

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of Seamer Parish Council held at Crossgates Community Centre on Tuesday, 8th May 2007, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor M L Jefferson (Chairman).
Councillors J C Agar, J A Keith, D E Raine, W H Smith and H Stephenson.
Borough Councillor Mrs L Haycock.
Mr S King, North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service.
Mr B Goulding and Mr I Floyd, Scarborough Borough Council.
Six members of the public.
Mr J Welsh (Clerk of the Council).

13. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

On a proposal by Councillor Jefferson and seconded by Councillor Stephenson it was

Resolved that Councillor Raymond George Smith be appointed Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

14. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

It was agreed that Councillor R G Smith could sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman of the Council on his return from holiday.

15. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

On a proposal by Councillor Agar and seconded by Councillor Raine it was

Resolved that Councillor Michael Linton Jefferson be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

16. 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.

17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Mrs H F Mallory and R G Smith and County Councillor D C Jeffels.

18. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman closed the meeting and welcomed Mr King from North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service who outlined the responsibilities of the Service. He indicated that a speed matrix could be available for the parish and he was provided with details of problem areas to be monitored for speeding. Mr King arranged to report back to the Council. The Chairman thanked Mr King who then left the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed Mr B Goulding, Head of Street Scene Services, Scarborough Borough Council, who updated his report on matters raised previously. He confirmed that the footpaths at Southgate, Wold View, Kareen Avenue and Leighton Close would be resurfaced in September 2007. Difficulties for pedestrians crossing Musham Bank interchange were identified by Councillor Raine and Mr Goulding promised to pass the information on to Mr Bedford, Borough Highways Manager. Councillor W H Smith observed that the hedge at Seamer sports fields should have been cut back further. He also extended thanks to Mr R Burnett, Parks and Countryside Manager on the 'Secret Wood' project. The Chairman thanked Mr Goulding who then left the meeting.

The Chairman congratulated Councillors on their appointments and Councillor Mrs Haycock responded.

Mrs Brining, Mr Darby and two further parishioners entered and discussed sites to accommodate travellers attending Seamer Fair 2007. The Chairman thanked them and they left the meeting.

Mrs J Buddo queried the reasoning behind the recent line painting at the frontage of the Memorial Hall. A discussion followed on the use of common land.

The Chairman welcomed Mr I Floyd, Strategic Director of Corporate Services, Scarborough Borough Council, who spoke on the County Council's bid for unitary status and on the Borough Council's response to the proposal. Mr Floyd explained the slides contained in his report and answered Members' questions. The Chairman thanked Mr Floyd who left the meeting.

19. CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES

Resolved that the Committees of the Council for the ensuing year be constituted as follows:-

Planning and Environment

Cllr. M L Jefferson (Chairman)
Cllr. Mrs H F Mallory
Cllr. W H Smith
Cllr. H Stephenson
Cllr. J A Keith

Land and Property

Cllr. W H Smith (Chairman)
Cllr. M L Jefferson
Cllr. H Stephenson
Cllr. R M Bailey
Cllr. J A Keith

Lighting and Highways

Cllr. H Stephenson (Chairman)
Cllr. R M Bailey
Cllr. J C Agar
Cllr. D E Raine

Finance

Cllr. M L Jefferson (Chairman)
Cllr. W H Smith
Cllr. H Stephenson
Cllr. Mrs H F Mallory
Cllr. D E Raine

NB. The Chairman of the Council, Councillor R G Smith, is an Ex-officio Member of all four Committees.

20. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Resolved that the Council be represented on the following Outside Bodies by the Members stated as follows:-

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| (a) St.Martin's Church Restoration Committee: | Councillor D E Raine |
| (b) Crossgates Community Association: | Councillor M L Jefferson |
| (c) Seamer Sports Association: | Councillor W H Smith |
| (d) The Green Tots Plot Committee: | To be filled later |
| (e) Yorkshire Local Councils Associations: | Councillors Jefferson & R G Smith |
| (f) Seamer Youth Club Management Committee: | To be filled later |
| (g) Memorial Hall Management Committee: | Councillor J A Keith |
| (h) Scar.South Dist.Community Education Cttee: | Councillor J C Agar |
| (i) Scar.South Learning Community Group: | Councillor J C Agar |
| (j) Seamer & Irton C.P. School Governing Body: | Representative Irton Parish Council |
| (k) Roads Liaison Committee: | Councillors Jefferson and Bailey |
| (l) Police Liaison Committee: | Councillors H Stephenson & J C Agar |

21. DATES OF MEETINGS

Resolved

(a) that for the ensuing year, the Ordinary Meetings of the Council be held alternately in the Memorial Hall, Seamer, and Crossgates Community Centre, on the second Tuesday of each month, commencing at 7.00 p.m., as follows:-

12 June 2007	Memorial Hall
10 July 2007	Community Centre
14 August 2007	Memorial Hall
11 September 2007	Community Centre
9 October 2007	Memorial Hall
13 November 2007	Community Centre
11 December 2007	Memorial Hall
8 January 2008	Community Centre
12 February 2008	Memorial Hall
11 March 2008	Community Centre
8 April 2008	Memorial Hall
13 May 2008(Annual)	Community Centre

(b) that the Annual Assembly of the Parish of Seamer be held on Tuesday, 15th April 2008, commencing at 7.30 p.m., in the Memorial Hall, Main Street, Seamer.

22. CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE

Resolved that in pursuance of Section 15(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Chairman's Allowance be £60 for the financial year ending 31 March 2008.

23. MINUTES

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

24. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters to report to the meeting.

25. 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 and Councils Direct - May Issue;
Local Council Revue - May Issue;
The New Link - May Issue;
Mr & Mrs Barnes - Seamer Fair 2007;
IPSOS MORI - Local Government Survey;
North Yorkshire County Council - Housing Developments Questionnaire;
Rural Payments Agency - Single Payment Scheme 2005;
Safer Communities - Information Pack;
Scarborough Borough Council - Unitary Bid;
 - Election of Councillors;
 - Overview and Scrutiny Committees;
 - Members' Bulletin;
 - Street Naming, Wold View Park;
Seamer & Irton C.P. School - Newsletters;

Resolved that the correspondence be received and the contents noted.

9.00 p.m. Councillor Agar left the meeting.

26. COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

(a) Planning and Environment Committee

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

Resolved

(1) that comments made to Scarborough Borough Council in respect of Planning Applications Nod. 07/00769/FL/CPC (no objections) and 07/00116/OL/CPC, 07/00681/RM/CPC and 07/00759/FL/CPC (reservations) be endorsed;

(2) that Notices of Decision from Scarborough Borough Council in respect of Planning Applications Nod. 07/00368/TP, 07/00436/FL and 07/00441/FL (approvals) and 07/00422/AA (refusal) be received.

(3) Councillor Jefferson reported on his recent meeting with Mr G Somerville, Head of Planning Services, Scarborough Borough Council, regarding Article 4 Directions restricting domestic permitted development rights in rural villages. It was noted that the recommendations were to bring an additional control over works in Conservation Areas which were perceived to be at risk from inappropriate alterations. Proposals had been made relating to Seamer and five other villages and it was

Resolved that the proposals be supported.

(b) Land and Property Committee

(1) The Chairman of this Committee, Councillor W.H.Smith, reported on a letter received from the Rural Payments Agency in respect of the Council's claim under the Single Payment Scheme for 2005. It was noted that there were several inaccuracies in the letter and the Clerk had replied setting out the details of the Council's claim. A reply was awaited. It was noted that the entitlements were a saleable commodity and may be considered for sale at a later date.

(2) Councillor W H Smith reported on maintenance work required at a bus shelter and agreed to look at the problem and report back.

(c) Lighting and Highways Committee

The Chairman of this Committee, Councillor H.Stephenson, reported on the maintenance of Seamer roundabout and it was noted that Mr Burnett was already aware of the matter.

Councillor Jeffels had raised a query regarding the maintenance of a wall at Main Street and it was agreed that the Clerk contacts Councillor Jeffels regarding the matter.

It was noted that a car marked for sale was often parked on the highway outside The Green and Councillor Keith offered to take the matter up.

(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.

27. 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) Annual Accounts 2006/2007

Resolved

- (1) that the previously circulated final accounts for 2006/2007 be received and approved and the Chairman of the Council and the Responsible Financial Officer be authorised to sign the accounts;
- (2) that information in the Receipts and Payments Account relating to Land Rents be sub-divided in future years to provide greater detail.

(d) Audit of Accounts 2006/2007

Resolved

- (i) that Notice of Audit of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2007 be received;
- (ii) that the Chairman of the Council and the Responsible Financial Officer be authorised to sign the Annual Audit Return;
- (iii) that Mr C H Holmes be appointed Internal Auditor.

28. SECURITY PATROLS (Minute Ref: 10/4)

The parish security patrols were reviewed and will be reviewed again in June. It was noted that Councillors R G Smith and W H Smith would attend a meeting of the recently established Problem Solving Group at Eastfield Police Office at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday, 17th May 2007.

29. RENEWAL OF PLAY EQUIPMENT (Minute Ref: 11/4)

There were no matters to report to the meeting.

30. SEAMER FAIR 2007 (Minute Ref: 12/4)

(a) Councillor W H Smith reported on the costs falling on the parish since 1996 in organising accommodation for travellers and it was

Resolved that the matter be left in abeyance until after the 2007 Fair.

(b) A letter had been received from Mr and Mrs Barnes regarding the protection of open land adjacent to their property and it was

Resolved that enquiries be made regarding the adoption of Phase 3 Crossgates and the matter be taken up with either the Borough Council or Persimmon Homes as appropriate.

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31. CASUAL VACANCY

Two applications were received for the current vacancy on the Seamer Ward following the 2007 Elections and it was

Resolved that Mrs Ruth Elizabeth Clark of 85 Stoney Haggs Road, Seamer, be appointed to fill the current vacancy in the Seamer Ward.

The meeting closed at 10.03 p.m.

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Chairman

12th June 2007

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