

# SEATON TOWN COUNCIL

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

27<sup>th</sup> MAY 2008

**PRESENT:** Cllr Mrs Semple (Chairman)  
Cllrs P Burrows, Mrs P Collins, J Meakin, Miss S O'Connell,  
R Palacio, M Greenyer, J Knight, Mrs C Wise

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Sgt Phillips, 3 Members of the Public

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs G Jones (holiday), Mrs J Roebuck (maternity leave),  
L Garner, Mrs S Jones ( EDDC), G Jones (holiday)  
PC R Hutter

**01/08** **TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN**  
Cllr Mrs S Semple was elected Chairman

**02/08** **TO ELECT A VICE CHAIRMAN**  
Cllr J Knight was elected Vice Chairman

**03/08** **TO ACCEPT AND RECEIVE APOLOGIES**  
Apologies were accepted and approved. It was agreed to send a 'speedy recovery' card to PC Hutter

**04/08** **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2008**  
The Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>ST</sup> April 2008 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

**05/08** **TO RECEIVE THE BEAT MANAGER'S REPORT**  
Sgt Phillips produced the current crime figures which showed a marked improvement over the same period last year. Sgt Phillips also agreed that members may go on patrol with his officers, and individual Members should contact the Police Station Staff.  
Sgt Phillips reported that Robin Cross will soon retire after being a Special Constable for the past 26 years, and Members agreed to mark this by sending Mr Cross a retirement card.  
Cllr Knight asked the Police to keep up their work in combating bad parking which was causing danger to pedestrians in Valley View. Before leaving meeting, Sgt Phillips spoke on CCTV for the town, and the success of PSPs (problem solving profiles).

**06/08** **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT  
COUNCILLORS**  
No reports had been received.

**07/08**     **TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

- a) Finance and General Purposes dated 7<sup>th</sup> April 2008
- b) Planning dated 7<sup>th</sup> April 2008 and 21<sup>st</sup> April 2008
- c) Allotments dated 12<sup>th</sup> February 2008

It was Resolved to receive and adopt these Committee meeting Minutes

**08/08**     **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

Cllr Knight declared an interest as an EDDC Councillor. Cllr Greenyer Declared a personal interest in item 18 (CCTV).

**09/08**     **TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

It was Resolved to appoint Members as follows:

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Cllrs Burrows, Collins, Greenyer, Meakin, Palacio, Wise

**FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

Cllrs Burrows, Collins, Garner, Meakin, O'Connell, Semple, Wise

**CLIFF FIELD AND SEATON IN BLOOM COMMITTEE**

Cllrs Collins, Garner, Greenyer, Knight

**ALLOTMENTS**

Cllrs Knight, Palacio, Semple

The Council Chairman and Vice Chairman are also ex-officio Members Of Committees they are not otherwise members of.

**10/08**     **TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO SPECIFIC AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY**

It was Resolved to appoint Members thus:

Business & Economy:	Cllr Mrs Collins
Planning:	Cllrs Mrs Collins, Meakin, Palacio
Regeneration:	Cllrs Mrs Collins, Meakin, Mrs Semple
Civic Amenities:	Cllrs Knight, Palacio
Health & Well Being:	Cllrs Mrs Collins, Palacio
Youth	Cllrs Miss O'Connell, Palacio
Law & Order:	Cllr Palacio
Town Hall:	Cllrs Burrows, Mrs Collins
Recreation & Leisure:	Cllrs Greenyer, Palacio, Mrs Semple
Environment:	Cllrs Mrs Collins, Mrs Wise, Palacio
Tourism:	Cllrs Burrows, Mrs Collins
Traffic:	Cllrs Garner, Jones, Meakin

**11/08**     **TO CONSIDER WHETHER THE STANDARD TIME FOR THE START OF MEETINGS (7PM) SHOULD BE ALTERED**

It was Resolved to keep the start time at 7pm with flexibility to commence at an earlier time subject to the agreement of the appropriate Committee members.

