

## **Seaton Ross Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 20 May 2016**

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Village hall on Friday 20 May 2016 at 7.15pm.

**Members present:** J Henley, J Gardham, R Chapman and P Johnson.

**Apologies:** G Brockhouse; R Underwood; D Gascoyne and C Hunt.

**Members of the public: 38**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 29 May 2015 were approved. All present agreed.

**Parish Matters:**

Parishioners raised the following issues:

- Mrs Walker informed the Council she considered there was no need for HR policies such as the Grievance and Disciplinary Policies as the Council only employed one member of staff. The Chairman responded and stated that they were legal requirements and therefore the Council had no discretion in these matters.
- Mr Henley reminded parishioners that the footpath from The Hollies to Carr Lane via Tow Pits Wood is a permissive right of way and could be closed or diverted at any time.
- Mr Holborough asked whether there was any pressure the Parish Council could bring to bear with regard to the slow broadband speeds in some parts of the village. It was agreed the Clerk would write to East Riding of Yorkshire Council about the matter.
- Mrs Clark suggested the Annual Parish Council was held on a separate night to the Annual Parish Council meeting. This was agreed by the Parish Council.
- Mrs Clark requested the website contain contact details for all parish councillors together with a description of their interests and why they became a councillor. She was informed by the Chairman that this work was already underway.

**Seaton Ross Parish Council Chair's Annual Report 2015-16**

The Parish Council held seven full meetings through the year.

1. There has been a big change of personnel:
  - a. Richard Chapman, Geoff Gardham, Rachel Underwood and Claire Curran were co-opted onto the Council as there was no request for an election when resigning councillors moved away from village.
  - b. Sally Howat resigned as Parish Clerk in November as she was moving away. Jane Stewart has been appointed to replace her. We thank Sally for all her work with the PC
2. The East Riding Village Task Force has continued to do running repairs through the village.
3. A light has been installed over the defibrillator. 12 people have received training in the use of the defibrillator and CPR.
4. The Parish Council has been given a projector and the Council is looking into installing WIFI for the village hall.
5. The Village Emergency Plan has been finalised and will be updated each year. Items for emergency use have been bought with the Local Grant. The Parish Council needs more community coordinators (ideally one for each street) for the Village Emergency Plan. If you would like to help with this please contact the Clerk on 07557 345 204.
6. The village hall car park has been resurfaced at the request of the Parish Council.
7. The Parish Council continues to give annual grants to the Village Hall, Playing Field and Church and finances the domain and hosting for the village website. Any village organisation can apply to the Parish Council for funding as long as a business plan is provided and the project benefits the village.
8. The Parish Clerk wrote to Rolawn about the number of lorries travelling through the village and received a reply assuring us that the lorry drivers are having the preferred routes outlined

for them. However the sign at the end of their lane giving directions is no longer there. There is also a noise concern. We will continue to monitor them.

9. The annual litter pick is still finding a high level of litter, particularly in Southfield Lane, where there were about 50 bottles. Many thanks to all the people who helped with the litter pick. There are still complaints about dog fouling. Please clean up after your dogs and take the bags home or put them in the bins provided.
10. New transparency code: the Clerk will be putting information about the Parish Council on a new Parish Council website in the very near future.
11. Fracking – the Parish Council will hold a parish meeting when we can get representation from both sides of the argument. Currently Cuadrilla will only talk to a closed parish council meeting.
12. The annual accounts will be available for viewing during a four week window, starting 6 June 2016, by request to the Clerk. The precept has been increased by 10% this year, the first increase in 5 years, to fund the increase in information which has to be reported on a separate website which creates extra work for the Clerk.