

**MINUTES:** of the Meeting of Seamer Parish Council held in the Crossgates Community Centre, Crossgates, Scarborough on 10 September 2019 commencing at 7.00pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillor L Wallis (Chairman) in the Chair;  
Councillors T Groves, S Hill, V Milner, D Raine, J Ridsdale, WH Smith and J Stockdale;  
County Councillor D Jeffels; Mr D Griffiths, Senior Engineer, Traffic Engineering, North Yorkshire County Council; 21 members of the public, and the clerk.

### 93 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors H Mallory due to a work commitment and J White due to being away on holiday.  
Mr AJ & Mrs RA Wilding and Mr GP & Mrs E Newton.

### 94 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 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 to the Stoney Higgs Road and Beacon Road area, as she lived in that area.

Councillor Raine declared personal interests in any matter arising on the agenda in relation to the Friends of Seamer Village, as he was a member of the Group, and in relation to the Byward Drive and Station Road area, as he lived in that area.

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.

### 95 BEST KEPT GARDENS AND ALLOTMENTS COMPETITIONS

The Chairman presented the Awards and Certificates.

*Councillor Stockdale joined the meeting during the presentations.*

- (a) **Enclosed Gardens:** Winner Ms L Hope; Second Mr JD & Mrs EJ Kirby; Third Mr AJ & Mrs RA Wilding, and Highly Commended Mr G & Mrs EM Bird.
- (b) **Open Gardens:** Winner Mr BH & Mrs JM Boyes; Second Mr JD & Mrs S Ruddock; Third Mr J & Mrs GKM Moore, and Highly Commended Mr CP & Mrs E Edmonds.
- (c) **Bell Close:** Winner Mr GP & Mrs E Newton.
- (d) **Allotments:** Winner Mrs A Chambers; Second Miss E Chambers; Third Mr A Bielby, and Highly Commended Mr K Dodsworth.

### 96 ROAD SAFETY

#### (a) Temporary Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS)

Further to minute 84 (a) of the last meeting, the Council considered a verbal report by the County Council's Senior Engineer, Traffic Engineering, following a site meeting held immediately preceding this meeting of the Council and attended by the Senior Engineer and Councillors Wallis, Milner, Raine and Smith and the clerk, concerning the possible siting of one or more VAS on light columns at and their movement between:

- (i) the B1261 Main Street, opposite Ratten Row, facing south;
- (ii) the B1261, opposite Crab Lane, facing west;
- (iii) the B1261 Cayton Low Road, facing east.

*Councillor Hill joined the meeting during discussion of this item.*

The Senior Engineer estimated a cost of approximately £2,500 per VAS unit, rising to £3,000 per unit with an extended (5 year) warranty, plus electrical and fixing installations per additional site of approximately £200, and reported speed surveys could be undertaken at £110 per site requested by the Council, all sums excluding VAT.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the Senior Engineer's offer to obtain a quotation based on 2 VAS to be sited and moveable between the 3 identified sites be accepted with thanks.

(ii) public views as to locations to undertake speed surveys be invited in writing.

**(b) Monitoring and enforcement under the Speed Management Protocol**

Further to minute 84 (b) of the last meeting, the Council considered the response of the Traffic Bureau at North Yorkshire Police.

RESOLVED that the Council receive an update concerning its request for monitoring and enforcement under the Speed Management Protocol at Main Street, Seamer, from the Traffic Bureau at North Yorkshire Police, once an outcome has been reached.

**97 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The following matters were raised by members of the public:

- (a) Police action to enforce speed limits within the Parish.
- (b) further to minute 79 (e) and (vi) of the last meeting, an application by the Rowan Fields Action Group for a public right of way in the area of the old quarry.
- (c) the sale of one or more cabins/lodges on the Saxon Park development.

The following matters were reported verbally by Councillor Jeffels, who referred to related correspondence:

- (d) further to minute 86 (f) and (vi) of the last meeting, the maintenance of bushes and trees in the Curlew Drive and Magpie Garth area of Crossgates.
- (e) further to minute 79 (g) and (viii) of the last meeting, traffic calming on B1261 at Crossgates.
- (f) further to minute 79 (j) and (xi) of the last meeting, continued delay in the operation of the pedestrian crossing on Main Street near Proudfoots.
- (g) a request to provide a noticeboard for use by members of the public in Crossgates.
- (h) an increased grant from the Government to the County Council, and the County Council's priorities for health and social care and young people.
- (i) the Borough Council's intention to support the development of a refuge in the north of Scarborough for people experiencing domestic abuse.
- (j) further to minute 79 (d) and (v) of the last meeting, 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.

