

SEATON ANNUAL PARISH OPEN MEETING
13th MAY 2019
SEATON VILLAGE HALL 7PM

Present:

Mr N Greenfield Chairman

Mr D Coop

Mrs C Lammie

Mr R Clarke

Mrs Siobhan Machin

In attendance: Mr John Hill Clerk

One member of the public

MINUTES

1. APOLOGIES:

Mrs E Shields

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

On a proposition by Councillor Greenfield, seconded by Councillor Lammie, the Minutes of the Annual Open Meeting of 16th May 2018 were duly signed as a correct record with the following addition:

'A resident had complained about someone in the village causing a nuisance with late-night garden bonfires. Whilst regrettable, it was thought that nothing could be done to prevent this activity.'

3. MATTERS ARISING:

Slurry trials on footpaths:

No progress was reported following an unsatisfactory trial process.

Dogs on the Playing Field:

'No Dog' signs had been purchased and displayed.

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:

A member of the public mentioned that the road sign in Church Lane, opposite No. 17 (Church Farm), needs replacing. **Councillor Clarke** agreed to take this forward and also the issue of the drains in Church Lane which are still overflowing.

Mr Lang has again raised the subject of weed growth. Apart from the weed growth at the base of the wall along the Main Street footpath to the West of No.22, the principal areas of concern involve footpath E311; encroaching at the top of the Main Street steps, at the next 'kissing gate' and on both sides of the footpath immediately to the North of the 'kissing gate' in Tom Joules' field. Since last time, Councillor Clarke had cut back weed growth and, where relevant, the local landowner had been contacted. **Councillors Greenfield will talk to Mr Lang and Councillor Clarke will look again at what action is necessary to deal with the weeds.**

The meeting closed at 19.22 hrs.

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES ON 2018/19 FOR SEATON PARISH COUNCIL

WW1 Centenary celebrations organised for the village.

New Beacon purchased and installed, funded by the kind donation of Mr. Tom Joule.

Local Award process to be set up in Seaton.

GDPR 'Steps to Full Compliance' pursued during the year.

Replacement swing seats purchased for the children's play area.

'No Dogs' and safety signage obtained for the playing field.

Hand rails and steps installed at the E311 public footpath from Main Street.

Verges: various measures have been introduced to prevent further erosion.

Traffic calming: White lines have been introduced at strategic points.

SPC is continuing to liaise with RCC with a view to **clearing blocked drains** and introducing a more rigorous and regular cleaning regime to obviate future problems.

Precept:

2017/18 £3,600 – Increased slightly to meet higher costs for the mandatory website and additional grounds maintenance charges.

2018/19 £3,600 – No increase necessary following budget review.

***2019/20 £3,700 – Small increase to cover ongoing GDPR compliance costs
Anticipated maintenance work on the play area to be met from capital reserves.***