



Seaford Town Council

MINUTES of an **Extraordinary Meeting** of the **Full Council** held in the Council Chambers, 37 Church Street, Seaford on **Thursday 28th February 2019** at **7.30pm**.

Present:

Councillor L Wallraven (Mayor) and Councillor L Freeman (Deputy Mayor).
Councillors S Adeniji, D Argent, P Boorman, M Brown, J Elton, O Honeyman, R Honeyman, A Latham, J Lord, P Lower, M Wearmouth, B Webb.
James Corrigan, Town Clerk – Seaford Town Council
Colin Andrews, Deputy Town Clerk and RFO – Seaford Town Council
Isabelle Moulard, Executive Support Officer (Maternity Cover) – Seaford Town Council
Geoff Johnson, Planning Officer – Seaford Town Council
Sue Treadwell, Projects and Facilities Co-ordinator – Seaford Town Council
24 members of the public

C123/02/18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Burfield, N Freeman, T Goodman and C White.

C124/02/18 Disclosure of Interests

No declarations were made of discloseable pecuniary interests or interests other than pecuniary interests as defined under the Seaford Town Council Code of Conduct and the Localism Act 2011, in relation to matters on the agenda.

C125/02/18 Public Participation

- Resident A* *Item 5 – Spoke on behalf of the Downs Development Voice expressing concern about the addition of part of the Downs Leisure Centre land for development, appealing for this site to be removed from the Plan. Concerns were also put forward about the consultation process.*
- Response Responded under item 5.
- Resident B* *Items 5 – Requested for the date “2022” under the Seven Sister’s Pub site to be redacted.*
- Response Responded under item 5.
- Resident C* *Item 6 – Expressed concern over the Town Council considering spending money on arrangements for the Freedom of the Town. Following the previous Full Council meeting which saw debate over raising the Precept to pay debts and increase reserves.*
- Town Clerk The Town Clerk advised that the Town Council did not need to increase the precept to pay off debts and that the rise in the Precept is to provide the facilities, services and projects to Seaford against the Strategic Plan and to increase reserves as required by the internal auditor. It was also advised that the cost of arrangements for the Freedom of the Town would cost less than £500 which is less than 0.01% of the precept.

C126/02/18 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the following minutes and **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the recommendations therein:

C126.1 Full Council

24th January 2019

C127/02/18 Neighbourhood Plan Adoption

It was **AGREED** to **SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS** to allow for the Chairman of the Steering Group, Mr Keith Blackburn to give a presentation on the proposed final draft Plan supported by Charlie Grimble.

During the presentation, the Plan's inclusion of the land at the Downs Leisure Centre and consultation process was discussed and members of the public were given an opportunity to ask questions. It was advised that all sites had been through a vigorous process before being included to ensure that whilst meeting our housing target, we also only included sites that were suitable.

The Neighbourhood Plan undertook the Regulation 14 consultation twice, at an additional cost of approximately £8,000. The first consultation achieved several hundred responses and highlighted some areas which it was decided needed to be re-evaluated to address matters raised. Of these several hundred responses none highlighted any issues regarding the Downs Leisure Centre site. One of the issues raised was agreed with and included in the plan as an additional Green Space, namely the land between Bishopstone and Seaford. Other points of contention were not agreed to after detailed expert reviews were undertaken.

The detailed consultation has ensured that the Plan as presented has true authenticity. It is therefore not feasible to make changes to the Plan at this stage in response to verbal last minute requests to add in for example additional Green Spaces without such background credibility. That would undermine the credibility of the whole Plan which would be a disaster for example for the future management and limitation of new housing development in the town as well as potentially depriving the town of additional CIL funds.

It was **RESOLVED** that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be **EXCLUDED** to allow the Council to discuss the confidential and exempt appendices with report 172/18 as the items concerned contain personal information.

The Council discussed the confidential and exempt appendices with report 172/18 which contained personal data.

3 members of the public re-entered the room.

It was **AGREED** to **REINSTATE STANDING ORDERS**.

The Council considered report 172/18 seeking adoption of the revised Seaford Neighbourhood Plan following the 2nd Regulation 14 consultation.

The Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan agreed that the date of 2022 in respect of the Seven Sisters site would be removed following discussions with the site owners and the landlady.

It was **AGREED** to take both proposals within the report en bloc.

C127.1 It was **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the Seaford Neighbourhood Plan as presented including sustainability appraisal, Local Green Spaces Report and design Guide.

C127.2 It was **AGREED** to progress with the Neighbourhood Plan process by sending the adopted Seaford Neighbourhood Plan to Lewes District Council to implement Regulation 16 consultation.

A **RECORDED VOTE** was requested:

Councillor S Adeniji	Against
Councillor D Argent	For
Councillor P Boorman	Against
Councillor M Brown	For

Councillor J Elton	For
Councillor L Freeman	For
Councillor O Honeyman	For
Councillor R Honeyman	For
Councillor A Latham	For
Councillor J Lord	For
Councillor P Lower	For
Councillor L Wallraven	For
Councillor M Wearmouth	Abstained
Councillor B Webb	For

The **MOTION** was **CARRIED**.

C128/02/18 Honorary Freedom of the Town

The Council considered report 173/18 presenting a nomination for Freedom of Seaford for Council's consideration.

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to **AWARD** Keith Blackburn with Honorary Freedom of the Town.

C129/02/18 Annual Investment Strategy 2018-19

The Council considered report 161/18 providing a further update on the CCLA property deposit fund.

C129.1 It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the contents of the report.

C129.2 It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the placing of £150,000 to be invested in the medium term with the CCLA Local Authority Property Fund.

C129.3 It was **RESOLVED** to **CONFIRM** the caution recommended by officers' in the light of potential economic uncertainties in the months following March 2019 and **AUTHORISE** the RFO in consultation with the Town Clerk to make the investment once deemed appropriate.

The meeting closed at 9.39pm

Councillor Linda Wallraven
Mayor of Seaford