

A Parish Council meeting was held in the Village hall on Friday 19 February 2016 at 7.30pm.

**Members present:** J Henley, D Gascoyne, G Brockhouse, R Chapman, Clair Curran, Claire Hunt, Geoff Gardham, R Underwood and P Johnson.

**Fracking Discussion** Gill Reid (GR) updated the Council on a fracking meeting she had attended recently in Pocklington.

In fracking, bore holes were drilled and pipes inserted with concrete poured around them. Water would then be forced down the pipe using chemicals and sand. The pressure of the water would open the fracking holes and release the gases. The water would also return through the pipe and would be disposed of in an old fracking hole. Tremors were a risk of the process and, perhaps more seriously, so was the risk of water contamination. This was of particular concern to the East Riding because all its drinking water came from an underground aquifer and the fracking pipes would bore through the aquifer increasing the risk of contamination. Fracking was banned in some other countries including Scotland, Germany and France.

Fracking generally took place on agricultural and not urban land because fracking companies had to lease the land they required and this was easier to do in the countryside.

GR informed councillors that the parish council needed to have a view on fracking and it was suggested that either a meeting of the residents of Seaton Ross be called or that local councils held a joint meeting on the matter. GR informed the council that the Pocklington group was already formed and that Market Weighton was in the process of setting up a group and Seaton Ross could lend its support to one or both of these.

The council thanked Ms Reid for her informative update.

**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.

Councillor C Hunt expressed a pecuniary interest in agenda item E as she was related to the applicant.

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

**12/16 Minutes** – agreed – that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2016 be a true record and be signed by the chairman.

**Matters arising:** J Henley had attended the Wolds Weighton Liaison Group meeting. This was being run by the three Wolds Weighton ward councillors and had proved to be a useful vehicle for raising issues and receiving information.

**13/16: Planning application – Rose Farm, South End, Seaton Ross:** having declared a pecuniary interest in this item C Hunt left the meeting and took no part in the discussions or voting thereon.

The Council considered the planning application before it and it was agreed to support the application subject to the comment that screening to the east of the site be added as a condition. **Pro: R Chapman; Sec: D Gascoyne.**

**14/16: Planning application – Rolawn, The Airfield, Seaton Ross:** the Council considered the application and it was agreed that it would make the following comments:

1. Additional screening required between the proposed building and the properties on Mill Lane
2. Limit on the building now and in the future to B1(a) and B1(b) use
3. Improved access for the junction from the site onto Seaton Common Lane, and
4. Speed limit to be moved so that the access lane falls within the 30mph speed limit.

**Pro: P Johnson; Sec: G Brockhouse.**

**15/16 Consultation about changes to planning policy:** councillors questioned the effect of the proposed changes on small villages. It was agreed that J Henley would draft a response and circulate to other members.

**16/16 East Riding Local Plan:** the Chairman informed councillors that the changes related to the Stamford Bridge area and therefore was not of relevance to Seaton Ross.

**17/16 Village plot:** it was agreed that the parish council would agree that ownership of the land behind the fence, including the watercourse, would belong to Rich Jasper-Bower. This would require a change with the Land Registry. It was agreed that all legal costs and Land Registry fees should be paid by Mr Jasper-Bower. **Pro: D Gascoyne; Sec: J Gardham.**

**18/16 Disciplinary Policy:** it was agreed to bring the disciplinary policy to the next meeting for further discussion. **Pro: R Chapman; Sec: R Underwood.**

**19/16 Grievance Policy:** it was agreed to bring the grievance policy to the next meeting for further discussion. **Pro: R Chapman; Sec: R Underwood.**

**20/16 Standing Orders:** it was agreed to bring the standing orders to the next meeting for further discussion. **Pro: R Chapman; Sec: R Underwood.**

**21/16 Donations to village organisations:** councillors agreed that the sum of £350 would be paid to each of the following three local organisations: Playing Fields Association; St Edmund's Church and the Village Hall. **Pro: C Hunt; Sec: C Curran.** Payment made at the meeting.

**22/16 Crime Reduction Fund:** it was agreed that this item would be deferred to the next meeting for further discussion.

**23/16 Salt bins:** an invoice had been received from East Riding of Yorkshire Council for maintenance of the two Parish Council owned salt bins. It was agreed that the clerk would ask for a copy of the agreement with the Council prior to paying the invoice because the Council had stated it had replaced the salt in the bins for the last four years despite the fact the Parish Council had also been buying salt and maintaining the two bins. It was further agreed that the clerk would cancel the agreement with East Riding of Yorkshire Council for further maintenance work. **Pro: G Brockhouse; Sec: G Gardham.**

**24/16 State of the roads:** there was nothing currently to report with regard to the roads and potholes. Councillors discussed the fact that since the Council had replaced the street light posts with new, thinner ones, the signs for the village

hall and church and bus stop had not been fixed to them, but had been left leaning against them on the floor. It was agreed that the clerk would report this to the Council together with two street lights that remained on during the day.

**25/16 Defibrillator:** it was agreed that the costs of training would be paid in advance but would be reclaimed from the grant awarded to the Parish Council.

**26/16 Community assets:** it was agreed that this would be deferred to the next meeting.

**27/16 Bracket for projector:** R Chapman agreed to donate a bracket for the projector so it could be put up in the village hall.

**28/16 National Clean for the Queen 13 March 2016:** the clerk was asked to organise equipment for the village litter pick with the Council.

**29/16 Correspondence:** there was no correspondence.

**Dates for future meetings:** next meetings to be held on 7 April 7:30pm; 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.