

Seaton Ross Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 April 2016

A Parish Council meeting was held in the Village hall on Thursday 7 April 2016 at 7.30pm.

Members present: J Henley, D Gascoyne, R Chapman, C Curran, R Underwood and Claire Hunt.

Public Questions: None

To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of any agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.

R Chapman declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute 32/16 because he is a neighbour of the planning applicant.

To note dispensations given to any member of the council in respect of agenda items listed below.

30/16 Minutes – agreed – that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 2016 be a true record and be signed by the chairman.

Matters arising: With regard to the anti-fracking item, J Henley had talked to a parish councillor from Melbourne Parish Council, attended an anti-fracking meeting and had a look at the Bielby website. It seems Cuadrilla will not talk to the public, including parish councils until it has done further testing and this could take a number of years. It was therefore agreed further discussions would be put on hold until matters progressed.

30/16: Personnel Sub-Committee: councillors discussed the merits of setting up a Personnel Sub-Committee in order to determine matters relating to human resources. Membership was agreed as three councillors - R Chapman, D Gascoyne and C Curran would be members.

Agreed: That a Personnel Sub-Committee be set up with a membership of three councillors, which would consist of R Chapman, D Gascoyne and C Curran.

Pro: Clair Hunt Sec: Jane Henley

31/16: Seaton Ross website: members discussed the new website that had been set up to ensure the requirements of the new transparency code were met. It was agreed the clerk would meet with R Chapman to discuss passing over the day to day management of the site.

32/16 Planning application 16/00734/PLF: members considered a proposed dormer extension to the existing bungalow with internal configuration at The Bungalow, Mains Lane. It was agreed the Council would support the application subject to the following comments:

1. That due to the narrowness of Mains Lane, the builders do not block the road whilst carrying out the building work, particularly because large vehicles require access to the farm at the end of the lane.

It was also agreed that the clerk would contact the Council because the owner of The Bungalow was parking in the passing place outside their property which was preventing large vehicles from passing down the lane.

Pro: D Gascoyne; Sec: C Curran

33/16 Community assets – the Black Horse Pub: councillors discussed the Black Horse Pub. Although sorry that the pub was up for sale, councillors felt there was little that they could do as a parish council.

34/16 Seaton Ross Public Spaces Protection Order: Councillors discussed the Order. It was agreed to adopt this subject to amending 'Charity Dogs for the Disabled' to 'Dogs for Good'.

35/16 Community Infrastructure Levy Consultation: it was agreed that any comments would be passed to the clerk for submission as part of the consultation.

36/16 Financial Regulations: councillors discussed and approved the Council's Financial Regulations.

Agreed: that the Financial Regulations be approved.

Pro: R Chapman; Sec: C Curran

37/16 Council Standing Orders: councillors discussed and approved the Council's Standing Orders.

Agreed: that the Council Standing Orders be approved.

Pro: R Chapman; Sec: C Curran

38/16 Grievance Policy: councillors discussed and approved the Council's Grievance Policy.

Agreed: that the Grievance Policy be approved, subject to the amendments above.

Pro: R Chapman; Sec: C Curran

38/16 Disciplinary Policy: councillors discussed and approved the Council's Disciplinary Policy. It was agreed that the clerk would look into drawing up a capability policy.

Agreed: that the Disciplinary Policy be approved.

Pro: R Chapman; Sec: C Curran

39/16 ERNLLCA: councillors agreed to renew the annual subscription to ERNLLCA at a cost of £280.17.

Pro: D Gascogne; Sec R Underwood.

40/16 Scanner: councillors agreed to the purchase by the clerk of a scanner at a cost of £69.99. It was agreed to wait until the clerk had received the invoice or delivery note before making payment.

41/16 Correspondence: there was no correspondence.

Dates for future meetings: the Annual Parish meeting to be held on 20 May 2016 at 7:00pm to be followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting at approximately 7:30pm. The following dates were also agreed:

- Thursday 7 July 2016, 7:30pm
- Friday 2 September 2016, 7:30pm
- Friday 7 October 2016, 7:30pm
- Thursday 24 November 2016, 7:30pm
- Friday 6 January 2017, 7:30pm

All the above meetings would be held at the village hall.