mail system had been replaced and updated.
- (iii) further to minute 71 (c) (ii) of the last meeting, it be noted the Chairman had been added as a further dual signatory to the bank mandate.
- (iv) copies of bank statements be provided to all Members of the Council.
- (v) printing requirements, options and costs be reviewed, to include a breakdown of the clerk and Members' printing costs.

90 JUBILEE ALLOTMENTS

The Council considered further verbal reports by the Chairman and the clerk.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the tenants of those plots which were unsatisfactorily maintained be written to, requiring they be brought up to standard within a reasonable period of time.
- (ii) strimming and spraying of weeds be undertaken in the entrance and car park.

91 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 financial or business affairs and the supply of goods or services.

Councillor Mallory gave apologies and left the meeting at this point, due to another commitment.

92 'CAROUSEL' ROUNDABOUT EQUIPMENT AT THE GREEN

Further to minute 66 of the last meeting, the Council considered:

(a) quotations from the manufacturer to:

- (i) attend with and replace relevant fixings for the existing dismantled roundabout.
- (ii) attend with and replace relevant fixings, fully refit and test the existing roundabout.
- (iii) supply and fit a new roundabout top onto the existing base unit/bearings.
- (iv) remove the existing base and supply and fit a full new roundabout.

(b) a report by the clerk, concerning:

- (i) the offer of a site meeting from another manufacturer, to inform one or more quotations.
- (ii) an invitation from the other manufacturer to a trade show exhibition.

(c) a verbal report by Councillor Stockdale, that local engineering companies be considered to quote for repair of the existing roundabout.

(d) a verbal report by the clerk, that the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) had been written to by e-mail only recently to:

- (i) assimilate as a learning point the apparent omission in its report of its Safety Inspection of 15 September 2018, to promote the safety of children more widely.
- (ii) arrange the annual playground inspections.

Councillors Hill and Stockdale left the meeting during discussion of this item.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the manufacturer be requested to proceed with repairing and reinstating the existing 'carousel' roundabout, to resolve the risk of injury to children's fingers, subject to satisfactory quotation.
- (ii) a site meeting be sought with the manufacturer, with the dismantled parts, to inform an updated quotation.
- (iii) the offer of a site meeting with the other manufacturer be declined, at this stage.
- (iv) the invitation to the other manufacturer's trade show exhibition be declined.
- (v) to consider the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA)'s response to the learning point at the next meeting.
- (vi) not to undertake a review of all play areas and equipment.
- (vii) to consider the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA)'s inspection reports, as soon as possible following them being made available.

The meeting closed at 9:15 pm

The next meeting of the Council will be held in the Crossgates Community Centre, Crossgates, Scarborough on 10 September 2019 commencing at 7.00pm

Chairman

10 September 2019