



To: All Members of the Town Council

**Meeting of Seaton Town Council
on Monday 4th December 2017 at 7.00pm**

28th November 2017

You are hereby summoned to attend the above meeting to be held on Monday 4th December 2017 at 7.00pm at Marshlands, Harbour Road, Seaton. It is proposed that the matters set out on the agenda below will be considered at the meeting and resolution or resolutions passed as the Council considers appropriate.

Yours faithfully,

Amy Tregellas

Town Clerk

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AGENDA

The Deputy Chairman will say a prayer at the start of the meeting

- 17/COU/01 Apologies for absence**
To receive any apologies for absence
- 17/COU/02 Declarations of Interest**
To receive any Members' declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda
- 17/COU/03 Minutes**
To agree the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 6th November 2017

- 17/COU/04 Chairman's Report**
- 17/COU/05 Public Question Time**
To allow any questions or reports from members of the public.
- 17/COU/06 Police Report (to follow at the end of November)**
- 17/COU/07 County Councillor Report**
- 17/COU/08 District Councillors' Reports (none received)**
- 17/COU/09 Reports from Council representatives on Outside Bodies**
- 17/COU/10 Town Clerk Report**
- 17/COU/11 Outstanding repairs in Townsend Avenue and a request to Devon County Council**
- 17/COU/12 Youth Facilities**
To consider the action to take in terms of youth facilities consultation
- 17/COU/13 Tourism Signage**
To consider progress in funding the proposed scheme for new tourist signs around the town and to consider contributing a further £1,000 to the project
- 17/COU/14 Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan (2018 - 2022) Consultation**
To consider if the Council wishes to take part in the consultation on the Fire Service's draft Integrated Management Plan
- 17/COU/15 Applications for free room booking for Marshlands**
To consider the requests for free room booking from:
- Seaton Jurassic Volunteers;
 - Grizzly Committee;
 - Seaton & District Twinning Association; and
 - Community Speed Watch Team
- 17/COU/16 Update on Actions arising from previous meetings**
To receive an update report from the Town Clerk covering the following updates (dependent on what is relevant at the time):
- **Improving the vitality of the Town Centre**
 - **Safety issues re Harbour Road/Underfleet Cycleway**
 - **Proposal from Environment Agency to widen the gate at Fisherman's Gap**
 - **Underfleet Road Layout**
 - **20 mph speed restriction along the Underfleet, near the Play Park**
 - **Hospital working group update**

17/COU/17 Confidential Items

The Chairman will move that in accordance with the Council's Standing Order 1 (c) press and public will be excluded from the meeting during the discussions of item 17 on this agenda as there is likely to be disclosure of information as matters are being discussed which could identify an individual and be commercially sensitive.

17/COU/18 Marketing Contract

To select a Marketing Contractor for the Marketing Contract for the period of 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2020.



Draft Minutes of the Council Meeting of Seaton Town Council On Monday 6th November 2017

Present

In the chair: Cllr J Rowland

Councillors: K Beer, P Burrows, C Chadwick, M Hartnell, M Pigott, S Read, K Rye, H Sanham, M Shaw, D Squire and R Webster.

Officers: Town Clerk

Public: 5 Members of the Public

125. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies as all Councillors were present.

126. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Burrows declared a personal interest as a Councillor with East Devon District Council (EDDC).

Cllr Hartnell declared a personal interest as a Councillor with East Devon District Council (EDDC).

Cllr Shaw declared a personal interest as a Councillor with Devon County Council (DCC)

127. Minutes

The Council **RESOLVED** to agree the minutes of the meeting on the 2nd October 2017 (moved Cllr Beer; seconded Cllr Sanham)

The Council **RESOLVED** to agree the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting on the 18th September 2017.

(moved Cllr Sanham; seconded Cllr Pigott)

128. Chairman's Report

The Council **RESOLVED** to note the Chairman's report.

(moved Cllr Shaw; seconded Cllr Beer)

129. Public Question Time

Mr Bowman spoke in public question time on two matters. Firstly, he said that he was concerned that Seaton Town Development Team (STDT) hasn't met since September and he wonders if the team is up and running. Secondly, when will the Town flag be flown.

Cllr Rowland responded that the STDT is very much up and running but explained that the Marketing and Events Contractor role has recently come to an end. The Council

are currently advertising a Marketing Contract and will shortly be advertising an Events Officer role. In the meantime, the Town Clerk will be arranging a meeting for early January 2018 to work with the STDT on a future action plan.

