

SEATON ANNUAL PARISH OPEN MEETING
21st MAY 2015
SEATON VILLAGE HALL 7PM

Present:

Mr J Lang Chairman
Mrs C Lammie
Mr R Clarke

In attendance: Mr John Hill Clerk
 Mr N Greenfield Previous Vice Chairman
 Four members of the public

MINUTES

1. APOLOGIES:

None.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

On a proposition by previous Vice Chairman Nic Greenfield, seconded by Councillor Lammie, the Minutes of the annual Open Meeting of 29th May 2014 were duly signed as a correct record. All were in favour.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

Mr Nic Greenfield had investigated web site possibilities for Seaton Parish Council and set one up through Leicestershire County Council. There have been 2,700 'hits' in less than 12 months. More local information is required to post on the site. Following refurbishment of the church bells, etc., an invitation has been received from Rutland County Council to apply for a village award. If the application wins, the Parochial Church Council will receive a £250 prize.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The Chairman reported on actions taken by Seaton Parish Council during the year. Notes appended below.

5. ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS OF THE PARISH:

None.

The meeting closed at 19.11 hrs.

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES ON 2014/15 FOR SEATON PARISH COUNCIL

During the year, Seaton Parish Council has **adopted two statutory procedural requirements:**

Openness at meetings – Members of the public can record and report (not orally) in real time on the Parish Council meetings as long as they do not interfere with the process.

Transparency – The Parish Council must now publish information online including: Agendas; Minutes; accounts details; expenditure over £100; Councillors details & duties, etc.

This will be facilitated using the **new web site** set up for Seaton Parish Council during the year.

The Jubilee Beacon was converted to **an ornamental flower basket** and established on the traffic island at the junction of Church Lane and Main Street. A Street Furniture Licence has been obtained.

A survey was undertaken of trees around Parish Council property: only minor issues were reported which will be rectified as soon as possible.

The contractor responsible for grass cutting and weed treatment around the playing field and children's play area **has been replaced** for this season.

Despite rejecting the process, Seaton Parish Council has been informed by Rutland County Council District Council that **slurry treatment** may be the only affordable option for **maintenance of the footpaths in the village**. Priorities have therefore been requested should this go ahead.

Precept:

<i>2013/14</i>	<i>£3,500 – Consolidating the increased costs incurred in previous years.</i>
<i>2014/15</i>	<i>£3,800 – Increase compensating for lower end of year accounts balances due to additional expenditure.</i>
<i>2015/16</i>	<i>£3,800 – maintained last year's level to take into account possible tree work and play area maintenance.</i>