

SEATON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15 SEPTEMBER 2014

Present:

Councillor J M Ardron	Councillor Mrs J King
Councillor P F Bateman	Councillor W McIntyre
Councillor Mrs K P Birkett (Chairman)	Councillor J Musgrave
Councillor M T Ditchburn	Councillor Mrs J Norman
Councillor A Grey	Councillor J Sandwith
Councillor Mrs L Harwood	Councillor Mrs C Tibble
Councillor C J Holding	

Clerk: P Bramley

Minute No. 61

Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Ms M M Gainford.

Minute No. 62

Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received from Councillor Mrs L Harwood, Item 16(1), Personal, & Councillor Mrs J Norman, Item 16(1), Personal.

Minute No. 63

Requests for Dispensations

None received.

Minute No. 64

Minutes of Meeting held on 21 July 2014

Resolved that the minutes of the Meeting held on 21 July 2014 be accepted and signed as a correct record.

Minute No. 65

Best Kept Garden & Container Competition 2014

The winning entries in the Council's Best Kept Garden & Container Competition 2014 were presented with prizes.

Resolved that:

- 1) The winners be congratulated on their efforts.
- 2) Councillors Mrs K P Birkett, M Ditchburn & Mrs L Harwood be thanked for their contributions to the judging, & Mrs L Harwood be thanked for the production of framed certificates for the prize winners.
- 3) The 2015 competition entry arrangements include nominations by councillors & the Clerk.

- 4) The Council encourage the involvement of Seaton school pupils in growing plants by providing them with sunflower seeds or similar, for distribution through schools.

Minute No. 66

Progress Reports

1) Clerk

Resolved that the progress report be noted & that, in the event of no suitable areas having been identified by the Council where dropped kerbs could be proposed, the matter be pursued no further.

2) Village Hall

Resolved that the progress report be noted.

Minute No. 67

Allotments

Members received an update on the position concerning the Council's provision of allotments. It was noted that a response had been received from Allerdale Borough Council to the Council's request for the Lowca Lane allotment site to be registered as an asset of community value. It advised that the Council's Listing Panel had concluded that the asset failed to meet the criteria to qualify as an asset of community value because, although there had been a time in the recent past when the main use of the land had been of community value, evidence provided to the Listing Panel stated that there was no intention to either sell the land or use it for anything other than private purposes over the following five years. On that basis, the panel had concluded that it was not realistic to think that there would be a time over that period when there could be a community use again.

Resolved that the position be noted, & that Allerdale Borough Council be notified that the Lowca Lane allotment site was still being used for allotments, & that the Council had received a petition of some 2,000 names supporting the retention of allotments in Seaton.

Minute No. 68

Public Questions

- 1) Mr P Haughin of the Seaton Allotment & Gardeners' Society asked why discussion of the response to the Council received from Allerdale Borough Council Deputy Monitoring Officer Mr J Price Jones to its enquiries, (Minute 23 2014/15 refers), was considered in the private part of the Council meeting held on 21 July. He was advised that it was because the matter had the potential to lead to the development of legal proceedings.

- 2) Mr K Slone of the Seaton Allotment & Gardeners' Society queried the arrangements for the meeting of the Allerdale Borough Council Listing Panel which had considered the Council's request for the Lowca Lane allotment site to be registered as an asset of community value. He was advised that Parish Council representatives had not been invited to attend. It was agreed to seek clarification on whether meetings of the Panel were open to the public.
- 3) Mr T Donaghue of the Seaton Allotment & Gardeners' Society enquired what stage the Council had reached in its application to Allerdale Borough Council for the compulsory acquisition of the Lowca Lane allotment site. He was advised that the Council had agreed not to proceed further at this stage & that the matter be further discussed in December 2014, (Minute 60 2014/15 refers).

Minute No. 70

Police Report

PCSO Hannah Donaughee advised that, during the previous month, a car had been damaged on Kennedy Road & there had been two incidents of anti-social behaviour in the Hunters Drive area. She had met with Allerdale Borough Council member for Seaton Councillor A Lawson regarding the possibility of creating a skate park in Seaton, & was seeking further discussion with him on the matter. In response to a question, PCSO Donaughee advised that responsibility for dealing with vehicle parking on double yellow lines was the responsibility of traffic wardens, since the matter had been decriminalised by Cumbria County Council as a part of a change in national arrangements.

Resolved that the report be noted & that 'Skate Park' be added as an item on the next meeting agenda.

Minute No. 71

County & District Councillors' Reports

1) Cumbria County Council

Councillor Mrs C Tibble advised that she was still making representations concerning changes to bus services, but could only do so where routes had been subsidised. She also advised that no decision had been received from the government, as had been due, concerning the siting of the replacement secondary school for Southfield & Stainburn Secondary Schools.

Resolved that the report be noted.

Minute No. 72

Council Meeting Format

Resolved that the Council retain the current meeting format on a permanent basis.