In terms of the town flag Cllr Rowland explained that the flag is on order and will be flown as soon as it is received.

130. Police Report

Cllr Rowland welcomed the new Neighbourhood Beat Manager, PC Adam Spears to the meeting. Statistics for September and October had been circulated.

Discussion took place around:

- Concern over the category of possession of a weapon being on the statistics report. PC Spears confirmed that this could be anything including a brick or a piece of wood and isn't necessarily a knife or gun
- If someone commits a robbery with a weapon, whether this gets recorded twice

131. County Councillor Report

Discussion took place around:

- The meeting of the hospital campaigners on the 24th October. Cllr Burrows queried why all Town Councillors were not invited to the meeting and Cllr Hartnell asked how details of the meeting had been publicised. Concerns were raised that it was a closed meeting and there could have been a perception that the Town Councillors not in attendance were not interested in the hospital, which was not the case
- Cllr Shaw confirmed that the invites were sent to the people on the mailing lists that had attended previous events and were involved in the campaign to save the hospital. Cllr Shaw also confirmed that information had been emailed out and the event was also publicised on Facebook
- Cllr Rowland confirmed that he had attended the meeting as the Mayor to update the meeting on ongoing discussions that he is having in terms of the future of the hospital building
- Cllr Beer confirmed that he had attended the meeting and that it wasn't a closed meeting

The Council **RESOLVED** to note the County Councillors report.
(moved Cllr Sanham; seconded Cllr Rowland)

132. District Councillor's Reports

A District Councillor report had been received from Cllr Hartnell.

The Council **RESOLVED** to note the District Councillor report
(moved Cllr Rowland; seconded Cllr Pigott)

133. Reports from Council representatives on Outside Bodies

There were no updates from representatives on outside bodies

134. Town Clerk Report

Discussion took place around:

- The works completed by HAGs in respect of the Underfleet Play Area

- An update on the Christmas Lights, which were being put up in the weeks commencing 6th November and 13th November

The Council noted the report from the Town Clerk
(Moved Cllr Rowland; seconded Cllr Pigott)

135. Top Priorities for Seaton Town Council

Discussion took place around the brown signs project and it was agreed that East Devon District Council be chased for their response in terms of funding.

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the progress update report on the top priorities for Seaton Town Council.

(moved Cllr Rowland; seconded Cllr Shaw)

136. Air Ambulance Night Time Landing Strip

Councillor Pigott updated the Council on the Air Ambulance project and that £1,000 was to come in from the Masonic Lodge.

Councillor Rowland placed on record the Council's thanks to all those people and groups that had donated money for this project.

Discussion took place around:

- How will the Council be made aware of what needs doing and when in terms of maintenance of the equipment
- The need to make it clear that the Council is only holding the funds and will not be financially responsible for the ongoing costs
- The need to include the DAA in the formal agreement

The Council **RESOLVED:**

1. That Seaton Town Council (STC), in liaison with Seaton Cricket Club (SCC) and Devon Air Ambulance (DAA), apply for the planning permission as soon as possible;
(moved Cllr Sanham; seconded Cllr Shaw)
2. Once planning permission has been agreed, funds to be released to pay the works from DAA supplier,
(moved Cllr Chadwick; seconded Cllr Shaw)
3. That STC agree that all donations received for "DAA community night lights are held in a reserve account to be used only for the upkeep and maintenance of the lights;
(moved Cllr Squire; seconded Cllr Chadwick)
4. To have a formal agreement between Seaton Town Council, SCC & Devon Air Ambulance and that the draft agreement come back before Council;
(moved Cllr Hartnell; seconded Cllr Burrows)
5. SCC to liaise with STC & DAA when funds are required for lights maintenance;
and
(moved Cllr Pigott; seconded Cllr Hartnell)

6. STC to have sole responsibility for holding the funds
(moved Cllr Sanham; seconded Cllr Hartnell)

137. Events Officer Job Description

Discussion took place around:

- Whether the role should focus on the town centre or town
- The need to consider new events as well as those already in the schedule
- The average hours a week

The Council **RESOLVED** to amend the overall purpose of the job wording to read 'To develop, project manage and deliver an annual programme of events designed to boost the economy of the town through increased footfall'
(moved Cllr Hartnell; seconded Cllr Burrows)

