

MINUTES of an Ordinary Meeting of Seamer Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, Main Street, Seamer, on Tuesday, 14th August 2007, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor R G Smith (Chairman).

Councillors J C Agar, M L Jefferson, Mrs H F Mallory, D E Raine, W H Smith and H Stephenson.

Councillor D C Jeffels. Councillor Mrs L Haycock.

Mr J Welsh (Clerk of the Council).

59. 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.

60. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr B Goulding.

61. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman closed the meeting and welcomed Councillor Jeffels and Councillor Mrs Haycock. A letter from the County Area Manager was read out to the meeting regarding highway matters. The Chairman informed the meeting of his objections to the footpath being laid alongside the B1261 Brierley Road to Musham Bank. The Parish Council had been consulted about the provision of the footpath and indicated that it was a waste of public money - however the Parish Council's comments had been ignored and the scheme had gone ahead. The Chairman thanked Councillor Jeffels who then left the meeting. Councillor Mrs Haycock spoke on the Housing Allocations Development Plan. She confirmed that the grass in the front garden of the Youth Centre had now been cut.

62. MINUTES

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 10th July 2007 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

63. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute Ref. 56/22 - Councillor Jefferson stated that he would be unable to attend the Flood Response Liaison Meeting on 27th September.

Minute Ref: 52(b)(i)/21 - It was noted that the undergrowth at Long Lane had not yet been cut back.

Minute Ref: 52(c)(ii)/21 - It was noted that the Parish Council's request to the County Council for an additional planter and a bollard for the build-out at Main Street required chasing up.

64. CORRESPONDENCE

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

The New Link - July and August;
Coastal Car Scheme - Leaflets;
My Coast Area Forums - Leaflets;
Ryedale District Council - Core Strategy Consultation;
Scarborough Borough Council - Overview & Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2006/2007;
 - Sports Provision;
 - Review of Polling Places;
 - Councillor Training;
Seamer and Irton C.P. School - Newsletters;
Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Trust - Leaflets;
Yorkshire Coast Homes/NYCC - Public Seat at Bell Close;
YRCC - AGM Notice, EU Leader Partnerships and Charity Trustees;

Resolved

- (a) that Ryedale District Council be asked to remove refuse from the southern end of the layby at Star Carr on the A64;
- (b) that Councillor D E Raine attends the training seminar on the New Code of Conduct at the Town Hall on 1st October.
- (c) that Mr Barnes be asked to remove the public seat from the footpath at Bell Close and re-position it on a hard standing at the recreation field;
- (d) that the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

65. 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. 07/01350/FL, 07/01391/FL and 07/01397/FL (no objections) and 07/01293/FL, 07/01417/FL and 07/01536/FL (reservations) be endorsed;

(ii) that Notices of Decision from Scarborough Borough Council in respect of Planning Applications Nod. 07/00681/RM, 07/00892/FL and 07/01013/FL (approvals) and 07/00691/FL and 07/00818/FL (refusals) be received.

(b) Land and Property Committee

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

- (i) that the planters and trough on Main Street had been planted-out and looked well. Consideration was to be given for planting-out for Winter.
- (ii) that the external painting of the Memorial Hall was required and a rotten faciaboard at the rear of the hall needed replacement. It was noted that repairs were required to the roof near the main entrance before painting was carried out.
- (iii) that the lock on the gate at the entrance to The Kaffirs was not working. Councillor Stephenson agreed to look at the problem.
- (iv) that the allotments had been inspected and a mixed standard of maintenance noted.
- (v) that he would inspect the top platform of the play equipment at The Green which needed repair or replacement.
- (vi) that a slate was missing from the roof of the Old School House and the chimneys needed cleaning and a wire cage fitted to prevent access by birds. It was noted that Mr L Davies had already been appointed to carry out the work.
- (vii) that lap-type fencing was required for the rear and side wall of the garden of the Old School House in order to maintain privacy.
- (viii) that the chimney at the back of the Youth Centre needed re-pointing and the collar and stabilising bands needed attention, and the chimney in the centre of the roof required re-pointing. Two terracotta finials required careful removal from the roof. It was agreed that a list of the works be given to the Youth Centre Management Committee recommending that it arranges for the works to be carried out by a competent and adequately insured builder as soon as possible. It was agreed that the Council would consider making a contribution to the funding for the project when the costs were known.
- (ix) that tree roots from a neighbouring property were breaking through the tarmac surface of the Youth Centre car park and it was agreed that the owner be asked his intentions regarding the matter.
- (x) that the hedge at the recreation field looked unsightly and it was agreed that N Barnes be asked to rough strim the hedge.

