



Minutes of the Council Meeting of Seaton Town Council On Tuesday 2nd January 2018

Present

In the chair: Cllr J Rowland

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

Officers: Town Clerk

Public: 7 members of the public present

160. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Chadwick.

Cllr R Webster was absent

161. Declarations of Interest

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

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

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

Cllr Rowland declared a Personal Interest for agenda item 11 and the application from Gentle Movers as he is friends with the applicant

Cllr Shaw declared a Personal Interest for agenda item 11 and the application from the Axe Valley Heritage Association as he is a trustee

Cllr Burrows declared a Personal Interest for agenda item 11 and the application from the Majorettes as his granddaughter is a Majorette and he helps out with the group

Cllr Burrows declared a Personal Interest for agenda item 11 and the application from the Axe Valley Heritage Association as he is a trustee (ordinary member)

162. Minutes

The Council **RESOLVED** to agree the minutes of the meeting on the 4th December 2017

(moved Cllr Rowland; seconded Cllr Beer)

163. Chairman's Report

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

(moved Cllr Shaw; seconded Cllr Beer)

164. Public Question Time

Mr Wainwright spoke on agenda item 13, pedestrian crossing in Harbour Road and confirmed that he was speaking on behalf of the residents of Harbour Road. Mr Wainwright referred to the letter that he had sent and said that there are issues with traffic volume on Harbour Road, especially around the junction with Royal Observer Way with queues of traffic getting in and out of the junction. The best position for a pedestrian crossing would be opposite the Premier Inn. It needs to be properly surveyed by Highways and traffic lights would be the best option. This needs to be double checked to make sure that the location of the crossing is correct'.

Mr Lawler also spoke on agenda item 13 and said 'the speed on Harbour Road is getting worse and there is going to be a problem before long'.

The Council **RESOLVED** to bring item 13 on the agenda forward so that it is considered before agenda item 6.

(moved Cllr Shaw; seconded Cllr Burrows)

165. Pedestrian Crossing in Harbour Road

Cllr Shaw spoke on this item as he had asked for it to go on the agenda as per Mr Wainwright's letter and felt that a proposal going to Devon County Council (DCC) carried more weight if it had the backing of the Town Council.

Discussion took place around:

- Concern from Residents about the traffic in Royal Observer Way and Swan Road
- The difficulty pedestrians face when attempting to cross the road to Tesco
- Whether there are grounds to have a look at the original traffic survey from the Tesco planning application to see if they acknowledged the need for an additional pedestrian crossing.
- Where the best location for the crossing would be
- Whether a further traffic survey was done as part of the Premier Inn planning application
- The need to do more homework on this matter before writing formally to DCC
- The need to look at whether traffic lights or a pedestrian crossing would be best and to look at the whole traffic flow

The Council **RESOLVED** to support the principle of an additional crossing on Harbour Road near the junction and east of Royal Observer Way.

(moved Cllr Shaw; seconded Cllr Burrows)

During discussion on this item, Cllr Burrows declared a Personal Interest as he lives near the site.

166. Police Report

PC Adam Spears was not able to attend the meeting and no statistics had been provided for December

167. County Councillor Report

Discussion took place around:

- The pothole fund and Councillor Shaw confirmed that he will be asking parishes for their requests for pothole repairs from 1st April 2018.

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

168. District Councillor's Reports

Discussion took place around:

- Cllr Hartnell confirmed East Devon District Council (EDDC) had now agreed a green waste scheme and that this would likely start from 14th May 2018. The cost would be £48 per annum per 240ltr bin and it will be a fortnightly kerbside collection operating in the months of February to December each year.

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

169. Reports from Council representatives on Outside Bodies

There were no updates from representatives on outside bodies

170. Town Clerk Report

Discussion took place around:

- Premier Inn and ideas that could be forwarded to them for their community day on the 22nd January 2018.
- Cllr Rowland suggested the cleaning of tourism and other signage around the town and it was agreed that Councillors forward any other ideas to the Town Clerk by the end of the week

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

171. Grant Funding Applications

Cllr Rowland explained that the budget for grants was £5,000 and that £2,500 had already been distributed. This left a balance of £2,500 for this round of grants.

The Council **RESOLVED** to grant the sum of £300 to Seaton Netball Club
(moved Cllr Squire; seconded Cllr Sanham)

The Council **RESOLVED** to look at all remaining applications at the same time
(moved Cllr Shaw; seconded Cllr Sanham)

The Council **RESOLVED** to grant the sums of £600 to Gentle Moves, £1,000 to Seaton Majorettes, £200 to Bellini Bathers and £400 to Axe Valley Heritage Association.
(moved Cllr Sanham; seconded Cllr Burrows)

172. Budget 2018/19 to 2022/23

The Council considered the draft budget which had been recommended by the Finance Committee.

Discussion took place around:

- How the inflationary costs had been decided upon as some were set at 3% some at 5% and some at 10%
- The need to ensure that the precept does not rise above inflation

The Council **RESOLVED** that the provision for elections for 2018/19 be amended to £1,000 and that the budget of £3,500 in the current financial year be carried forward at the year end.

(moved Cllr Sanham; seconded Cllr Squire)

The Council **RESOLVED** to reduce the budget for cost of expenditure for the Artisan Market to £1,500.

(moved Cllr Sanham; Cllr Read)

The Council **RESOLVED** to build up the level of general reserves by transferring the underspends from the following areas to a general reserve at the year end:

Cost code 120 – Legal Fees

Cost code 2103 – Computer/IT

Cost code 2147 – Marshlands contingency fund

Cost code 2143 – flooring

Cost code 2144 – signage

And to carry forward any underspends for the following cost codes to the same budget line for 2018/19 rather than carrying the amounts forward to an Earmarked reserve at the end of the financial year:

Cost code 112 – Website

Cost code 606 – Bus shelter refurbishment

Cost code 608 – Street furniture maintenance

Cost code 805 – litter bins, Elizabeth Road

(moved Cllr Sanham; seconded Cllr Squire)

173. Tourism Signage

The Town Clerk outlined that following the resolution at the meeting in December, EDDC had confirmed the amount that they would be contributing to the pot and that a shortfall still needed to be met to cover the costs of the project. The suggestion was to apply to the Parishes Together fund for the shortfall amount.

Discussion took place around:

- The timing of the receipt of the funding from the Parishes Together pot
- The need to liaise with Highways as they have assumed that the money would be spent in 2017/18
- The need to speak to another local Council for support for the project
- The need for the Town Clerk to write to all of the organisations contributing money for get their formal agreement and to provide a letter of support for the application

The Council **RESOLVED** to apply to the Parishes Together fund for the balance needed to deliver the Brown Tourism signage project

174. Update on actions from previous meetings

X52 Bus Service

Cllr Shaw updated the Council that DCC are underwriting one service a day and that Beer Parish Council is concerned about the lack of bus provision and wish to meet with Seaton Town Council and Colyton Parish Council to discuss further.

175. 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 item 17 as there was likely to be disclosure of confidential information as matters were being discussed that could identify individual(s) and business commerciality.

176. Marshlands Proposal

The Council **RESOLVED** to rent Office 1 to Care Cover Dorset Ltd without reserved car parking spaces and to investigate replacing the lift in preparation for Phase 2 of the proposal.

(moved Cllr Rowland; seconded Cllr Beer)

The meeting ended at 9.12pm

Chairman: _____

Dated: _____