

SEATON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
19TH SEPTEMBER 2016
SEATON VILLAGE HALL 7.00PM

Present:

Mr J Lang Chairman
Mr R Clarke
Mrs C Lammie
Mr David Coop

In attendance:

Mr John Hill Clerk
Mr James Lammie Rutland County Councillor

MINUTES

1. APOLOGIES:

Mr N Greenfield

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillors Lang and Coop declared a potential interest in item 14 Allotments and Councillor Lang declared a potential interest in Item 7 – Highways issues, footpath maintenance.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

On a proposal by Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Coop, the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting of 25th May 2016 were duly signed as a correct record, with unanimous support.

4. MATTERS ARISING (NOT ON THE AGENDA):

None

5. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Accounts update:

Petty Cash	£50.50 (- £10 for this meeting)
Current Account Nationwide	£3268.28 + interest
West Brom	
Deposit Account	£5812.02 + interest
Restricted Capital Account	£326.29 + interest

The Clerk confirmed that, apart from funds raised for the Defibrillator and accessories, income is in line with the budgeted figure but expenditure is running in front due to the extra costs of the new web site (£120) and the regular cutting of the allotment pathways (£126 to date).

Audit of 2015/16 Accounts:

The Accounts presented to the external Auditors had been passed. The Auditor commented that the Annual Governance Statement should be shown by a separate Minute No. to precede the Accounting Statements.

Retrospective approval of Payments:

On a proposal by Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Lang, Members unanimously approved, retrospectively, the following payments:

LCC Web site support 2016 (part)	£30.00
2Commune Register & Manage website domain	£30.00
HMRC – PAYE 1 st Quarter Tax	£77.15
J Lang – Gift for support on Internal Audit	£27.00
Cory – Grass cutting x 2	£381.60 + £76.80
SADS UK Defibrillator cabinet	£335.00
Physio Control Defibrillator	£780.00
LRALC Councillor training	£35.00

New payment:

On a proposition by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor Lammie, members approved the following payment:

Nic Greenfield – various expenditure for Defibrillator awareness event £40.94.

6. THOMPSON’S FIELD – CHILDREN’S PLAY AREA SURFACE:

Councillor Lammie reported that the whole swing area is now grassed but is already beginning to wear through revealing compacted hardcore beneath. She requested that others take a look at this before deciding whether any remedial action is necessary. After discussion about resurfacing other areas of the playground, it was agreed to grass all the rest in one go, starting as soon as possible.

7. HIGHWAYS ISSUES:

Kerbing: It was reported that new kerbing has been laid in Church Lane and outside the village hall on Main Street.

Footpath maintenance: Main Street: Weeds have been cleared; the grass & weeds have not been cut down in front of Nos. 6-8, Councillor Clarke will contact the Highways Department about this and also further repairs that are required outside No. 14.

In terms of general repairs, County Councillor James Lammie stated that slurry treatment is still the only short term option due to cost; it might be possible to consider other remedial techniques in future. Members expressed continued doubts about the efficacy of slurry treatment but agreed to look at villages where this had been carried out.

Traffic calming: County Councillor Lammie had looked into this but said that fixed measures would be difficult to justify in Seaton because there were no reported incidents and there are natural pinch points to slow down traffic travelling through the village. Speed humps are not a good idea for an area such as Seaton.

Members suggested that white lines appear to be effective in narrowing the road, generating more caution and a speed reduction. It was agreed to look at renewing the lines at the pinch point at the east end of Main Street and putting lines down adjacent to the Gregory, Hawksfield and Lang properties.

Street Lighting: Councillor Lang will request that the Wisteria is cut back from around the street light outside The Old Post Office.

It was agreed that Seaton Parish Council will take on the additional power costs of non LED lights at The Old Post Office and outside No. 7 Thompson's Lane.

The Clerk was asked to write to Cathy Wootton to inform her that the old light outside her home in Thompson's Lane is to be reinstalled with the Parish Council picking up the extra power cost. She does not have ownership of the light and Rutland County Council may replace this at a later date.

8. USE OF PLAYING FIELD DONATION:

Councillor Lammie had agreed to consider a suitable use for the £400 donation to the Playing Field from the proceeds of the Bonfire event last year. She suggested that a picnic table could be purchased and presented several options.

It was agreed to purchase the 'Rutland' picnic table from Benchmark UK Ltd which is on short term half price offer at £220 + VAT. The Clerk will order the picnic table to be delivered to Councillor Clarke's home for temporary storage before construction on site. The question of a suitable base and the associated cost will be looked into.

9. BUILDING WORKS – 7 THOMPSON'S LANE:

Work had begun on this site following the award of planning permission in 2007; The Parish Council is satisfied that the Planning Permission and Building Regulations are still live for the work being carried out.

10. SEATON PARISH COUNCIL WEB SITE:

Councillor Greenfield had circulated a report that the Parish Council's new web site is successfully up and running with a much improved layout. This was on time thanks to the very good support of the new operator 2Commune. There have been 3200 'hits' already and several compliments received from parishioners.

The Members thanked Rutland County Councillor James Lammie who had sent a link which enables access to RCC's planning applications. A separate page entitled 'Planning Applications' has been set up within the 'Council' section of the SPC web site.

Apart from the main editor Councillor Greenfield, the Clerk (Agendas, Minutes and financial information) and Graham Biggs (gallery editor) are authorised sub editors.

11. LICENCE FOR EVENTS ON THOMPSON'S FIELD:

A Draft of the updated licence agreement to run events on Thompson's Field had been drawn up by Councillor Clarke and Anna Horrell and circulated. On a proposition by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor Lammie, this was unanimously approved and will be placed on file.

12. FLOWER CONTAINER:

After discussion, it was agreed to leave the ex beacon flower container in place on the Church Lane/Main Street island.

13. DEFIBRILLATORS IN SEATON:

Councillor Greenfield had circulated a report that the defibrillator unit is now established in its cabinet on the village hall wall and fully operational. Weekly checks are required to ensure that the equipment is functioning correctly (Councillor Greenfield with Councillor Lammie as back up).

Thanks are due to Lawrence Kelly who installed the cabinet.

The training and awareness event went well with 39 parishioners attending.

Members considered Bernard Glick's request for a second defibrillator unit at the west end of the village. However, since nowhere in Seaton is more than 500 metres from the village hall, there is no need for another unit. However, if someone wished to purchase and install one privately, that would be acceptable.

14. ALLOTMENTS:

Julia Hodson has indicated that she wishes to give up her tenancy of allotment (small plot 10). Philip Lindley of 10 Thompson's Lane wishes to take on the tenancy as soon as possible. Since there is no one on the waiting list at present, this was agreed.

15. CORRESPONDENCE:

Tabled:

RCC: 2016/0790/CAT Tree Work 19 Main Street – decision no TPO;

Letters re SPC pension scheme and Clerk's response.

16. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

It was proposed to hold the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 23rd January 2017 at 7.00pm in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 20.10 hrs.