

SEATON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
24th MARCH 2021
HELD REMOTELY (CORONAVIRUS) 7pm

Present:

Mr D Coop – In the Chair
Mr R Clarke
Mrs C Lammie
Mrs S Machin (from 19.04)

In attendance:

Mr John Hill Clerk

MINUTES

1. APOLOGIES:

Mr N Greenfield

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

On a proposal by Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Lammie, the Minutes of the meeting of 20th January 2021 were duly signed as a correct record with the approval of all present.

4. MATTERS ARISING (NOT ON THE AGENDA):

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council's insurers do not offer 'First loss' basis for their policies, therefore it was necessary to pay the full extra premium incurred, because of the new play equipment, for the remainder of the insurance year. The premium for next year will also reflect the increase. The current long-term agreement with Came & Co expires on May 31st 2022.

Councillor Greenfield has relocated the bin for dog waste as agreed but there does not appear to be a reference to dog fouling issues on the SPC website.

5. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Accounts update:

Petty Cash	£63.86
Current Account	
Nationwide	*£4219.25 + interest
West Brom	
Deposit Account	£64.77 + interest

*All grants for the Play Area redevelopment have now been received. Outstanding items include: Petanque £2,500 approximately; repainting the Springers £100 and some outstanding bills from Oddjobs. These items will be settled in the next financial year.

Payments:

Members approved the following **retrospective** payments on a proposition by Councillor Coop, seconded by Councillor Machin:

RCC – Street lighting charges	£211.23
Safelines – Defibrillator charge pack & pads	£73.80
Came & Co – Insurance surcharge 2020/21	£108.96
Wicksteed – play area work (50%)	£9670.83
Wicksteed – play area work (final payment)	£4836.91

and **new payments** on a proposition by Councillor Lammie, seconded by Councillor Coop:

Clerk’s expenses 2020/21	£34.74
Clerk – Zoom (meeting) charges (11 months)	£158.29

The Clerk has received an invoice of £53.00 for the ‘Care & Repair’ cover for the Parish Council’s laptop computer originally purchased four years ago.

Members believed that it would be best to pay this and consider the purchase of a new unit in the next year or two.

6. COVID 19:

The Clerk is continuing to attend RCC Zoom updates with summaries circulated.

7. HIGHWAYS ISSUES:

Traffic through Seaton:

Councillor Greenfield is continuing to follow up on the issues raised by residents concerning traffic speed at the west end of the village and their wish to see remedial measures put in place.

The white line outside No. 4 Main Street has yet to be removed but this will be carried out in the next financial year. **Councillor Clarke will continue to liaise with the Highways Department.**

8. ALLOTMENTS:

Tenancies:

Small Plot 7 has now been taken leaving only small Plot 10 available. **This will be advertised on the SPC website.**

The work to tidy up the trees on Plot 5 has not yet been carried out. **Councillor Coop will follow up on this.**

On a proposition by Councillor Coop, seconded by Councillor Clarke, Members agreed to **give Biffa the go ahead** to cut the grass on the allotment paths. The going rate for this will be £22.03/cut with a maximum of eight cuts in the season.

9. THOMPSON’S FIELD:

Play area development, resurfacing and equipment refurbishment:

The Zip Wire and Rota Climber are now fully installed. The installation of the Petanque pitch by Odd-jobs (John Mayfield), which will take place in the Spring, will now cost around £2,500 due to the increased size specification.

The question of a formal opening and village event was discussed. This will be arranged when the restrictions due to Coronavirus allow.

New signage is required: **The Clerk was asked to consult ROSPA, who will be carrying out the annual inspection in May, on what is necessary. In the meantime, Councillor Lammie will put up the spare signs, already produced, including one on the top gate. Members agreed that a fitting acknowledgement should be placed on the SPC website of all those who had contributed to the massive effort of play area redevelopment.**

10. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION ACT REQUIREMENTS:

Work to bring Seaton Parish Council into full and continuing compliance is ongoing.

11. SPC WEBSITE SUPPORT CONTRACT:

On a proposition by Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Machin, members unanimously agreed to **continue with 2commune** for the provision of website support services at a cost of £330.00 (no increase from the previous year).

12. CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence tabled:

RCC Major road closure notice (Uppingham to Oakham at the Gunthorpe bridge) – noted.

16. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The Parish Council Annual Meeting will be held on Monday 17th May 2021 at 7.00pm. The venue is likely to be the village hall since remote meetings will no longer be lawful. There will be no Annual Open Meeting due to restrictions.

The meeting closed at 19.45 hrs.