The Council **RESOLVED** to add the following wording in at the end of bullet point one under the role 'including the development of new events to enhance the programme'
(moved Cllr Shaw; seconded Cllr Sanham)

The Council **RESOLVED** to amend the hours of working to 'average 12 hours a week'
(moved Cllr Reed; seconded Cllr Webster)

The Council **RESOLVED** to agree the Job Description for the Events Officer role subject to the three amendments listed above.
(moved Cllr Hartnell; seconded Cllr Webster)

138. South Western Railway train timetable consultation

Discussion took place around:

- Clapham Junction being an important stop on the line for local people
- It being the station used for people going to the London Airports
- It being a busy hub on the rail network for people accessing the west side of London rather than having to go into Waterloo and back out again

The Council **RESOLVED** to respond to the consultation to the South Western Railway train timetable in respect of the proposals for Clapham junction
(moved Cllr Sanham; seconded Cllr Shaw)

139. Update on actions arising from previous meetings

Improving the vitality of the Town Centre

Cllr Sanham provided an update stating that the Council had been approached by a number of businesses who wanted the town centre to be opened up to traffic. Further consultation has been done and 27 businesses support the proposal, 6 are against the proposal and 4 are neutral in their view. So the majority of the shops are keen to have a trial. Cllr Sanham also pointed out that traffic does already go up and down the road.

Discussion took place around:

- The road in Queen Street is not good and is of concern.
- The need to manage the traffic to ensure that there is no parking in inappropriate places
- The importance of improved signage.
- Is it feasible to open the road?
- The needs to be wider public consultation including with residents in Fore Street and Queen Street
- What happens if Devon County Council say that they have no money for this project
- Concerns over the state of the road outside Salon 27 and Boots

Based on the results of the consultation with businesses, the Council **RESOLVED** to ask Devon County Council if it is feasible to open Fore Street and Queen Street to traffic for a trial.

(moved Cllr Sanham; seconded Cllr Webster)

Cllr Burrows asked for his objection to be recorded

Cllr Shaw asked for his abstention to be recorded

Cllr Burrows declared a personal interest in that he has a property in Queen Street during this discussion

X52 Jurassic Coaster Bus Service

Cllr Sanham proposed that in light of Mr Morgan's letter to the local paper, it would be sensible for the publicise that if local people don't use the service that it could be lost in the future.

The Council **RESOLVED** to do a press release and put something on the Council's website to encourage people to use the bus service

(moved Cllr Sanham; seconded Cllr Shaw)

Cliff Field Gardens

Discussion took place around:

- Members of the public had asked for dogs on leads to be permitted in Cliff Field Gardens
- Whether it was appropriate to consider this at the current time or whether this should be put to one side for the moment and considered further down the line
- Cliff Field Gardens being a nice gardens due to not having dogs in it
- The path alongside the gardens puts people off as it is dark and overgrown
- Not being able to have dogs in the gardens is putting people off coming to events

Cllr Sanham proposed that the Council consult the public to see if there was an appetite for the byelaw to be changed to allow dogs on leads in Cliff Field Gardens (seconded Cllr Pigott)

The vote was as follows:

For = 3;

Again = 4; and

Abstentions = 4

Therefore, the motion was not carried

Youth related facilities

Cllr Rowland updated Council and confirmed that he would bring a paper to the December meeting of Council on this matter.

Cllr Hartnell suggested liaising with the CIL/S106 officer and the Community Engagement and Funding Officer at East Devon District Council to get their ideas about doing a consultation.

Safety Issues re Harbour Road/Underfleet Cycleway

The Council **RESOLVED** to ask Cllr Shaw as the Devon County Councillor and officers from DCC to meet with representatives from the Axe Valley Pedallers and the Seaton Town Council Mayor to do a site visit to discuss the safety concerns.
(moved Cllr Hartnell; seconded Cllr Sanham)

Adventure Golf Course

Cllr Squire raised concerns regarding the signage at the Adventure Golf Course and Cllr Sanham confirmed that Mr Cook at EDDC was following this up. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would liaise with Mr Cook to find out if the matter had been resolved.

140. Confidential Items

Cllr Rowland moved, and the Committee **RESOLVED** that in accordance with the Councils Standing orders the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of agenda items 4 to 8 as there was likely to be disclosure of confidential information as matters were being discussed that could identify individual(s).

