



SEAMER PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES: of the Meeting of the Council held at Crossgates Community Centre, Curlew Drive, Crossgates, Scarborough, YO12 4TL on 12 July 2022 commencing at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillor L Wallis (Chairman) in the Chair;
Councillors K Elbourne, V Milner (Vice-Chairman), D Raine, and J Stockdale;
County Councillor H Phillips, 4 members of the public and the clerk.

65 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED that:

- (a) apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting by Councillors WH Smith and J White be received.
- (b) the previously circulated reasons given for absence by Councillors Smith and White be approved.

66 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED that it be noted:

- (a) no declaration of interest not already declared under the Council's Code of Conduct or Members' Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests was received.
- (b) no application for dispensation from restrictions on participation in discussion and/or voting was received.

67 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following matters were raised by a member of the public and discussed:

- (a) A very prompt repair to surfacing undertaken by the County Council Highways service in Pasture Lane, Seamer, following a report of a person falling.
- (b) Poor surface dressing with questionable preparation by the County Council Highways contractor, leaving weeds and the new surface missing in places in Eastgate, Seamer.
- (c) Public objections and concern about planning application 22/00117/FL, and Beyond Housing's disregard for the concerns of residents expressed at its community 'presentation'.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the contributions of the member of the public be received, with thanks.
- (ii) the County Council be thanked for its very prompt repair to surfacing following a fall.
- (iii) poor surface dressing with questionable preparation, leaving weeds and the new surface lifted in places in Eastgate, Seamer be reported to the County Council.
- (iv) copies of public objections about planning application 22/00117/FL be received, the concerns having already been noted and raised with the Borough Council (*minute 73(a)(ii)(1), below*).
- (v) Councillor Phillips' commitment to liaise with Councillors H Mallory and R Murphy, and speak on application 22/00117/FL at the Planning Committee be noted with thanks.
- (vi) further to minute 51(ii) of the last meeting, it be noted enquiries had been made by the Chairman and the clerk into anti-social behaviour and criminal damage to trees, fencing and signage on the green on Curlew Drive near The Pheasantry, and no concerns identified.

68 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the previously circulated minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 14 June 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

69 JUBILEE ALLOTMENTS

(a) Matters resolved under delegation

RESOLVED that this matter be deferred until following the public being excluded from the meeting, on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted (*minutes 76 and 80, below*).

(b) Tenants' Participation

The Council considered the following matter raised by a tenant within the meeting at the Chairman's discretion:

- (i) The timing of the mains water supply being turned back on following the Travellers' Horse Fair.

RESOLVED that, further to minute 53(a)(iv)(1) of the last meeting, Councillor Stockdales' offer to turn the mains water supply back on at 6.00pm on Friday 15 July 2022, following the reading of the Charter and closure of the Travellers' site, be accepted with thanks.

70 CO-OPTION TO COUNCIL VACANCIES

RESOLVED that, further to minute 49(b) of the last meeting:

- (a) the confirmation of the Borough Council be noted that, as the Parish Council was quorate, it could continue to advertise the remaining vacancies for co-option.
- (b) notices of vacancy be displayed with the closing date extended, as necessary, to the date when items are required for the agenda for and any applications for co-option received be considered at each subsequent meeting.

71 HIGHWAYS**(a) Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS)**

Further to minute 6(d)(ii) of 12 April 2022, the Council considered a verbal report by the clerk.

RESOLVED that it be noted:

- (i) the County Council had replaced the fuse carrier in Lighting Column 3 on B1261 Ayton Road, Irton.
- (ii) the remaining installations at Lighting Column 3 on B1261 Ayton Road, Irton and Lighting Column 133 on the B1261 Musham Bank to the Byways roundabout, Crossgates were to be completed on 25 July 2022.

(b) Community Speed Watch (CSW)

Further to minutes 6(e) and 15(ii) of 12 April 2022, the Council considered a verbal report by the clerk.

RESOLVED that it be noted:

- (i) the specifications of equipment had been confirmed, the radar ordered and quotations requested for the signage and high visibility vests.
- (ii) the continued commitment and availability of volunteers would be confirmed and the training arranged.