Councillor Ridsdale reported verbally concerning:

- (k) the apparent loss of a presumed right of way from Stoney Haggs Road, behind the properties in Beacon Road.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the Chairman's offer to raise the issue of Police action to enforce speed limits within the Parish at the Northern Villages Community action Policing (CaP) Group's Annual General Meeting on 11 September 2019 be accepted with thanks.
- (ii) further to minute 79 (vi) of the last meeting, the Rowan Fields Action Group's application for a public right of way in the area of the old quarry be noted.
- (iii) the development and sale of cabins/lodges at Saxon Park is subject to planning regulations and any enquiries should be made to the Borough Council.
- (iv) further to minute 86 (vi) of the last meeting, Councillor Jeffels' report that the Borough Council would be undertaking maintenance of bushes and trees in the Curlew Drive and Magpie Garth area of Crossgates during the week commencing 16 September 2019 be noted.
- (v) further to minute 79 (viii) of the last meeting, Councillor Jeffels' meeting with the County Council's Highways Customer Communications Officer on 13 September 2019, to include discussion of proposed traffic calming on the B1261 at Crossgates, be noted.
- (vi) further to minute 79 (xi) of the last meeting, the County Council's Senior Engineer, Traffic Engineering's offer to follow up the continued delay in the operation of the pedestrian crossing on Main Street be accepted with thanks.
- (vii) the Council not provide a noticeboard for use by members of the public.
- (viii) further to minute 79 (v) of the last meeting, Councillor Jeffels' report that he had raised the obstruction of the public right of way in Dunslow Road with the County Council's Public Rights of Way Officer be received with thanks.

- (ix) Councillor Jeffels' offer to look into the apparent loss of a presumed right of way from Stoney Hags Road, behind the properties in Beacon Road, be accepted with thanks.

*County Councillor Jeffels, Mr Griffiths and a number of members of the public left the meeting.*

## 98 MINUTES

### (a) Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11 June 2019

RESOLVED that, further to minute 37 of the previously approved minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11 June 2019, it be noted:

- (i) Councillor Ridsdale, being in attendance, signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- (ii) Councillor Ridsdale was then present for all items from minute 38.
- (iii) Councillor Stockdale was not in attendance and had undertaken, in his application, to attend from the next meeting.

### (b) Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13 August 2019

RESOLVED that the previously circulated minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13 August 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## 99 MATTERS ARISING

None.

## 100 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Further to minute 78 of the last meeting, the Council considered a verbal report by the clerk that the Youth Club Management Committee had not yet replied as to its members' commitment to attendance at meetings and effective Parish Council representation.

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

## 101 TREE PLANTING

Further to minute 83 of the last meeting, the Council considered the response of the Borough Council's Parks & Countryside Services Manager.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) the Borough Council's Parks & Countryside Services Manager's offer to set a up a small project team, to undertake discussions and carry out the mapping design of how the open space would eventually look, be accepted with thanks.
- (b) Councillors Hill and Stockdale be the Council's representatives on the project team.
- (c) the project team's considerations to include indicative and actual proposed costs, to be reported as soon as possible at each stage for consideration by the Council.

## 102 PUBLIC SEATS

### (a) Refurbishment

- (i) Further to minute 85 (a) (iii) of the last meeting, the Council considered a verbal report by Councillor Stockdale concerning replacement of the memorial plaque on the bench at Crossgates roundabout.

RESOLVED that Councillors Groves and Stockdale consider suitable replacement with a new or the existing memorial plaque, and action accordingly.

- (ii) Further to minute 85 (a) (iv) of the last meeting, the Council considered a verbal report by the clerk, concerning the repair of the concrete base to the bench in Crab Lane.

RESOLVED that quotations be sought from local contractors to repair the concrete base to the bench in Crab Lane.

### (b) Bench on Stoney Hags Road

Further to minute 85 (b) of the last meeting, the Council considered Linden Homes' response.