141. Town Maintenance Person

The Council **RESOLVED** to appoint Stephen Fitzgerald to the position of Town Maintenance Person as per the Personnel Committee recommendation
(moved Cllr Burrows; seconded Cllr Hartnell)

The meeting ended at 8.30pm

Chairman: _____

Dated: _____

Seaton Town Council – Full Council 4 December 2017

Chairman Report

Armistice Day and Remembrance Day – 11 & 12 November

I attended both ceremonies at Windsor Gardens and St Gregory's Church and had the privilege of laying a wreath on behalf of Seaton Town Council at the War Memorial. Thanks to those Councillors who also attended, especially to Cllr Martin Pigott who made a reading in the church service that followed the wreath laying.

Town Twinning Association

The Association held a fund raising auction on 10 November and I accepted an invitation to attend. I donated an item for the auction and also successfully bid for 2 other items. The auction raised over £600 due to the generosity of those attending.

Mendip Mule / Jurassic Coast Bus Service

I met Derek Gawn, the owner, for a further meeting on 8 November and followed this with a meeting with Ian Beaven (Manager at Haven Court) and Pat Lowther (Haven Court resident) on 10 November. Both meetings were constructive and have resulted in a 3 way agreed press release being issued that gives hope that the service may return in 2018. My thanks to Amy Tregellas for attending both meetings and giving information to Derek Gawn on funding possibilities.

NHS Breast Screening Unit

Having seen comments on a Seaton based site on Facebook regarding the possibility that the screening unit may not return to Seaton in 2020 I decided to try to establish the facts on 22 November.

I managed to speak to the Manager based in Exeter and I subsequently issued a statement on Facebook on behalf of the Council stating the facts and stressing that we want to see the service return to Seaton in 2020 as over 2000 women from this area have been screened over the past few weeks which demonstrates how valuable this service is here.

Residents issues

During the past month I have met residents regarding:

- the Rowan Drive development and associated issues regarding sub-contractors not complying with start times for access to the site, the one-way system, double banking of vehicles etc and have taken these up with the developer.
- a potential breach of clearing trees from a development site before full planning agreements are in place.
- DCC not completing road re-surfacing work in Townsend Avenue that was scheduled in the budget for the last financial year.

Seaton Healthcare Forum

I attended the forum meeting on 16 November and the following is only 2 of the subjects covered:

Westbank – Sarah Forde, Project Development Manager, spoke about the services they provide and distributed leaflets re “Healthy Neighbourhoods” and “Neighbourhood Friends”. They currently have over 700 volunteers and will shortly be advertising for volunteers in the Seaton area.

NHS Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP)

An update was provided of a meeting on 1 November and one of the main subjects that was mentioned was that a Local Estates Strategy is due to be completed in January 2018.

As at the date of producing my report I am still waiting to hear about dates for a workshop to discuss the services that could be potentially provided from an Axe Valley Health Hub to utilise the Seaton and Axminster hospital sites providing complementary services. In the time being I have contacted the Seaton representatives to meet as soon as possible to discuss the situation in view of the imminent Estates strategy report and that the paying of the empty space at Seaton hospital will cease at the end of March 2018.

Other subjects

During November I have also attended the Planning Committee and Finance & General Purposes Committee meetings on 13th and the Communities Committee meeting on the 20th. I continue to meet our Town Clerk on a weekly basis to review progress on a range of subjects.

By the time we meet on 4 December I am due to be at the Museum on the 30 November for their annual Xmas event, officially open a new shop on 1 December in the morning and switch on the Xmas lights etc later that day.

On 30 November I'm also hopeful that a meeting will be held with DCC officers and representatives of the Axe Valley Pedallers in view of this Council's concerns regarding the design and safety of the shared cycle / pedestrian paths in the Underfleet.

Jack Rowland
24 November 2017

County Councillor's Report, December 2017

Future of the hospitals

At the time of writing we are still looking forward to a workshop to scope the proposed Axminster-Seaton health hub. I hope there will be progress on this before long.

Meanwhile, Devon County Council's Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee has agreed to my request to look further at the future of the hospitals. The Committee will ask both the NEW Devon and South Devon & Torbay Clinical Commissioning Groups, which commission services in community hospitals, and NHS Property Services, which now owns the hospitals, to its next meeting on 25 January to report on the future of the hospitals now that most of them have lost their in-patient beds. The motion to invite the NHS organisations was proposed by Cllr Claire Wright (Independent) and seconded by Cllr Nick Way (Liberal Democrat), and carried with only two against.

