



Minutes of the Council Meeting of Seaton Town Council On Monday 4th December 2017

Present

In the chair: Cllr J Rowland

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

Officers: Town Clerk

Public: No members of the Public

142. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Hartnell

143. Declarations of Interest

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

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

Cllr Beer declared a Personal Interest for agenda item 15 as he is a member of the Seaton & District Twinning Association

Cllr Rowland declared a Personal Interest for agenda item 15 as he is a member of the Community Speed Watch Team

Cllr Sanham declared a Personal Interest for agenda item 15 as she is a Seaton Jurassic Volunteer

144. Minutes

The Council **RESOLVED** to agree the minutes of the meeting on the 6th November 2017

(moved Cllr Rowland; seconded Cllr Squire)

145. Chairman's Report

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

(moved Cllr Shaw; seconded Cllr Squire)

146. Public Question Time

There were no members of the public in attendance at the meeting

147. Police Report

As PC Adam Spears was not able to attend the meeting the statistics for November had been circulated.

Discussion took place around:

- A recent post on social media which concerned allegations of local children taking drugs and that as a result of the social media response a meeting

had been scheduled to take place at Pebbles Café on Wednesday 6th December to discuss young people using drugs and whether youth facilities are required i.e. a youth club.

The Council **RESOLVED** to review the social media policy to take into account social media postings.

(moved Cllr Squire; seconded Cllr Sanham)

The Council **RESOLVED** to record its support for the work that the Police are doing in the town.

(moved Cllr Burrows; seconded Cllr Squire)

148. County Councillor Report

The Council **RESOLVED** to note the County Councillors report.

(moved Cllr Rowland; seconded Cllr Squire)

149. District Councillor's Reports

The Council **RESOLVED** to note the District Councillor report

(moved Cllr Rowland; seconded Cllr Pigott)

150. Reports from Council representatives on Outside Bodies

There were no updates from representatives on outside bodies

151. Town Clerk Report

The Council noted the report from the Town Clerk

(Moved Cllr Rowland; seconded Cllr Squire)

152. Townsend Avenue

Cllr Rowland explained that he and Cllr Shaw had met with local residents regarding the condition of the road in Townsend Avenue. The whole road was meant to be resurfaced in the previous financial year but that only half of the road was completed at the time due to access issues. Devon County Council had then removed the remaining works from the schedule.

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve formally writing to Devon County Council to request that the remaining works to Townsend Avenue are completed as soon as possible.

(moved Cllr Rowland; seconded Cllr Beer)

153. Youth Facilities

Cllr Rowland updated that Council that the Council carry out a consultation on youth facilities in the new year following meeting with relevant officers from East Devon District Council to gain an understanding of the S106 monies available and the best way to do the consultation.

Discussion took place around:

- What is the point of the consultation and the need to be very clear about what we are trying to achieve
- What do we want to see?
- How much will the consultation cost?

- How much money is in the S106 pot?
- Do we have a budget line for youth facilities?
- Any consultation would need to be time focused i.e. not have a long lead time between consultation and delivery
- What parameters are there for spending the money?
- The need to manage expectations
- The need to focus on the youth facilities that there are already in the town

The Council **RESOLVED** that a report come back to Council once the Chairman and Town Clerk have met with officers from EDDC regarding S106 and consultation
(moved Cllr Rowland; seconded Cllr Shaw)

154. Tourism Signage

Cllr Sanham gave Council an update on the current situation in terms of the Brown Tourism signs project. The designs are all ready to go and Devon County Council (DCC) are willing to contribute to the funding. Currently there is a short fall in funding. The Council has written to East Devon District Council to ask for funding and are awaiting a response.

The Council **RESOLVED** to contribute a further £1,000 to the Brown Tourism signage project, if required.
(moved Cllr Sanham; seconded Cllr Beer)

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

The Council **RESOLVED** to respond to the consultation and that Cllr Rowland would produce a draft and email to all Councillors for comment
(moved Cllr Rowland; seconded Cllr Shaw)

156. Applications for free room bookings for Marshlands

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve applications for free room booking hire at Marshlands from Seaton Jurassic Volunteers, the Grizzly Committee, Seaton & District Twinning Association and the Community Speed Watch Team.
(moved Cllr Burrows; seconded Cllr Chadwick)

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157. Update on actions arising from previous meetings

Improving the vitality of the Town Centre

The Town Clerk confirmed that the request had been sent to Devon County Council's traffic team and that a response has not yet been received from them in terms of opening up the town centre to traffic.

Safety Issues re Harbour Road/Underfleet Cycleway

Cllr Rowland updated Council that he and Cllr Shaw had met with officers from Devon County Council (DCC) to discuss the Cycleway. The current design was a compromise between DCC and East Devon District Council (EDDC) based on 4 years of discussions and the need to use funding up before losing it.

The Council **RESOLVED** to write to Devon County Council to ask that they communicate with Seaton Town Council to avoid detrimental costly projects for the town.

(Moved Cllr Squire; seconded Cllr Sanham)

Fisherman's Gap

There was no update from the Environment Agency regarding the gate at Fisherman's Gap

Underfleet Road Layout

In light of the response from officers at DCC, the Council **RESOLVED** to facilitate a meeting between DCC and EDDC to see if a solution can be found (moved Cllr Sanham; seconded Cllr Rowland)

20 mph speed restriction on the Underfleet

Cllr Shaw confirmed that whilst the speed survey may come through from DCC before Christmas they are unlikely to agree to any requests for reduced speed limits in the foreseeable future. This is due to a national report on speed limits due out in February 2018 and once received DCC will need to consider the contents and then update their policy before any further requests are considered.

Hospital Working Group

Cllr Rowland updated Councillors that meetings have been taking place with representatives from Seaton and updates have been provided in previous Chairman's reports and Cllr Shaw's DCC Councillor reports.

Cllr Rowland confirmed that the proposed joint workshop with representatives from Seaton and Axminster has not taken place yet. This may be because the NHS Property Services Strategy paper is due to be published in January 2018.

158. 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).

159. Marketing Contract

The Council **RESOLVED** to award One Voice Media & PR Ltd the Marketing Contract for the period of 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2020, subject to contracts being agreed

(moved Cllr Rowland; seconded Cllr Beer)

The meeting ended at 8.55pm

Chairman: _____

Dated: _____

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