RESOLVED that Linden Homes' response that the bin and bench are stored on site and will be fitted in a slightly new position to the LHS of Plot 241 show home in the verge as per the technical show home plan be received with thanks.

### (c) Additional Benches

Further to minute 85 (c) of the last meeting, the Council considered a verbal report by the clerk, following a site meeting with Councillors Smith and Stockdale.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) a specification for the fabrication and installation of the 2 benches be finalised.
- (ii) Councillors Smith and Stockdale be delegated to approve the specification.
- (iii) a response from the Borough Council, as to its views on the siting of the 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.
- (iv) a Street Furniture Licence be applied for from the County Council, for the siting of the additional bench in Long Lane, adjacent to 'the mountains'.

### 103 CORRESPONDENCE

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

- (a) further to minutes 79 (ii) and (xi) of the last meeting, e-mails between Councillor Jeffels and the County Council's Highways Customer Communications Officer re Long Lane and delay on the operation of the pedestrian crossing on Main Street.
- (b) further to minute 79 (iii) of the last meeting, a letter from the Borough Council to Councillor Jeffels and e-mails to and from the Borough Council, Councillor Jeffels, the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) and Central Licencing Unit re HGV Parking / Operating Centre – field near 1 Ayton Road, Seamer.
- (c) further to minute 79 (iv) of the last meeting, e-mails from the Vice-Chairman and Chairman re Public Rights of Way in Long Lane and Beacon Road.
- (d) e-mail from Councillor Jeffels to County Council re Public Right of Way in Hudd Hill.
- (e) further to minute 79 (xii) of the last meeting, e-mails to and from Royal Mail re Post Box on Pasture Lane.
- (f) further to minute 86 (iii) of the last meeting, e-mails to and from the Borough Council re Gate on hard court at Long Lane & Crab Lane junction.
- (g) further to minute 86 (iv) of the last meeting, any response from Linden Homes or the Borough Council re the suitability of drainage to prevent run off from Northfield Meadows.
- (h) further to minute 86 (vi) of the last meeting, any response from the Borough Council re Tree and Hedge trimming in Crossgates, including a meeting.
- (i) further to minute 86 (viii) of the last meeting, any response from Beyond Housing re the hedge and fence on the Bell Close side of the approach road to the Sports Club.
- (j) e-mail from the Borough Council, letter from BT and list of affected phone boxes by Parish re BT's proposed removal of 37 Phone Boxes across the Borough, including 01723 862119 PCO PCO1 CROSSGATES SCARBOROUGH YO12 4LX 29 [calls in last month].
- (k) e-mail from Council for British Archaeology in Yorkshire re Selby Workshop on starting, reactivating and resourcing your local history group on 21st September 2019.
- (l) information re Rally Yorkshire 27 & 28 September 2019.
- (m) Monthly Police Report.
- (n) e-mail from the Borough Council's Sports Development Manager re Courses and #PassOnYourPassion, spotlighting the work of the female workforce in clubs and community settings delivering sport and physical activity

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the correspondence be received.
- (ii) further to minute 79 (ii) of the last meeting, the County Council's Highways Customer Communications Officer's response that the County Council cannot close Long Lane as a public highway for the whole of the summer holiday be noted.
- (iii) further to minute 79 (xi) of the last meeting, the delay on the operation of the pedestrian crossing on Main Street be resolved by minute 97 (vi).
- (iv) further to minute 79 (iii) of the last meeting, the Office of the Traffic Commissioner's response that M&M Haulage Services Ltd is authorised to keep two heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) and two trailers at 1 Ayton Road, Seamer as an operating centre be noted.

