

Minutes of the meeting of Seaton Ross Parish Council held on Friday 7 October 2016

A Parish Council meeting was held in the village hall on Friday 7 October 2016 at 7.30pm.

Members present: J Henley, R Underwood, G Brockhouse, P Johnson, R Chapman, C Hunt, C Curran and G Gardham.

Apologies: D Gascoyne

Members of the public: 1

Declarations of interest – G Gardham declared a pecuniary interest in minute 97/16 insofar as the applicants were members of his family.

Public Questions – a parishioner asked the parish council for its support in helping to reduce the number of pigeons in the village. The parish council informed him this was a matter for ERYC and he should contact them in the first instance. The parish council asked to be kept updated on the matter.

84/16 Minutes – Agreed – that the minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2016 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising:

- a) 74/16 - the Clerk has sent photographs of the verges along Southfield Lane to ERYC. ERYC has agreed to undertake some remedial work over the next three weeks. The parish council will monitor the situation.
- b) 77/16 - the Clerk has deposited the minute book for 1970-1985 with Archives.
- c) 80/16 - the Clerk was still awaiting profiles from some members. Members agreed their landline numbers could be shown on the website.
- d) 83/16 - the Clerk had attended the clerk's induction course. Members agreed to her completing further training. Any costs would be shared with Melbourne Parish Council as she was also the clerk for that parish.

85/16 Parish Plot: the minutes of a meeting of the parish council held in 1984 had been examined and it still was not clear to whom the dyke belonged. It was agreed P Johnson, G Gardham and J Henley would discuss the matter with the previous owners of Ashleigh and older family members to try to determine ownership.

The Chairman had prepared a draft contract for the land swap which had been produced from a template from the Land Registry website. Members also considered the possibility of renting the land to Ashleigh for a peppercorn rent. The parish council had a similar arrangement with land adjacent to the village hall and it was agreed J Henley would look into those contractual arrangements.

Agreed: that the item come to the next meeting of the council.

86/16: Pigeons in Seaton Ross: this item had been considered under Public Questions. The parishioner had been advised to contact ERYC.

87/16 Speed indicator signs: the parish council had received information from ERYC about the hiring of speed indicator signs by parish councils on a monthly basis. The costs were £450 per month for one sign and £500 a month for two signs. They were provided on a first come, first served basis across all parish councils in the East Riding.

Speeding was an issue which was frequently brought to the attention of members. Therefore, it was agreed the council would hire two speed signs for one month.

Resolved: that two speed signs be hired for one month from ERYC at a cost of £500.

88/16 Transparency Fund: the council was eligible to bid again for grant money. It was agreed R Chapman would investigate what the grant money might cover and would assist the Clerk in submitting a bid.

89/16 Parking near The Bombers: there had been an incident when the bus had been unable to get through the village at the Bombers because cars had been parked on both sides of the road. J Henley agreed she would put a request for considerate parking in the Seaton Ross Times.

90/16 Overhanging trees: Some of the church trees were still overhanging the road and were causing a problem for high sided vehicles. J Henley would contact the Church Warden about this.

The tree in the village hall car park required pruning because it was interfering with the telephone wire. G Gardham agreed to talk to Mr Eric Gardham about pruning it back.

91/16 Village walkabout: members provided an update on the areas they were responsible for:

- Breckstreet = C Curran – painted bench but still a lot of potholes.
- South End = G Brockhouse – a number of outstanding issues.
- North End = D Gascoyne –no issues
- West End = C Curran – no issues
- Church Lane = R Chapman – no issues

Members had also noticed a number of other issues in the village.

Highways was about to start work in the village and it was agreed to wait 10 days before reviewing the situation again.

92/16 Emergency Plan: a number of revisions were agreed to the plan. Approval would be sought at the next meeting.

93/16 Bus consultation: J Henley informed the council that a petition had been set up as recent consultation plans indicated all buses to the village would cease to run. In the past, Seaton Ross and the other villages on the routes had paid an annual subsidy of £350 each to safeguard the buses but ERYC had not asked if villages were willing to do so again. The Pocklington Town Clerk was in the process of arranging a meeting with the bus companies and local parish councils. Seaton Ross would attend and give support.

94/16 Broadband in the village hall: R Chapman informed the council that the line had been installed and broadband should be available at the village hall by next Friday 14 October.

The monthly charge would be paid by the parish council by direct debit and this had been approved at the meeting on 2 September 2016. R Chapman would complete the arrangements with the bank for monthly payments to be made by direct debit.

95/16 St Helen's Farm signage: the Clerk informed the council the farm had decided not to go ahead with additional signage because it was unhappy with the wording proposed by ERYC.

96/16 Sharing tool scheme: After discussion, the council decided not to pursue this because of issues around security and insurance.

97/16 Planning application 16/02894 Land North of Keystone Garth: having declared a pecuniary interest, G Gardham left the room and took no part in the discussions on the matter.

Members considered the application. It lay within development limits and members had no objections at this stage to the outline application.

Resolved: that ERYC be informed the council had no objection to the application.

98/16 Planning decision notices: the following notices were received:

- 05/07072/PLF The Hollies – Erection of a detached dwelling and garage – permission granted
- 16/02223/PLF Cross Garth – Erection of open fronted double garage and home office building at rear – permission granted

99/16 Finances:

Agreed that:

- a) **payment of the Clerk's salary of £337.95 for the period July-Sept 2016 be approved;**
- b) **payment to HMRC of Clerk's salary tax £84.60 be approved;**
- c) **the Clerk inform NS&I that the signatories on the council's savings account were G Brockhouse, J Henley and D Gascoyne.**

100/16 Correspondence: members discussed the correspondence received since the last meeting. It was agreed when the consultation opened in relation to holding a referendum to increase the parish precept over 2%, the council would write in objection.

Future meetings: Thursday 24 November 2016, 7:30pm; Friday 6 January 2017, 7:30pm.

The meeting closed at 9:20pm