Minute No. 73

Brick Dubs

Resolved that, following further consideration of the report received from Groundwork North East & Cumbria on options for environmental enhancements to the Brick Dubs area of common land at High Seaton, a Working Party be established, consisting of Councillors Mrs K P Birkett, M T Ditchburn, Mrs L Harwood, J Sandwith & Mrs C Tibble, to consider the matter further & report back to the Council on proposals.

Minute No. 74

Allerdale Local Plan Part 2

Resolved that the Council seek clarification from Allerdale Borough Council as to why Seaton had been included within the Workington area, when it was a separate parish entity.

Minute No. 75

Proposed Wind Turbine Development, Iggesund

Resolved that, noting that the Allerdale Local Plan Part 1 recently introduced prohibited development within 800 metres of housing, & the responses from representatives of the developers to questions raised at the public meeting held on 23 July at Seaton Village Hall concerning the proposed development of wind turbines near to Iggesund, no further action be taken at this stage.

Minute No. 76

Planning Issues

Resolved that the following observations on planning applications be made:

Reference No:	2/2014/0183
Applicant:	Mr & Mrs T Stephens
Proposal:	Erection of detached dwelling (resubmission to 2/2013/0773)
Location:	28 High Seaton, Seaton
	Objections as previously submitted

Reference No:	2/2014/0529
Applicant:	Mr Andrew Okolowicz, New Balance Athletic Shoes (UK) Ltd
Proposal:	Extension to Solar Photovoltaic on SW facing roof of New Balance factory shop. The extension would add 400 modules to the existing array of 208 modules.
Location:	New Balance Athletic Shoes (UK) Ltd, Flimby, Maryport
	No Objections

Reference No: 2/2014/0607
Applicant: Mr Roger Jackson
Proposal: Siting of LGP Gas Tank & Piping
Location: Seaton Mill House & Old Mill, Low Seaton
No Objections

Reference No: 2/2014/0607
Applicant: Mr Roger Jackson
Proposal: Listed Building Consent for siting of LGP Gas Tank & Piping
Location: Seaton Mill House & Old Mill, Low Seaton
No Objections

Reference No: 2/2014/0670
Applicant: Mr S S Deo Poundsavers
Proposal: Change of use to convert & extend existing garage into four 2 bed roomed flats
Location: Poundsavers, Hunters Drive, Seaton
No Objections

Resolved: that the following planning application decisions made by Allerdale Borough Council be noted:

Reference No: 2/2014/0382
Applicant: Mr & Mrs P McConaghy
Proposal: First floor extension above garage, front porch & replace existing conservatory with single storey sun room
Location: 57 Whitestiles, Seaton
APPROVED

Minute No. 77

Accounts – September 2014

Resolved that the accounts listed in the schedule totalling £4,138.25 be agreed for payment.

Minute No. 78

Financial Regulations

Resolved that the updated Financial Regulations be agreed.

Minute No. 79

Correspondence

Correspondence received since the last meeting was noted.

Resolved that:

- 1) The application for annual funding from Seaton Club for Young People be considered at the next meeting, when it was hoped that more information on requirements would be available.

- 2) Proposals put forward for consultation by Cumbria County Council in the Workington Traffic Regulation Order Review be supported, with the exception of the proposal to remove existing double yellow lines from Causeway Road, which it was considered would cause problems for traffic, particularly large vehicles, should vehicles be parked on the corner as proposed.
- 3) Cumbria County Council be requested to consider, under the Workington Traffic Regulation Order Review, the addition of double yellow lines to the entrances to Coronation Avenue & Princess Avenue, where parking made entering & exiting the junctions hazardous.

Minute No. 80

Councillors' Reports

- 1) It was reported that visitors by bus to the West Cumberland Hospital returning from the hospital in the evening were unable to travel further than Workington following the withdrawal of the evening service to Seaton. It was agreed to contact Cumbria County Council, to ask that it considers, with Stagecoach, how this issue may be resolved.
- 2) It was reported that Allerdale Borough Council had decided not to provide doggy bags to Seaton any longer, & that they were only being made available from Allerdale Offices to members of the public. It was agreed to contact Allerdale Borough Council requesting that the previous service be reintroduced.
- 3) It was noted that the cleanliness of the cycle track through Seaton was to be commended. It was agreed to write to Sustrans to congratulate it on its efforts.
- 4) It was reported that Cumbria County Council had agreed to address the problems reported on the steps on the footpath from Coronation Avenue to Barepot, by instating a rail at the bottom of the steps & infilling the steps.
- 5) It was agreed to write to Allerdale Borough Council & Cumbria County Council, asking that arrangements be made to monitor parking problems on double yellow lines in Seaton.
- 6) It was agreed that consultation on proposals received from the National Grid for the location of new power lines in West Cumbria would be considered further at the next meeting.
- 7) It was agreed that Christmas Lights would be considered at the next meeting.

Minute No. 81

Next Meeting

Members were advised that the next meeting would be held on 20 October 2014 at 7.00pm.

The meeting finished at 8.50 pm.

Signed

Chairman

Date