

**MINUTES** of an Ordinary Meeting of Seamer Parish Council held in Crossgates Community Centre on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2007, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillor M L Jefferson (Chairman).

Councillors J C Agar, R M Bailey, Mrs H F Mallory, Mrs H S Pickles, D E Raine, W H Smith and

H Stephenson.

Mr R Burnett of Scarborough Borough Council.

J Jordan of North Yorkshire County Council.

Mrs Archer and Mrs Holliday.

Mr J Welsh (Clerk of the Council).

### **106. NOTICE OF MEETING**

It was noted that Public Notice of this Meeting had been given in accordance with Schedule 12, Paragraph 10(2), of the Local Government Act 1972.

### **107. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors R G Smith, Mrs R E Clark and D C Jeffels.

### **108. MR R BURNETT, PARKS AND COUNTRYSIDE MANAGER**

The Chairman welcomed Mr R Burnett, Parks and Countryside Manager, Scarborough Borough Council, who explained the procedure for establishing a Crossgates in Bloom Group. A public meeting would be called at the end of January 2008 to assess the support for such a group. Mr Burnett asked if Members could come up with any ideas as a theme and left copies of his report on Crossgates. Mr Burnett agreed to consult with Mrs Archer on a floral display to commemorate the anniversary of YCA. Mr Burnett agreed to look at an overgrown village name sign on the B1261. The Chairman thanked Mr Burnett and Mrs Archer who left the Meeting.

### **109. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Chairman closed the meeting and welcomed Ms J Jordan of North Yorkshire County Council and Mrs Holliday. Ms Jordan explained her role as County Council Community Development Resource Worker looking after facilities for those with learning disabilities. Ms Jordan was building up a picture of available facilities in the community. The Chairman gave information on the availability of Crossgates Community Centre. The Chairman thanked Ms Jordan who left the meeting. Mrs Holliday relayed a request from the allotment garden tenants for a turning area at the entrance to the Jubilee allotments and it was agreed that the matter would be considered by the Land and Property Committee. The Chairman thanked Mrs Holliday who left the meeting. The Chairman re-opened the meeting.

**110. MINUTES**

**Resolved** that the previously circulated Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2007 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

**111. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Minute Ref: 93/37:- The Chairman reported on the recent removal of a commemorative public seat from Bell Close and it was agreed that a letter be sent to all residents of Bell Close setting out the circumstances surrounding the re-positioning of the seat. It was noted that the Parish Council was an innocent party in the matter and had removed the seat to prevent it being scrapped. A new site at Bell Close was not available and as it was a commemorative seat presented by Councillor Bell it had been re-located on the playing fields in a position as near as possible to Bell Close. It was further noted that Borough Councillors Mrs Mallory and Mrs Haycock were taking the matter up with Yorkshire Coast Homes.

Minute Ref: 95/37:- It was noted that a planning application in respect of a large notice board at the quarry at Crossgates had still not been received.

**112. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported receipt of the following items of general correspondence and other items of communication since the date of the last meeting:-

Clerks & Councils Direct - November;  
 Local Council Review - November;  
 The New Link - November;  
 County Councillor D C Jeffels - Highway Matters;  
 North Yorkshire County Council - Minerals & Waste Development Framework;  
 North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority - Accounts 2006/2007;  
 Safer Communities - Consultation;  
 Scarborough Borough Council - Members' Bulletin October;  
     - Harassment & Bullying Training;  
     - Parish Council Model Agreement;  
     - Delivering Highway Services;  
     - Safety Council Minutes;  
     - Core Strategy & Housing Allocations Consultation;  
 Scarborough & District Country Watch - AGM;  
 Scarborough Renaissance - Newsletters;  
 Scarborough Rural Area Forum;  
 Seamer and Irton C.P. School - Newsletters;  
 YLCA - NYCC Area Committee Parish Representative;  
 Yorwaste - Newsletter;

## **Resolved**

- (a) that Councillor Jeffels be asked to take up the following matters at his forthcoming meeting with Mr West, County Area Manager:-
1. Speeding at Long Lane;
  2. Parking on Main Street, Seamer;
  3. Request for a mini-roundabout (white painted road spot) for Stoney Hags crossroads;
- (b) that Councillor Jefferson represents the Council at a meeting at the Town Hall on 22 November on the Model Agreement;
- (c) that Councillor Jefferson be nominated as a parish representative to serve on North Yorkshire County Council Yorkshire Coast and Moors Area Committee;
- (d) that the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

## **113. COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

### **(a) Planning and Environment Committee**

**Councillor Mrs Mallory declared a personal interest in planning matters due to her involvement with Scarborough Borough Council Planning and Development Committee.**