- (v) further to minute 79 (iv) of the last meeting, it be noted the County Council's Public Rights of Way (PRoW) Officer is addressing a PRoW obstructed by crops to the south of Long Lane, and a further notice placed in Long Lane in error relates to a PRoW closure between Beacon Road and Ayton Road, during works on the Linden Homes Northfield Meadows site.
- (vi) further to minute 79 (xii) of the last meeting, Royal Mail's commitment to reinstate the post box in Pasture Lane, albeit within an unsatisfactory timescale of up to 26 weeks and notwithstanding the Council's formal complaint, be noted.
- (vii) further to minute 86 (iii) of the last meeting, the Borough Council's Parks & Countryside Services Manager's advice as to vandalism, and the Borough Council's commitment to repair the gate and steps to the hard court at the Long Lane and Crab Lane junction, be noted with thanks.
- (viii) further to minute 86 (iv) of the last meeting, and in the absence of any response from Linden Homes or the Borough Council concerning the suitability of drainage to prevent run off from Northfield Meadows, it be noted that such issues of drainage would have been material to planning approval for the site.
- (ix) further to minute 86 (vi) of the last meeting, tree and hedge trimming in Crossgates be resolved by minute 97 (iv).
- (x) further to minute 86 (viii) of the last meeting and in the absence of any response from Beyond Housing re the hedge and fence on the Bell Close side of the approach road to the Sports Club, this matter be deferred to the next meeting.
- (xi) it be noted that members of the Scarborough Archaeological and Historical Society are attending the Council for British Archaeology in Yorkshire's Selby Workshop on 21st September 2019 and will report to the Council if relevant.

#### **104 PLANNING MATTERS**

##### **(a) Planning Applications**

- (i) 19/01783/OL Outline application for 2no 4/5 bed house on Land Adjacent To Cornerways, Ratten Row, Seamer  
RESOLVED that no objection and no comment be raised.

#### **105 OUTSIDE BODIES**

##### **(a) Seamer Sports Association**

The Council considered a report by Councillor Mallory following her attendance at a meeting of the Seamer Sports Association on 9 September 2019.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the report be received with thanks.
- (ii) further to minute 79 (xiii) of the last meeting, Seamer Sports Association's thanks to Councillor Stockdale for his help in installing the litter bin be noted.
- (iii) further to minute 103 (x), Seamer Sports Association be informed of any response received from Beyond Housing re the hedge and fence on the Bell Close side of the approach road to the Sports Club.

#### **106 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) in addition, an invoice in the sum of £360 from PKF Littlejohn LLP concerning the Limited assurance review of Annual Governance & Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2019 be approved.
- (iii) further to minute 89 (iii) of the last meeting, it be noted that the Chairman had been confirmed as a further dual signatory to the bank mandate.

##### **(b) Review of printing requirements, options and costs**

RESOLVED that the Council receive a report by the clerk at the next meeting.

**107 JUBILEE ALLOTMENTS**

Further to minute 90 of the last meeting, the Council considered a verbal report by the clerk, concerning progress in addressing unsatisfactorily maintained plots, and the strimming and spraying of weeds in the entrance and car park.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) it be noted that notices of determination of the tenancies of each of the unsatisfactorily maintained plots had been issued, with a requirement to confirm an intention and to bring the plot up to the proper standard, in which case notice of determination could be rescinded, or determination of the tenancy would take effect without further notice.
- (ii) responses to the notices be considered by the Council at the next meeting.
- (iii) it be noted that strimming and spraying of weeds had been undertaken in the entrance and car park by a contractor.
- (iv) the Friends of Seamer Village's offer to undertake the strimming and spraying of weeds in the entrance and car park in future be accepted with thanks.

**108 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 items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information (as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act) relating to:

- (a) the financial or business affairs of another party, and the amount of expenditure and/or terms proposed for the supply of goods or services.
- (b) a particular employee.

**109 'CAROUSEL' ROUNDABOUT EQUIPMENT AT THE GREEN**

- (a) Further to minute 92 (i) and (ii) of the last meeting, the Council considered a quotation from HAGS SMP Playgrounds LTD to collect parts that are rusted for blasting and repainting at their factory, and supply and fit new parts where required.

RESOLVED that the quotation be accepted in full.

- (b) Further to minute 92 (v) of the last meeting, the Council considered a response from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA).

RESOLVED that the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA)'s response that this is the first such incident reported to RoSPA about this item, and RoSPA's noting of the Council's concern for consideration in future inspections, be noted.

**110 CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

The Council considered a report by the clerk.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the Clerk and Responsible Officer's working hours be reinstated from 10 to 15 hours per week for the period 1 July to 31 December 2019.
- (ii) the Council consider a further report by the clerk for review at its January 2020 meeting.

*The meeting closed at 9.10 pm*

The next meeting of the Council will be held in the Memorial Hall, Main Street, Seamer, Scarborough on 8 October 2019 commencing at 7.00pm

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*Chairman*

*8 October 2019*