(c) Roundabout grounds maintenance, Main Street, Seamer

The Council considered a verbal report by the Vice-Chairman.

RESOLVED that the County Council's Highways Area Manager be written to, to clarify and resolve responsibility and permissions for the necessary grounds maintenance work to be undertaken on the roundabout at Main Street, Seamer.

72 CORRESPONDENCE

The Council considered the following correspondence/communications received since the last meeting:

- (a) a verbal report by County Councillor Phillips.
- (b) the monthly Police Report.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the reports be received.
- (ii) further to minute 33(ii) of 18 May 2022, Councillor Phillips' involvement in Local Government Review devolution workstreams on Waste and Council Tax harmonisation be noted.
- (iii) it be noted Councillor Phillips's Locality Budget was £10,000.
- (iv) Councillor Phillips' offer to raise the dangerous state of the wire-chain fence and posts on the path from Pasture Lane to Bell Close, Seamer with Beyond Housing be accepted with thanks.
- (v) Councillor Phillips' offer to raise covered over drains on Stoney Haggs Road, Seamer with the County Council's Highways service be accepted with thanks.

- (vi) Councillor Phillips' offer to raise the overgrowing of grass on the footpath along the B1261, between Seamer and Crossgates, with the County Council's Highways service be accepted with thanks.

73 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Planning matters considered and resolved under delegation

The Council consider a report by the clerk.

(i) Planning Option Selection

RESOLVED that the following planning option selection, responded to under the general urgency delegation under Standing Order 15(b)(xvii), in consultation with all Councillors and then the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and the responses made to the Planning Authority and the reply received since the last meeting be noted:

(1) Seamer Station (Levelling Up) Access Enhancements

RESOLVED that:

- (a) it be noted Councillor Wallis declared a non-registerable interest, due to the proximity of her home to Seamer Station and did not participate in consideration of this matter.
- (b) the Council's preferred option for improving accessibility at Seamer Station be Option 1.
- (c) the proposed options for improving accessibility at Seamer Station be supported.
- (d) the inclusion of the linkspan to the residential estate be supported.
- (e) the increased availability and accessibility of parking at Seamer Station be supported, provided parking charges continue to be affordable.
- (f) the extension of parking restrictions to include the southern end of Byward Drive, around the corner towards its junction with Rydal Crescent, be recommended.
- (g) the County Council's Transport Planning Officer's reply "Thank you very much, I'm glad you are supportive of the preferred option, we note your concerns round parking restrictions and we want to ensure we don't simply move the problem from Station Road. We will be back in touch when we have refined designs to consult you with" be noted.

(ii) Planning Application

RESOLVED that the following planning application, responded to under the specific urgency delegation under Standing Order 15(b)(xv) and responses made to the Planning Authority since the last meeting be noted:

(1) 22/00117/FL Residential development for affordable rent and low-cost home ownership, Land Off Pasture Lane Seamer

RESOLVED that the Council:

- (a) objects to the application on the grounds of road safety:
 - (i) for the users of the highway in Pasture Lane, including the pavement on the east side.
 - (ii) for those emerging into Pasture Lane from Scarborough Road, Eastgate and Seamer Sports Association's access road.
 - (iii) for those emerging into Pasture Lane from the proposed development.
- (b) notes with concern:
 - (i) the 10 proposed driveways to dwellings, in addition to the shared access to part of the development, creating 11 access points in the short, busy and frequently congested section of Pasture Lane between its junctions with Scarborough Road and Eastgate & Seamer Sports Association's access road.
 - (ii) the applicant's total disregard for the concerns of Parish Councillors and local residents expressed at its community consultation event, and of the Parish Council expressed in writing.
- (c) recommends:

- (i) refusal of the application as currently presented.
- (ii) resubmission of the plans with a single highway access point to the proposed development, between or into Scarborough Road or Seamer Sports Association's access road.

74 OUTSIDE BODIES

(a) Seamer & District Youth Centre

The Council considered a verbal report by Councillor Stockdale.

RESOLVED that, further to minute 13(c)(i) of 12 April 2022, it be noted the loft insulation works would be undertaken during Seamer Pre-School's summer holidays.

