

**Minutes of the Seaton Town Council ('the Council')
Meeting
on Monday, 16 September 2024**

Present:

Chair: Cllr. A. Singh

Town

Councillors: K. Beer, E. Bowman, P. Burrows, N. Dyke, D. Haggerty, M. Hartnell, D. Ledger, J. Russell & C. Wood. J. Rowland was duly co-opted and took part in the later part of the meeting after signing the Declaration of Office.

Officers: Town Clerk & Deputy Town Clerk

Public: 2 members of the public were in attendance

69. Apologies for absence

No apologies for absence were received.

70. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs. Hartnell, Haggerty & Ledger declared a personal interest as East Devon District Councillors (EDDC) and Cllr. Hartnell as a Devon County Councillor (DCC).

71. Council Minutes

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of a meeting of Seaton Town Council held on Monday, 2 September 2024. (proposed Cllr. Hartnell; seconded Cllr. Dyke)

72. Public Question Time

No questions were raised.

73. Co-option of new councillors

Having heard presentations from the 5 candidates for co-option prior to the public meeting, Members **RESOLVED** to co-opt the following two individuals as Seaton town councillors:

- Jenny Oldfield
- Jack Rowland

Mr. Jack Rowland signed the Declaration of Office and took up his position as a councillor immediately. The Town clerk would make representations for Jenny Oldfield to meet and sign her Declaration of Office. (proposed Cllr. Singh; seconded Cllr. Dyke)



74. Poppy net display to commemorate Remembrance Day

Members noted that, at the suggestion of the Royal British Legion, that this project may not be delivered until 2025, and **RESOLVED** to:

- approve the principle of working with the Royal British Legion and other stakeholders to deliver this initiative subject to the RBL's ability to procure a camouflage net and the relevant permissions being obtained for its display
- approve the allocation of a small budget of £500 to assist with the associated costs of this initiative and to delegate to the Town Clerk the authority to take such action and allocate such expenditure, within said budget, as she considers necessary to deliver the initiative in either 2024 or 2025, and to make such adjustments as might become necessary. (proposed Cllr. Ledger; seconded Cllr. Wood)

Confidential Items

The Chairman moved that in accordance with the Council's Standing Order 1(d) press and public would be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the following items on the agenda, as matters being discussed included commercially sensitive information.

75. Update on Marshlands

Members **RESOLVED** to:

- note the update report
- authorise the Town Clerk to agree the heads of terms as drafted (subject to any minor amendments that she, in consultation with the Chair, Deputy Chair and Chair of Finance & General Purposes Committee) consider necessary, in order to finalise agreement)
- authorise the instruction of the Council's retained solicitors to act on the Council's behalf in completion of a lease in the terms proposed at an estimated cost of £3,000 + disbursements

(proposed Cllr. Ledger; seconded Cllr. Beer)

Meeting closed at 6.50pm

Signed _____

Dated _____

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7/10/24