

Minutes of a meeting of Seaming Parish Council held in the Village Hall on 11 May 2009.

Present

In attendance

Six councillors. MrN Hartley

1. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Mr Glister was elected chairman and Mr Steward vice chairman.

2. Apologies for Absence

The chairman noted that apologies had been received from Mrs Gould, who was attending another meeting and Mrs Brown, who is unwell.

3. Declarations of Interest

Mr Glister declared a personal interest in all items on the agenda.

Mr McSkimming declared a prejudicial interest in the planning application of Mr Haller, who is his neighbour and discussions on the unitary authority as he does some work for Norfolk County Council.

Mr Eagle declared an interest as a member of the Playing Field Committee in item 8.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2009 were confirmed and signed, as amended on page one.

5. Matters arising from the minutes

None.

6. Public Participation

No members of the public were in attendance.

7. Finance

The clerk informed the meeting that the current balances are as follows:-

Current Account, £17,381.09 Scottish Widows £16,784.04

Payments made and approved in accordance with budget

Cq 100940 Norfolk Rural Community Council, play equipment inspection course, £10 Cq 100969 Seaming Playing Field Committee, grant for works to pavilion, £3,000

Cq 100970 Seaming PCC, grant for works to church, £3,000

Cq 100971 Seaming PCC, maintenance of the closed part of the churchyard, £1,900 Cq 100972 Allianz Insurance, annual premium, £1,402.99

Cq 100973 A Glister, chairman's allowance, £450

Cq 100974 NALC, annual subscription, £363.56

Cq 100975 E-on, unmetered supplies, £90.01

Cq 100976 Walton Associates, annual maintenance of church clock, £80.50

Cq 100977 Eastern Office Equipment, laminations re councillor vacancy, envelopes & notebook for play equipment inspections, £14.52

Cq 100978 Richard Eagle (contracting), timber goalposts at Water Meadows and noticeboard, £663.60

Cq 100979 L F Everett & son, printing newsletter, £79 Cq 100980 T Brown, delivering newsletter, £40

Cq 100981 Town & About Magazine, delivering newsletter, £45

Payments Received

Breckland Council, part precept, £15,000

Cash and cheques from sales of village history, £630 HM Revenue & Customs, refund of V AT paid, £857.35

8. Scaming Pavilion

A letter was read from NALC, advising the Parish Council that no formal lease between the Council and the Playing Field Committee is necessary, but that a letter regarding ownership would suffice. This letter is to be sent annually.

9. Village History

All copies of the village history have been sold and there are orders for more. It was agreed to fund publication of 100 more copies at cost £455, all proceeds to be returned to Parish Council.

10. Planning

a. Parish Council comments sent to Breckland Council

Gorgate Ltd, Riverside Garden Centre, Swaffham Road

Provision of 339m² retail/commercial space with 14 flats above & 16 car parking spaces to rear (resubmission) No objection

b. Breckland Council Decisions

R Woodgett and son, land adjacent Westholme, Chapel Lane Removal of condition 4 from 3PL1200811367 IF re roof tiles

Approved

c. Planning Application Considered

M Haller, St Margarets, Dereham Road

Replacement of existing boundary wall with close boarded wooden fence

No objection

Mr & Mrs Hayden, 43 Allwood Avenue First floor extension to garage

No objection

Mr I Maund, 7, Hillrise, Dereham Road Erection of conservatory to rear of house

No objection

Mr & Mrs T Ward, Arch Farm, Podmore Lane Two storey side extension & garage

No objection

11 Any other Business

Mrs Gould had been advised that BT propose making the telephone box outside the Village Hall credit card only. Councillors agreed to oppose.

The 50mph sign at Podmore Lane is still down. The ditch near Chapel Lane remains uncleared.

It was proposed to request white lines on the edges of Stone Road.

12 Unitary Authority

The council would prefer to maintain the status quo, but faced with the two options preferred to have a unitary authority comprising the existing county of Norfolk.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.37pm.