(c) Lighting and Highways Committee

The Chairman of this Committee, Councillor H Stephenson, reported that some of the potholes on the A64 Seamer Bypass had recently been repaired by Carrillion, and that Stoney Hags Road had been tarred and chipped.. It was agreed that the County Council be asked to reinstate the white road lines at the Main Street/Eastgate junction at Milestone House. The continuing problem of builder's materials being delivered and deposited on to the grass verge at Eastgate Park was considered and the matter was to be referred to the Borough Council. It was noted that bags of rubbish were being left at the tree at Main Street/Eastgate junction. The action constituted fly-tipping and the matter was to be reported to the Borough Council.

8.30 p.m. Councillor Mrs Haycock left the meeting.

The meeting was informed that a new plan was to be drawn up by Mr R Burnett for the improvement of the flowerbed adjacent to Crossgates roundabout. It was also reported that flower baskets might be fixed to the lamp standards at the roundabout.

(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. Councillors R G Smith and W H Smith reported on recent meetings of the Safer Communities Group.

66. 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.

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(b) Income

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

(c) Quotation for Removal of Trees from Front Garden of the Old School House **(Minute Ref:52(b)(iii)/21**

Two quotations were opened in the meeting and the work was awarded to Neil Barnes Landscape Services.

(d) Quotation for External Painting of Memorial Hall

A quotation from S Bowes and Son was accepted.

67. SECURITY PATROLS (Minute Ref: 54/22)

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

68. FLOODING IN THE PARISH (Minute Ref: 56/22)

Resolved that a storage box with filled sandbags be obtained from Scarborough Borough Council and situated at Stapleton Close for use in emergencies.

69. BEST KEPT GARDEN AND ALLOTMENT COMPETITION 2007 (Minute Ref: 57/23)

Resolved that the list of winners be received and approved and presentations be made at the September meeting of the Council.

70. PLAY EQUIPMENT

Resolved that two further quotations be obtained for the supply and erection of play equipment at the recreation field and three letters of support for the project from local organisations be obtained for submission to Yorventure as part of the Council's application for funding.

71. PURCHASE OF SPRING BULBS

Resolved

(a) that 10,000 daffodil bulbs and 5,000 crocus bulbs be purchased from O A Taylor and Sons Bulbs Ltd for planting in highway verges;

(b) that Neil Barnes Landscape Services be asked for a price for planting out the bulbs during the Autumn.

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72. SEAMER & IRTON MEMORIAL HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Resolved that Councillor D E Raine be appointed to represent the Council on the committee.

73. REFUSE COLLECTION

Resolved that a letter be sent to Scarborough Borough Council expressing the Council's regret at the forthcoming fortnightly collections of refuse which is considered a retrograde step for health reasons.

74. CHRISTMAS 2007 - COMMUNITY CAROL SINGING

Resolved that the Christmas Community Carol Singing be arranged for Wednesday, 19th December 2007, at the Memorial Hall, and music be arranged as in 2006.

75. CASUAL VACANCY

Resolved that Hayley S Pickles of 7 Stoney Haggs Road, Seamer, be appointed to fill the current vacancy in the Seamer Ward.

76. HOUSING ALLOCATIONS DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The sites put forward for consideration by landowners were discussed and it was noted that a exhibition would be held at Crossgates Community Centre on Friday, 14th September 2007, from 3.00 pm to 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 10.03 p.m.

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Chairman

11th September 2007

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