



Minutes of the Seaton Town Council Meeting on Monday 20 January 2020

Present

In the chair: Cllr K Beer

Councillors: J Rowland, D Ledger, D Haggerty, J Russell, A Antoniou, H Sanham,
M Shaw and A Singh

Officers: Town Clerk

Public: One Member of the Public

191. Apologies for absence

The Council received and accepted apologies from Cllr Andrew Gwyn Davies.

192. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Ledger & Rowland declared a personal interest as a Councillor with East Devon District Council (EDDC)

Cllr Shaw declared a personal interest as a Councillor with Devon County Council (DCC)

193. Minutes

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Council meeting on Monday 13 January 2020 (moved Cllr Rowland; seconded Cllr Ledger)

194. Public Question Time

Two questions were raised by Peter Burrows:

1. Would the Council be reinstating a dog warden and the problem of owners not clearing up after their dogs was getting worse? Cllr Beer, as Chair, responded that the Council would not be appointing a dog warden as the responsibility for this issue lay with EDDC.
2. Would the Council be taking part in South West in Bloom in 2020? Discussion was had over comments made by the competition judges in previous years and Cllr. Rowland stated that the Council had made a conscious decision not to enter SW in Bloom last year as the event needed to be properly costed, in light of those comments, to establish what the cost would be to bring it up to standard. Cllr Beer indicated that the matter could be considered in more detail at the Community & Open Spaces Committee in due course.

195. Budget 2020/21

Cllr Sanham suggested that the proposed General Events budget be increased from £1,000 to £3,000 to allow for events such as Art in the Garden and also SW in Bloom, which had been raised under public questions. This was not taken forward.

Cllr Rowland raised the issue of Seaton Beachfront Management Plan following a meeting of the stakeholders group on Friday 17 January 2020. He explained that, as at 2018, the total cost of the works would be £882,000 and £452,000 had been committed towards those works by various bodies leaving a £430,000 shortfall. Cllr. Shaw added that the £882,000 covered shortlisted works that it was considered



realistic to proceed with. In light of the importance of this work, Cllr Rowland proposed that the precept be increased by 3% which would allow for an additional £10,000 to be placed in ear marked reserves as a contribution towards this work. This was seconded by Cllr. Ledger.

There was also discussion as to whether a second bank account should be opened to hold ear marked reserves. It was concluded that this was not necessary at this time.

Members **RESOLVED** that:

1. The precept would be set at £337,982.00 – a rise of 3% to £104.61 on a Band D property
2. £10,000 would be added to ear marked reserves as a contribution towards the Seaton Beachfront Management Plan
3. The budget, as set out in the spreadsheet accompanying the agenda with expenditure estimated at £379,961, be approved

Meeting closed at 18.55pm