(b) Police Meeting

The Council considered a verbal report by the Chairman.

RESOLVED that it be noted the following issues were discussed:

- (i) The Travellers Horse Fair.
- (ii) Young people riding mini-motorcycles illegally on footpaths and without helmets, putting pedestrians and themselves at risk.
- (iii) Parking issues.

75 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Bank Account and Electronic/internet banking

Further to minute 60(b) of the last meeting, the Council considered a verbal report by the clerk.

RESOLVED that it be noted:

- (i) Barclays Bank confirmed removal of Borough Councillor and former Parish Councillor H Mallory from the mandate on 24 June 2022.
- (ii) Barclays Bank confirmed receipt on 4 July and approval on 12 July 2022, of the Council's instruction to add Councillor White to the mandate, which would be implemented and confirmed within 5 working days.

(b) Matters resolved under delegation

RESOLVED that, further to minute 43(d) of 10 November 2020, the following decisions taken under the general urgency delegation under Standing Order 15(b)(xvii) since the last meeting be noted, concerning the supply of electricity to the Friends of Seamer Village's Strawberry Tea, held on The Green on 3 July 2022:

- (i) in consultation with all Members of the Council and then the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, to provide a generator and fuel, within budget.
- (ii) following further consideration of the particular purpose, required size, cost, moving & handling difficulties and overall suitability of providing a generator for this event, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, to reimburse the reasonable cost of connecting the water boiler to a resident's electricity supply, within budget for inclusion within the monthly schedule (*minute 75(d), below*).

(c) Community Fund application

Further to minute 59(a)(iv) of the last meeting, the Council considered a Community Fund application by Seamer Sports Association in the sum of £975.00 concerning the installation of stop lines & signs, mirrors and speed bumps to improve safety on the access road.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) it be noted Councillor Smith, if present, had intended to speak and vote against the application.
- (ii) it be noted the Council owned the access road.
- (iii) the application be approved.

(d) Accounts for payment and income received

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the accounts received for payment and income received since the last meeting be approved.

- (ii) the following further invoices, received since completion of the schedule for this meeting, be approved for payment, subject to inclusion on the schedule for the next meeting:
 - (1) from Business Stream in the sum of £418.41 for Jubilee Allotment Water charges up to meter readings taken and submitted by the clerk on 1 July 2022.
 - (2) from Deepdale Technical Services Limited in the sum of £135.79 for Microsoft 365 Business Standard (Annual Licence).
- (iii) the following community fund grants be approved for payment, subject to inclusion on the schedule for the next meeting:
 - (1) further to minute 74(a) above, to Seamer & District Youth Centre in the sum of £1,200.00 for loft insulation.
 - (2) further to minute 75(c)(iii) above, to Seamer Sports Association in the sum of £975.00 for access road safety measures.

76 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED that, under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting and no person may report on the meeting for the following items of business, on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted:

- (a) relating to any individual (*minute 80, below*).
- (b) which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual (*minute 80, below*).
- (c) relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) (*minutes 77 to 80, below*).
- (d) which reveals that the authority proposes:
 - (i) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person (*minute 80, below*).
 - (ii) to make an order or direction under any enactment (*minute 80, below*).
- (e) relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime (*minute 80, below*).

77 PLAYGROUNDS AND EQUIPMENT: Repairs and Maintenance – The Green

Further to minute 62(ii) of the last meeting, the Council considered a verbal report by the clerk.

RESOLVED that it be noted:

- (i) Streetscape (Products & Services) Ltd were unable to quote for replacing the railing with a bespoke tight mesh product.
- (ii) quotations had been invited to adapt and/or replace the existing handrail, to prevent young children climbing through or over it, for consideration by the Council at the next meeting.

78 OVERGROWING OF THE FOOTPATH ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE B1261 FROM MUSHAM BANK TO THE BYWAYS ROUNDABOUT

Further to minute 64 of the last meeting, the Council considered a verbal report by the clerk.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) it be note the County Council's Highways Area Manager had been written to further.
- (ii) this matter be further deferred to the next meeting, pending a response by the County Council concerning its consent to the Parish Council undertaking the works, approved providers and quotations.