- 12/08**      **TO RENEW THE COUNCIL'S MEMBERSHIP OF OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS:**  
Devon Association of Parish Councils  
Devon Playing Fields Association  
Axminster Area DAPC  
West Country Tourist Board  
Society of Local Council Clerks
- It was so Resolved.
- 13/08**      **TO NOTE THE AVAILABILITY OF COUNCIL LEGAL DOCUMENTS**  
Members took note
- 14/08**      **TO NOTE THE AVAILABILITY FOR INSPECTION OF THE COUNCIL'S INSURANCE SCHEDULE**  
Members took note
- 15/08**      **TO CONFIRM THE COUNCIL'S LAND VALUES AT A NOMINAL £1**  
It was so Resolved
- 16/08**      **TO CONFIRM THE COUNCIL'S STANDARD MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE FIRST MONDAY IN EACH MONTH PLANNING AND FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES, THE THIRD MONDAY PLANNING AND COUNCIL AND OTHER COMMITTEE MEETINGS AS AND WHEN NECESSARY**  
It was so Resolved
- 17/08**      **TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT**  
The Clerk briefed members on the new EDDC refuse and recycling system which was due to commence in Seaton in the near future, and he also mentioned the Government's reorganisation of local government and concluded by stating that the new Civil Enforcement Officers (new style traffic wardens) would operate in Seaton 4 days each week.
- 18/08**      **TO CONSIDER THE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE FUNDING OF ANY CCTV SYSTEM INSTALLED IN THE TOWN ( CLERK)**  
The Clerk reported that it was likely that any CCTV system would require maintenance, and at this stage, no maintenance funding had been agreed. It was Resolved to defer a decision on maintenance funding until the 6 months from the date of agreeing the up to £5000 match funding and until actual prices of systems including maintenance were available with options for the Council and Police but with no commitment on the Council.
- 19/08**      **TO CONSIDER A DCC DISCUSSION DOCUMENT ON A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP PROPOSAL**  
The Chairman reported that Seaton's Town Strategy document of 2003 contained numerous extant improvement recommendations which had yet to be achieved, as had the earlier Planning for Real exercise.

It was Resolved to take note of the DCC document, but to work towards acting upon and achieving the proposals in the 2003 Town Strategy rather than starting the whole process again.

- 20/08**     **TO RECEIVE A REPORT BY CLLRS MRS SEMPLE, MRS COLLINS AND R PALACIO ON A DCC LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANISATION MEETING HELD IN SEATON TOWN HALL ON 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2008**  
Members took note.  
Cllr Miss O'Connell declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion.
- 21/08**     **TO CONSIDER ATTENDANCE BY SOME MEMBERS AT THE DAPC PLANNING MASTER CLASS ON 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2008**  
It was Resolved that all Members of the Planning Committee attend the Master Class if they so wished.
- 22/08**     **TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM TOWNSEND SURGERY AS TO THE COUNCIL'S VIEW ON WHAT IS WANTED ON THE REGNERATION SITE ( CLLR BURROWS)**  
It was Resolved to support the Townsend Surgery proposals, and to write to the Practice Manager that their proposals should be sent to EDDC for consideration by the Seaton Regeneration Board.
- 23/08**     **TO CONSIDER SEEKING THE AGREEMENT OF AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL THAT THE SEATON/AXMOUTH PARISH BOUNDARY SHOULD BE THE RIVER AXE NOT THE CURRENT BOUNDARY**  
It was so Resolved.
- 24/08**     **TO IDENTIFY AREAS OF THE TOWN TO BE PASSED TO THE PARISH LENGTHSMAN FOR HIS ATTENDANCE 20, 23, 24 AND 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2008**  
The following areas were identified:  
Drains from the Underfleet ( north), along Harbour Road (to Axmouth) to be cleared of weeds.  
The path from the Sewage Farm to the back of Merchant's Lane to be cut back.  
Main ditches both sides of the Underfleet in the area of Marsh Road and the play area to be cleared out.
- 25/08**     **TO CONFIRM THE NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2008 TO DISCUSS CHRISTMAS 2008 ARRANGEMENTS**  
The notes were confirmed.
- 26/08**     **TO DISCUSS A LETTER FROM EDDC ' EDDC LAND ASSETS IN SEATON'**  
The Clerk reminded Members that at some stage in the future EDDC may ask to transfer some of their assets to the Council, and that with assets comes the financial liability to maintain them.  
Members took note.
- 27/08**     **TO CONSIDER ANY LATE ENTRY CORRESPONDENCE**  
a) EDDC – Closure of the Esplanade 16<sup>th</sup> August 2008  
Members had no objection.

Cllr Mrs Wise declared a personal interest.

**28/08**      **TO CONSIDER ANY MATTER ARISING FROM UNPRESENTED MATERIAL**

There was no unrepresented material

**29/08**      **TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2008**

Members took note

There being no other business the meeting finished at 2112hours

**These Minutes confirmed this .....day of .....2008**

**Presiding Chairman .....**