



# SEAMER PARISH COUNCIL

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**MINUTES:** of the Meeting of the Council held at Seamer & Irton War Memorial Hall, Main Street, Seamer, Scarborough, YO12 4QD on 12 October 2021 commencing at 7.00pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillor L Wallis (Chairman) in the Chair;  
Councillors K Elbourne, V Milner (Vice-Chairman), D Raine, WH Smith, J Stockdale and J White;  
Mandy Pepworth, Community Safety Officer, North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service, 1 member of the public and the clerk.

## 54 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED that:

- (a) apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting by Councillor H Mallory and County Councillor D Jeffels be received.
- (b) the previously circulated reasons given for absence:
  - (i) by Councillor Mallory be approved.
  - (ii) by County Councillor Jeffels be noted, with thanks.

## 55 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.

## 56 NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (PFCC) PRIORITIES

### (a) Report by North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service's Community Safety Officer

Further to minute 41(ii) of the last meeting, the Council considered a verbal report by North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, concerning the role of and advice on Fire, Water and Road Safety available from Community Safety Officers to individuals and groups of all ages.

RESOLVED that the report and supporting documentation be received, with thanks.

### (b) The PFCC's consultation: Your Safety, Your Priorities, Your Plans:

Further to minute 41(iii) of the last meeting and Standing Order 7, the Council considered its response to the PFCC's consultation.

RESOLVED that each Member respond individually to the online consultation.

## 57 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillor White reported he had been contacted by a member of the public concerning a circus having attached large posters / signs to the fence fronting the electricity Sub-Station, set back next to the bus stop on the B1261 between Rowan Fields and Station View, Crossgates, which had not been removed and other events were being publicised on these, which was an eye sore.

RESOLVED that the matter be reported for action to:

- (i) the Borough Council, in terms of littering and anti-social behaviour.
- (ii) Northern Powergrid, as the owners, with responsibility for the site.

## 58 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the previously circulated minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 14 September 2021:

- (i) be amended:
  - (1) amending the existing minute 49(c)(ii) to minute 49(c)(iii).
  - (2) inserting a new minute 49(c)(ii) "further to minutes 9 of 4 May 2021 and 27(a)(i) of the last meeting, Neil Barnes Landscape Services' invoice in the sum of £320 be approved for payment and inclusion on the schedule for the next meeting."

- (ii) then be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## 59 JUBILEE ALLOTMENTS

### (a) Matters resolved under delegation

The Council considered a verbal report by the clerk.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the report be received.
- (ii) the following decisions taken under delegation since the last meeting be noted:
  - (1) further to minute 17(g) of 4 May 2021, in consultation with Members of the Allotments Working Group and then the Chairman & Vice-Chairman, the provision of a skip from 15 to 18 October 2021 for the Council to clear items from a plot for re-letting and then for use by tenants to dispose of seasonal allotment waste.
  - (2) further to minute 52(a) of the last meeting, confirmation of the order to more substantially cut back the front and top of the front hedge.
- (iii) further to minute 27(b)(i) of 10 August 2021, it be noted a number of requests from tenants were being considered by Members of the Allotments Working Group.
- (iv) further to minute 52(b)(ii) & (iii) of the last meeting, it be noted the clerk had yet to explore other options for the supply of bark chippings.

### (b) Tenants' Participation

Councillor White reported rotten and/or loose/leaning fence posts along the field boundary with the Jubilee Allotments, which had been raised by tenants and reported to the clerk by Members of the Allotments Working Group.

RESOLVED that James Stockdale Limited be requested to replace the posts and maintain the fence.

## 60 REMEMBRANCE

The Council considered the Service of Remembrance to be held at Seamer and Irton War Memorial Hall at 10.45am on Armistice Day, 11 November 2021.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) the Chairman's offer to attend the Service of Remembrance and lay a wreath on behalf of the Council be accepted with thanks.
- (b) a suitable wreath be purchased.

## 61 CHRISTMAS

The Council considered arrangements for Christmas, including:

### (a) Christmas Carol Services

#### (i) Christmas Carol Service at Seamer and Irton War Memorial Hall

RESOLVED that a suitable date and time be confirmed in liaison with Reverend Andrew Morland, the Reverend Dr Kevin Ridd, Seamer & Irton Community Primary School and the Chair of the Memorial Hall Management Committee.

#### (ii) Crossgates Community Centre Community Carol Singing

RESOLVED that it be noted the event was on 12 December 2021.

### (b) Provision, installation and removal of Christmas Trees and Lights

RESOLVED that:

- (i) a 16' fir tree be ordered for the car park to the Memorial Hall.
- (ii) Councillor Stockdale's offer to arrange installation of the tree with lights in the car park of the Memorial Hall and their removal after New Year be accepted with thanks.
- (iii) arrangements to power the tree lights on the Memorial Hall car park be confirmed.
- (iv) battery powered festive lights be purchased and installed on the usual tree at The Green.
- (v) Neil Barnes Landscape Services be requested to supply and install three small trees on the roadside wall and a 6' tree outside the main door of Crossgates Community Centre, fit lights to these, and remove these after New Year.