The Chairman of this Committee, Councillor M L Jefferson, reported on Planning Applications processed since the date of the last meeting and it was:-

## **Resolved**

- (i) that comments made to Scarborough Borough Council in respect of Planning Applications Nod. 07/01770/RM, 07/02044/RM, 07/02112/LB, 07/02146/FL, 07/02186/FL and 07/02241/FL (no objections) and 07/01759/FL (reservations) be endorsed;
- (ii) that Notices of Decision from Scarborough Borough Council in respect of Planning Applications Nod. 07/00980/RG4, 07/01180/FL, 07/01298/FL, 07/01391/FL, 07/01536/FL, 07/01580/FL, 07/01611/FL, 07/01639/FL, 07/01762/FL, 07/01770/RM, 07/01862/CA, 07/01874/FL, 07/01997/FL and 07/02036/AA ( approvals) be received;
- (iii) that Mr C Hall, Conservation Officer, be asked to attend the next meeting of the Council to discuss his report on the Seamer Conservation Area;
- (iv) that Thompson Homes be advised there could be fuel tanks remaining on the Seamer Garage site and that children were playing on the site.

## **(b) Land and Property Committee**

The Chairman of this Committee, Councillor W.H.Smith, reported on the following matters:-

(i) that the trees at the Old School House had now been removed and quotations were to be obtained for the supply of fencing for the top of the brick wall;

(ii) that some trees at Long Lane required staking and tying back and it was

**Resolved** that Mr Barnes be asked to carry out the work;

(iii) that the tubs at Main Street had been planted out for Autumn/Winter;

(iv) that bollards had been erected on the build-out at the fish shop on Main Street and the tub moved from its original position which now looked out of balance and it was

**Resolved** that the County Area Manager be asked to move the tub back into its original position and to provide more bollards and an additional tub;

(v) that in response to the request for extra parking at the Jubilee allotments it was

**Resolved** that Councillor W H Smith takes the matter up with the Council's agricultural tenant.

## **(c) Lighting and Highways Committee**

(i) The Chairman of this Committee, Councillor H Stephenson, reported on lighting and highway matters. Councillor Mrs Mallory suggested that the bi-monthly inspections of parish lighting be discontinued as there were adequate facilities for reporting lighting defects to the Borough Council but no firm decision was taken on the suggestion.

(ii) It was noted that the direction sign to the Sports Association off Pasture Lane had slipped down its pole and was to be reported to the County Council.

(iii) Councillor Mrs Pickles agreed to determine the location of an overgrown hedge at Beacon Road/Stoney Hags Road.

(iv) Councillor Stephenson stated that the Council should insist on adequate parking facilities being provided for all new developments.

(v) Councillor Mrs Mallory reported that remedial work had been done to the wall at St.Martin's Cottage.

## **(d) Finance Committee**

There were no matters to report to the meeting.

## **(e) Yorkshire Local Councils Associations**

There were no matters to report to the meeting.

#### **114. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

##### **(a) Accounts**

**Resolved** that payment by the Clerk of accounts since the date of the last meeting or as presented to this meeting be authorised.

##### **(b) Income**

The Clerk reported receipt of items of income since the date of the last meeting.

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##### **(c) Application for Funding by Seamer and District Youth Centre**

An application for funding from Seamer and District Youth Centre towards the costs of chimney work at the Old School was considered and it was

**Resolved** that a donation of £350 be approved.

#### **115. SECURITY PATROLS (Minute Ref: 99/40)**

The parish security patrols were reviewed and will be reviewed again in December.

#### **116. PLAY EQUIPMENT (Minute Ref: 100/41)**

The Clerk reported receipt of the funding agreement from Yorventure in the sum of £21,400 in respect of the replacement of play equipment at the playing fields. It was also confirmed that Scarborough Borough Council had contributed £1,500 and North Yorkshire County Council £2,000 towards the cost of the project. Members discussed the positioning of the equipment on site and

##### **Resolved**

- (a) that the funding agreement with Yorventure be signed by the Chairman of the Council;
- (b) that a cheque for £2,140 as 10% reimbursement of funding be forwarded to Yorventure;
- (c) that Miracle Design and Play Limited be engaged to supply and install new play equipment according to a quotation dated 7<sup>th</sup> July 2007 in the sum of £25,145.54;
- (d) that the Parish Council covers any shortfall in funding for the project;
- (e) that the equipment be positioned in the corner of the playing fields in the same position as that previously.

**117. MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS**

In accordance with s51(5) of the Local Government Act 2000 it was

**Resolved** that the Model Code of Conduct for Members including paragraph 12(2) be formally adopted by the Council and that the Clerk informs the Standards Board for England of the Council's decision.

The meeting closed at 9.34 p.m.

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**Chairman**

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