I pressed for the contributions to community hospitals made by local communities and Leagues of Friends to be taken into account in planning their futures. I raised particular concerns over the high rents to be charged by NHS Property Services, the fact that the CCG is committed to paying for space only until the end of the current financial year, and that the CCG has said that existing outpatient services are not guaranteed to continue.

'Many services can be delivered in community hospitals', I told the press after the meeting. "We should be talking about increasing not reducing the provision close to where patients live. If most services are concentrated in the RD&E, patients will continue to face long journeys into Exeter. With deteriorating public transport many will have to drive in and contribute to the city's ever-growing congestion. We need joined-up planning at Devon and local levels to make the best use of the hospitals, which are community assets whoever is the legal owner.'

20 MPH Speed Limits

Devon's sole Green county councillor, Jacqi Hodgson, proposed a motion to the County Council's Cabinet that we should welcome proposals for new 20 MPH limits. I spoke in support and said that concerns about speeding were one of the biggest issues in several places in our area (Wilmington, Colyford, Seaton).

The Cabinet said that the move was premature as the national Atkins report on these limits is due in February and DCC will review its policy in the light of that. I later discovered that the Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee, on which I sit, will be examining the report and its policy implications, so I look forward to having an input on this issue. Let me know your views.

Ethical Care Charter

I also seconded a motion from Cllr Hodgson calling for the Council to sign this Charter, proposed by UNISON. The Council's Head of Adult Care produced a paper showing that Devon is already compliant with significant parts of the Charter, but obviously not with the payment of the genuine Living Wage to care workers (who

mostly receive the lower national minimum wage). The Cabinet recommended that the Council should 'work towards' implementing the Charter as circumstances permit.

Road maintenance

The inaugural meeting of the Coly Valley Traffic Group took place in Colyton on 20 November, attended by representatives from Colyton, Offwell, Southleigh and Widworthy parishes. There was general dissatisfaction with the County Council's pothole policy but some support for the Road Warden scheme as a way of dealing with holes which County policy does not cover.

Proposal to cut Clapham Junction stops from Exeter-Waterloo trains

Southwestern Railways is consulting until 22 December on proposed new timetables. If their plans go ahead, NO trains on this route will stop at Clapham Junction. This will mean longer journeys from Axminster to many places in London and the South East. I have proposed a motion to Devon County Council on 7 December to ask them to oppose this change.

Plastic-Free Coastlines

My Independent colleague from North Devon, Cllr Frank Biederman, proposed that the County Council support this campaign and the Cabinet accepted the idea in principle.

Devolution

Devon's Cabinet, like EDDC's, has agreed to a proposal to set up a formal Joint Committee between Devon and Somerset, which could be the first step towards a Combined Authority of the two counties, an extra tier of local government. The reason for this is that it could enable a 'devolution' deal in which the Government would hand over some powers to Devon and Somerset (under the banner of the 'Heart of the South West') and some 'extra' cash (not really extra, because the Government is currently reducing Devon's funding by far more than any devolution deal will provide).

In order to sell this deal to Government, the Heart of the South West has proposed a 'productivity strategy' which it is claimed will produce 4 per cent per annum economic growth. I told Cabinet this was 'fantasy economics' (current growth is about 1.5 per cent) and opposed creating the new layer of bureaucracy.

Town Clerk Update Report – December 2017

Since the last update report the Town Clerk has the following update:

Budget Preparation

The Town Clerk has continued to work on the 5 year budget following discussions at all Committee and the second cut of the budget went to the Finance Committee on 13th November 2017.

Fire Risk Assessment

The Contractor has now completed the Fire Risk Assessment and the Town Clerk is meeting with him on Thursday 7th December to discuss the action plan

Christmas

The Town Clerk and Administration and Finance Assistant have continued to work on, and finalise, the Christmas arrangements. All requirements in terms of licences have been met.

Cycle Fest

The Town Clerk is working on the Road Closure application and submit this to Devon County Council as soon as possible. The Town Clerk is also working on a communication strategy, the budget for the Cycle Fest and a list of potential companies to approach for sponsorship. The Town Clerk is also contracting Axe Valley Pedallers to ask them to get involved with the event. Meetings will take place monthly.