**(c) Christmas Best Decorated Property Competition**

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the competition be held in the same format as in previous years prior to the pandemic.
- (ii) the judging arrangements, as discussed, be confirmed to Members by the clerk.

**62 TREE PLANTING**

RESOLVED that, further to minute 29 of 10 August 2021, this item be deferred to the next meeting for action by the clerk.

**63 HIGHWAYS****(a) Overgrowing of the footpath on the east side of the B1261 from Musham Bank to the Byways roundabout, impacting on disabled users, most greatly, and parents with children in buggies**

Further to minute 45(d) of the last meeting, the Council considered a further response from the County Council.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) further enquiries be made concerning relevant use and access issues, including where users are travelling to and from and the numbers involved.
- (ii) the possibility of the footpath being maintained as an unpaid work project be explored.

**(b) Broken down fencing alongside the bridge nearest to the A64 from Main Street, Seamer**

RESOLVED that, further to minute 45(c) of the last meeting, it be noted Historic Railway Monuments reported the County Council was responsible for the broken down fencing and County Councillor Jeffels was following this up within the County Council.

**64 CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**(a) Reports of County Councillor Jeffels:**

- (i) Parish Notes September 20 of 15 September 2021.
- (ii) Parish Councils Notes September 23 of 22 September 2021.
- (iii) parish councils report - October 5 of 3 October 2021.

**(b) Monthly Police Report.**

RESOLVED that the reports and correspondence be received.

**65 PLANNING MATTERS****(a) Planning Applications****(i) Applications considered and resolved under delegation**

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the report of the clerk be received.
- (2) the following planning applications responded to and responses made to the Planning Authority, in the spirit of the specific urgency delegation under Standing Order 15(b)(xv) as resolved by the Council meeting on 13 October 2020 [minute 26(a)(i)(2)] but foreshortened under the general urgency delegation under minute 9 of 4 May 2021, since the last meeting:

**(a) concerning the following applications, be noted:**

- (i) 21/01374/FL Erection of 6no. Dwellings, Flowerdale Court, Seamer.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. no objection be raised.
- 2. the application be supported.

- (ii) 21/00924/HS Erection of a first floor side and ground floor front extensions to attached garage, 35 Stoney Hags Road, Seamer.

RESOLVED that no objection and no comment be raised.

- (iii) 21/01938/FL Change of use to garage (B2), Disability Resource Centre, Dunslow Court, Eastfield.

RESOLVED that no objection and no comment be raised.

- (b) concerning the following application be reconsidered by the Council:

- (i) 21/01582/HS Retrospective application for erection of single storey extension to rear, 12 Abbots Garth, Seamer.

RESOLVED that:

1. it be noted it was resolved, under delegation, no objection and no comment be raised.
  2. on reconsideration, the Council:
    - a. objects to the application, on the grounds of very significant overshadowing of the neighbouring property, 14 Abbots Garth, Seamer.
    - b. notes:
      - i. with concern the extent of the building work completed, particularly prior to retrospective submission but also prior to consideration of approval of the final plans, which seems to be an increasing issue in the area.
      - ii. its reconsideration of this planning application comes a week after the end of the statutory consultation period in this matter but requests the Planning Authority gives serious consideration to the Parish Council's objection and concern.
- (ii) **Current applications considered by the Council**
- (1) 21/01624/FL Erection of first floor to existing workshop block, with connecting 2 storey link and erection of 6no. two storey workshop units, Cayley Court, Hopper Hill Road, Eastfield.

RESOLVED that no objection and no comment be raised.

- (2) 21/01927/FL Erection of extension, reconfiguration of current parking and storage Yard areas along with surface water attenuation tank Osprey Ltd, Dunslow Road, Eastfield.

RESOLVED that no objection and no comment be raised.

**(b) Housing Strategy Consultation**

The Council considered the Borough Council's Housing Strategy Consultation.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the final question of the consultation only be responded to.
- (ii) concern be expressed at a lack of infrastructure and services to support implementation of the proposed strategy and action plan.

**66 OUTSIDE BODIES**

**(a) Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (YLCA) Scarborough Branch**

The Council considered a verbal report by Councillor Wallis, concerning her and Councillor Elbourne's attendance at a recent Branch meeting.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

**(b) Seamer and Irton War Memorial Hall**

The Council considered a verbal report by Councillor White.

RESOLVED that, further to minute 33(b)(iii) of 10 August 2021, it be noted the Memorial Hall Management Committee was seeking 3 quotations for supply and installation of a kitchen.