79 ALTERNATIVE ACCESS TO SEAMER & IRTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Further to minute 140(a)(ii)(2) of 8 March 2022, the Council considered a report by the clerk.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the report be received.
- (ii) further to minute 127(b)(ii) & (iv) of 8 February 2022, the stages and potential sums of Section 106 funding for Education and Sports facilities arising from the Linden Homes' Northfield Meadows development be noted.

- (iii) the stage of early in principle discussions to explore options for alternative access to Seamer & Irton Community Primary School and, possibly, Seamer Sports Association be noted.
- (iv) options for funding for an alternative access to Seamer & Irton Community Primary School and, if consistent with this, Seamer Sports Association be further explored.

80 JUBILEE ALLOTMENTS

(a) Matters resolved under delegation

Further to Financial Regulation 4.1 d) and Standing Orders 15(b)(xviii)-(xx), the Council considered a report by the clerk concerning matters resolved under delegation since the last meeting.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the report be received.
- (ii) it be noted the following decisions concerning requests from tenants were taken under Standing Order 15(b)(xix), in consultation with the Members of the Allotments Working Group and then the Chairman & Vice-Chairman:
 - (1) the planting of 2x dwarf plum trees and 1x dwarf peach tree on a plot be approved, subject to being planted in the positions indicated on the provided plan in the coming winter/spring season.
 - (2) a small shed and some small apple trees on a plot be approved, subject to the shed being similar in size and positioned as was the previous shed on the plot, the apple trees being similar in variety and size to those on the neighbouring, next consecutive numbered plot and being positioned along the boundary, and the shed and the trees not overshadowing any neighbouring plot.
- (iii) it be noted the following decisions concerning unsatisfactorily maintained plots were taken under Standing Order 15(b)(xx), in consultation with the Members of the Allotments Working Group and then the Chairman & Vice-Chairman:
 - (1) further to minute 53(a)(iii)(1) of the last meeting, notices of the termination of the tenancy and claim for damages be rescinded in respect of a half-plot, following it being brought up to the proper standard within the timescale set by the Council, and no further action be required beyond maintaining the plot in accordance with the tenancy agreement.
 - (2) a requirement to remove a quantity of fly-tipped building waste from the Jubilee Allotment site be issued to the relevant tenant, with notice of termination of their tenancy by re-entry by the Council if not completed within 2 weeks of the notice, and notice of claim for damages by the Council, to engage a contractor to undertake remaining tasks, if not completed in the event of the termination of the tenancy.
 - (3) The requirement and notices in minute 80(a)(iii)(2) be rescinded and further enquiries conducted in the matter of a quantity of fly-tipped building waste.
 - (4) a requirement to bring a plot up to the proper standard be issued to the relevant tenant, with notice of termination of their tenancy by re-entry by the Council if not completed within 3 weeks of the notice, and notice of claim for damages by the Council, to engage a contractor to undertake remaining tasks, if not completed in the event of the termination of the tenancy.
 - (5) a requirement to bring a half-plot up to the proper standard be issued to the relevant tenant, with notice of termination of their tenancy by re-entry by the Council if not completed within 3 weeks of the notice, and notice of claim for damages by the Council, to engage a contractor to undertake remaining tasks, if not completed in the event of the termination of the tenancy.
 - (6) the relevant tenants of 4 plots be written to, with requirements to bring the plots up to the proper standard within 3 weeks, with notices as in minute 80(a)(iii)(4) above to follow if not resolved.
 - (7) further to minute 53(a)(iii)(3) of the last meeting, requirements to bring 3 plots up to the proper standard be satisfactorily met by the relevant tenants within the timescale set by the Council and no further action be required beyond maintaining the plots in accordance with the tenancy agreements.

- (8) further to minute 53(a)(iii)(4) of the last meeting, a requirement to remove a derelict trailer from a walkway within a reasonable period be satisfactorily met by the relevant tenants and no further action be required.

The meeting closed at 8:30 pm

The next meeting of the Council will be held at Seamer & Irton War Memorial Hall, Main Street, Seamer, Scarborough, YO12 4QD, on 9 August 2022 commencing at 7.00pm

Chairman

9 August 2022