

SEATON TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MINUTES

12th May 2008

PRESENT: Cllr G Jones (Chairman)
Cllrs P Burrows, Mrs P Collins, L Garner, M Greenyer, J Meakin,
Miss S O'Connell, Mrs S Semple, Mrs C Wise.

2 Members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllrs J Knight (hospital), Mrs J Roebuck (maternity leave)

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mrs Cotterill asked why it was necessary to ask the Fire and Rescue Service to attend the Town Hall to enter the building via a window in the Committee Room, (the Committee Room could not be opened because the catch had been left on the locked position over the weekend).

Mr Alexander stated he had asked the Fire and Rescue Service if they could assist in opening the room and they had agreed to attend as part of their training. Mr Alexander asked if a vote of thanks might be sent to the Service.

703/07 **APOLOGIES**
Apologies were accepted and approved

704/07 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
Cllr Miss O'Connell declared a personal interest in item 8 (Friends of Seaton Town Hall).

705/07 **MINUTES**
The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th April 2008 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

706/07 **TO CONSIDER THE ROSPA REPORT ON THE COUNCIL'S
PLAY AREA AT THE UNDERFLEET.**

- to have the Jolly Gerald seesaw dismantled.
- To seek a replacement item for the seesaw
- To have items 3 (toddler multiplay), 5 (1 bay 2 flat swing) and 6 (junior multiplay unit) repaired as indicated in the report.

707/07 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM MR D MORGAN THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THE MARKING OF FISHERMAN'S GAP WITH AN APPROPRIATE SIGN

It was Resolved to seek the cost of adding a sign to the nearest finger post and to investigate the costs of other sign designs.

708/07 TO CONSIDER A SUGGESTION BY CLLR MISS O'CONNELL THAT FORE STREET BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1000-1600 HOURS DAILY BY THE PLACING OF A CHAIN ACROSS THE HIGHWAY

Members Resolved to agree in principle to the suggestion and to add the item to the agenda for the meeting with DCC Highway Officers and Cllr Mrs Rogers.

709/07 TO CONSIDER CEASING TO HOLD MONTHLY SURGERIES AND REPLACING THEM WITH A SYSTEM WHEREBY THE CLERK DIRECTS THE RESIDENT TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THE APPROPRIATE MEMBER ACCORDING TO THE NATURE OF THE MATTER RAISED BY THE RESIDENT.

It was so Resolved. The new procedure is to be advertised in the next Council newsletter and on the noticeboard.

Cllr Burrows joined the meeting.

710/07 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR A DONATION TO THE FRIENDS OF SEATON COMMUNITY HALL (TOWN HALL)

It was Resolved to make a donation of £100 from Reserves as a token Of appreciation and effort of the Friends to date and to ask the Friends to make a full case for further assistance if they so desired.

711/07 TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Seaton Development Trust Ltd dated 29th April 2008

Members took note. The Clerk will act as the Council's representative relating to the tender documents.

b) Thomas Westcott dated 3rd April 2008

Members took note of the increased monthly charge for 2008/9 and it was agreed to consider at a future date whether to take the Council's payroll function back 'in house'.

c) DCC Parish Paths Partnership Scheme 2008/9

Members took note.

d) DCC Signage at Seaton Cemetery dated 7th April 2008

Members took note.

e) DCC The Esplanade dated 17th April 2008

Cllr Mrs Semple declared a personal interest (resident of the Esplanade).

Members expressed disappointment at the content of the letter, and Resolved to place the matter on the agenda of the forthcoming meeting with DCC Highways Officers and Cllr Mrs Rogers.

f) EDDC Bouncy Castle Concession Seaton dated 28th April 2008

Cllr Mrs Semple declared a personal interest (resident in the area)

It was Resolved to support the move of the Bouncy Castle facility to The area of the Spot on Kiosk on East Walk.

712/07 TO RECEIVE REPORTS BY CLLRS MRS SEMPLE AND COLLINS ON 'CREATIVE COASTS' AND THE 'PRIMARY CARE TRUST' MEETINGS

Members took note

713/07 TO AUTHORISE PAYMENTS MADE FROM THE DATE OF THE LAST MEETING TO DATE

It was Resolved to authorise the payments (list attached).

714/07 TO NOTE THE CURRENT BANK BALANCES

It was Resolved to defer this item as the Clerk reported he was currently in the middle of finalising the 2007/8 accounts and the April payments had yet to be input into the computer.

715/07 TO CONSIDER ANY LATE ENTRY CORRESPONDENCE

There were none.

716/07 TO CONSIDER MATTERS RAISED FROM UNPRESENTED MATERIAL

It was agreed to place attendance at the DAPC Planning Master Class on the May Council agenda.

TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING MONDAY 9TH JUNE 2008

Cllr Meakin tendered his apologies for 9th June 2008.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2020hours

These Minutes confirmed thisday of2008

Presiding Chairman