SEATON ROSS PARISH COUNCIL

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| Date | Tuesday 1st August 2023 7:30pm |
| **Location** | Seaton Ross Village Hall |
| **Attendees** | Cllrs Henley (Chair), Gardham, Hunt, Underwood, Johnson, 1 member of the public and Richard Chapman (Co-optee) Gemma Storer (Clerk) |

|  | **To Action** |
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| 25/23 | **Declarations of Interest** | n/a |
| None |
| 26/23 | **Apologies** | n/a |
| Paul Hamilton. Apologies not received for Dave Gascoyne. |
| 27/23 | **Co-option** | n/a |
| Richard Chapman signed his declaration to be co-opted onto the Council as was previously unanimously agreed. |
| 28/23 | **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20th June, the planning meeting of 10th July and any matters arising.**  | Clerk to amend |
| Councillor Henley asked the Clerk to add the reference number for the planning application to the meeting minutes. |
| 29/23 | **Finances** | n/a |
| Monthly bank charge paid- £5. Clerks Salary and HMRC paid £523.35. Payroll paid £19.80 Current balance = £4237.97. NS&I balance = 2552.71. Cllr Chapman to send broadband invoices before the next meeting. |
| 30/23 | **Local skillsets list** | Cllr Henley to add to SRT |
| A parishioner has asked if there any plans to create a register of local businesses. Some may already be on the village website and the Seaton Ross Facebook page. Cllr Henley to mention in the next Seaton ross times. |
| 31/23 | **National Highways and Transport Survey** | Cllr Johnson to respond. |
| Cllr Johnson to respond on behalf of the Parish Council. A response is required by the end of September 2023 |
| 32/23 | **Village Task Force Walkabout** | Cllr Henley to attend. |
| The annual village walkabout with ERYC will take place on August 3rd at 9:45am. Cllr Henley will meet with the ERYC officer to discuss items that may be affecting the village. Cllr Gardham suggested that the following areas require attention: Tree down Breckstreet overhanging road (near Old mills cottages), Eastleigh Farm- trees or hedge may be causing visibility issues. Bellevue- tree overhanging footpath. Willow tree outside the petrol station on Mill Lane and a tree overhanging at the Cottage. The Village Hall Car Park tree may require cutting back. Ash trees in the village plot- possible Ash dieback. Kerb outside Omega in disrepair. Drain outside Rockford Lodge may need attention, standing water on the road opposite old post office. |
| 33/23 | **Community Assets** | Cllrs to consider. |
| The idea of assets of community value, as a possible way of retaining services in the village, was introduced to the Councillors. They have been sent more information to consider before the next meeting.  |
| 34/23 | **Police and Crime Survey** | Cllrs to consider. |
| Sent in advance to councillors who may wish to respond individually. |
| 35/23 | **Community Governance Draft Review** | Clerk to respond on behalf of Council. |
| A recent ERYC review has recommended that for a parish of our size, that the correct number of Councillors be reduced from 9 to 7. There are currently 8 councillors and one member of the village who has expressed an interest in filling the vacancy. Councillors feel that 9 is the preferred number as it will ensure that we always remain quorate and it does not cost any more to have a greater number of Councillors.  |
| 36/23 | **Planning Notices/Consultations** | n/a |
| None |
| 37/23 | **Councillor Training Opportunities** | n/a |
| Sent prior to meeting. |
| 38/23 | **Correspondence** | n/a |
| ERNLLCA newsletter- forwarded. UK Rural Prosperity fund info sent to Councillors. |
| 39/23 | **Watching Briefs** | n/a |
| Cllr Hunt suggested that our thanks to Ward Councillor Leo Hammond be put on record as highway repairs that we requested he chase up were carried out very soon afterwards. Cllr Henley wished to publicise that meetings of the Playing Field association are being held at the Black Horse every month- the next one is August 23rd at 7:30pm. |

The meeting closed at 8:20pm. The next meeting will be Tuesday September 12th at 7:30pm.