**(c) Seamer and District Youth Centre**

The Council considered a verbal report by Councillor Stockdale.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the Youth Centre Management Committee submit a Community Fund application for a grant for improved insulation to reduce heating bills for the centre.

- (ii) Councillor Stockdale's offer to install such insulation free of charge be noted with thanks.

## 67 FINANCIAL MATTERS

### (a) Insurance

RESOLVED that, further to minute 49(c)(ii) of the last meeting, it be noted a new 3 year agreement has been entered into via the Council's Insurance Brokers with Hiscox, within budget, under delegation.

### (b) Revision of Budget 2021-22

Further to minute 49(d)(i)-(iii) of the last meeting, the Council considered a report by the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the report be received.
- (ii) implementation of the virements and earmarking of reserves approved at the last meeting be noted.
- (iii) the Revised Budget 2021-22 be approved.

### (c) Accounts for payment and income received

RESOLVED that the accounts received for payment and income received since the last meeting be approved.

## 68 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 70, below*)
- (b) relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) (*minutes 69 & 70, below*)

## 69 PLAYGROUNDS AND EQUIPMENT

### (a) Swing – Toddler – 1 Bay 2 Seat at The Green

RESOLVED that, further to minute 53(a) of the last meeting, acceptance of Wicksteed Leisure Ltd's quotations and confirmation of orders under delegation be noted for:

- (i) the supply and installation of replacement full cradle seats and moving parts.
- (ii) inspection of Wicksteed Leisure Ltd's manufactured/supplied equipment on site.

### (b) Swing – Junior – 1 Bay 2 Seat at The Green

RESOLVED that, further to minute 53(b) of the last meeting, confirmation of the order with HAGS-SMP Ltd under delegation be noted for the supply and installation of seats and moving parts for the Swing – Junior – 1 Bay 2 Seat and inspection of their manufactured/supplied equipment on site.

### (c) Annual Safety Inspection Reports

Further to minute 36(e) of 10 August 2021, the Council considered the Annual Inspection Reports for The Green and the Recreation Ground.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the reports be received and noted.
- (ii) Wicksteed Leisure Ltd and HAGS-SMP Ltd be requested to advise and quote for suitable fittings and spacing, to ensure secure closure whilst removing the entrapment hazard on the main pedestrian gate to the Green.

### (d) Carousel roundabout at The Green

RESOLVED that, further to minute 36(b) of 10 August 2021:

- (i) and Financial Regulation 4.1(c), the purchase of further replacement bolts and platform fittings under delegation be noted.
- (ii) and minutes 69(b) & (c) of this meeting, it be noted the current order included inspection of this equipment.

(iii) anti-social behaviour at The Green continue to be reported to the Police.

**(e) Swing – Tyre at the Recreation Ground**

RESOLVED that, further to minute 69(c) of this meeting, Councillor Stockdale's offer to remove a padlock from the chain of the Swing – Tyre at the Recreation Ground be accepted with thanks.

**(f) Outdoor gym equipment**

Further to minute 53(c) of the last meeting, the Council considered a verbal report by the clerk and quotations received.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) it be noted, pending specific proposals, the Borough Council had been requested to advise of its 'in principle' position on the granting of a Licence for the siting of outdoor gym equipment at its park between Crab Lane/Long Lane/Maggie Garth, Crossgates.
- (ii) Councillor R Murphy's commitment of £1,500 from her Borough Council Locality Budget be accepted with thanks.
- (iii) it be noted Councillor Jeffels' was unable to commit further funds from his County Council Locality Budget.
- (iv) the quotations be deferred for further consideration at the next meeting.

**(g) CCTV at The Green**

Further to minute 36(d) of 10 August 2021, the Council considered a verbal report by the clerk.

RESOLVED that North Yorkshire Police Crime Prevention Officer be consulted.

**(h) Signage**

The Council considered a verbal report by the Chairman and example signs.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the report be received, with thanks.
- (ii) 2 each of signs prohibiting dogs and notifying a disclaimer be purchased for each of The Green and the Recreation Ground parks.
- (iii) Councillor Stockdale's offer to put up the signs be accepted with thanks.

**(i) Enforcement of no dogs allowed**

The Council considered a verbal report by the clerk.

RESOLVED that the enforcement of no dogs on The Green be further explored.

**70 LAND HOLDING**

Further to minute 37 of 10 August 2021, the Council considered a verbal report by the clerk concerning boundary issues.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) concerns about safety and regulatory compliance with electrical installations be reported to Northern Powergrid.
- (b) concerns about safety and regulatory compliance with water installations be reported to Yorkshire Water / Business Stream.
- (c) each of the boundary issues be clarified.
- (d) the taking of legal advice be authorised.

*The meeting closed at 9:10 pm*

The next meeting of the Council will be held at Crossgates Community Centre, Curlew Drive, Crossgates, Scarborough, YO12 4TL, on 9 November 2021 commencing at 7.00pm