Working Group on Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Internal Controls

Work continues on the Standing Orders and comparing the Seaton Town Council version to the National Association of Local Council's (NALC) Model Standing Orders.

Jurassic Mule

As outlined by the Chairman in his report I attended the meetings with Mr Gawn and Mr Beaven and Mrs Lowther from Haven Court. The Town Clerk also researched sources of funding for Mr Gawn and provided him with this information at the second meeting.

Planning Application

The Town Clerk met with the Deputy Mayor and completed the planning application for the Air Ambulance Night Time Landing Strip. This was sent to EDDC and they have asked for clarification on a couple of issues.

Updating the Computer System

Following on from the resolution of the Finance Committee, The Town Clerk met with South West Communications to discuss requirements for the wi-fi provision throughout the building and computer provision. The Town Clerk is scheduled to meet with other companies in order to get a number of quotes.

Photocopier provision

The Town Clerk met with the current photocopier supplier to discuss whether they could offer us a better deal. Now that they have provided a quote, the Town Clerk is benchmarking this with other companies. A report will go forward to the Finance Committee on 11th December.

Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan (2018 - 2022) Consultation

Seaton Town Council

I would like to invite you to take part in our consultation on the Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan which considers the risks that the communities of Devon and Somerset face and the prevention and response activities the Service can put in place to mitigate those risks. More detail, including a copy of the draft plan, details of how to get involved and a questionnaire to capture your views can be found on our website: www.dsfire.gov.uk/consultation.

The consultation period formally closes on 31 December 2017, and the results are due to be presented to the Fire and Rescue Authority in February 2018. I look forward to receiving your feedback.

If our contact details are incorrect or you would like to be removed from our consultation database, or for more information, please contact the consultation officer using the details given at the bottom of this email.

Yours sincerely

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COUNCIL

Update on actions arising from previous meetings

Improving the vitality of the Town Centre

Update: Following the decision of Council at the meeting of Monday 6th November, the Town Clerk has written to Devon County Highways to find out if it is possible to conduct a trial of opening up the pedestrianised area to traffic.

Our Neighbourhood Officer has forwarded the request to the traffic team and to date no response has been forthcoming.

Safety issues re Harbour Road/Underfleet Cycleway

Update: Cllr Shaw as DCC Councillor is liaising with relevant parties to arrange a site meeting

Proposal from Environment Agency to widen the gate at Fisherman's Gap

Update: No further update from the Environment Agency.

Emailed Environment Agency (EA) on 26th September with transcript of minutes. EA has responded as follows:

"We are currently looking at potential options for mechanical assistance to be added to assist in closing the gate and waiting to hear back from contractor as to feasibility of options being considered and costs. Once we have a more definitive idea as to the best option, I will contact Seaton Town Council again"

Underfleet layout

Update: An email has now been received from The Transport Manager (Policy) at Devon County Council, which reads as follows:

"My road safety team colleague has now had a chance to visit the site and provide me with his views on the current situation there. I have taken these into account in my response below.

The Underfleet is clearly a busy area like many other town centres in Devon. It is a driver's responsibility to determine whether a location is safe to overtake a stopped or parked vehicle – they cannot see past the bus properly they should wait and not overtake. It is of course unlawful to use the traffic lane on the wrong side of a splitter island.

It is acknowledged that sighting beyond a bus at the bus stop in both directions is not easy. The frequency of buses using this route is however not particularly high and buses do not tend to stop for long periods – the main layover location is Marine Place. Any delays are generally transitional and not significant compared to elsewhere in the county.

Moving the stops into bus bays would be very expensive (potentially approaching £100,000 assuming agreement can be achieved on the land) and not justified by the issues. We will however consider some minor improvements to signing, kerbing and lining at the roundabout and the location of the bus cage to ensure drivers see the roundabout is there having overtaken a bus and are not able to go the wrong side of the splitter island."

20 mph speed restriction along the Underfleet, near the Play Park

Update: No update from last meeting and chasing DCC for the results.

Meg Booth from DCC reports as follows: DCC currently hold no speed data for the Underfleet and speed surveys have been programmed for this autumn / results should be available before Christmas. Location will also be considered by speed complaint review meeting once data is to hand

Seaton Hospital Update

Update to be provided by Cllrs Rowland, Shaw and Hartnell as the members of the working group