SEATON ROSS PARISH COUNCIL

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| Date | Tuesday 8th July 2025 7:30pm |
| **Location** | Seaton Ross Village Hall |
| **Attendees** | Cllrs Henley (Chair), Johnson, Gardham, Hamilton, Watson, Hunt, Underwood, Ward Councillor Cary and Gemma Storer (Clerk)  |

|  | **To Action** |
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| 10/25 | **Declarations of Interest** | n/a |
| None |
|  11/25 | **Apologies** | n/a |
| Received – Gascoyne Not received- Chapman |
| 12/25 | **To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 15 May 2025 and Matters Arising** | n/a |
| Approved- no matters arising.  |
|  13/25 | **Finances** | n/a |
| Paid BT Wifi £46.64, Bank Charges £5 x2 BT Wi-Fi has increased significantly this month- can we get a new contract? Clerk to ask Cllr Chapman at next meeting. – Charge is greater than budget so need to get councillors approval- Cllrs AGREED to pay £50.71 pm. HSBC advised that the £5 monthly charge to be removed from bank account. Payroll fees to pay- £19.80- included as per budget. This quarter there was a charge for Employer NICs which has not occurred before; clerk will need to switch to monthly salary payments to prevent this occurring again- Cllrs AGREED clerks salary can be monthly paid instead of quarterly. |
|  14/25 | **Audit of Storage Container** | Defer to next meeting |
| Ask Cllrs Chapman and Gascoyne at the next meeting as they have keys. It is believed that a lot of items stored will be relevant to SeatonFest. |
| 15/25 | **Standing Orders** | To add SO’s to webpage |
| In order to deal with minor planning applications where it was not possible to arrange a planning meeting it was proposed that the standing orders be amended as follows:The Clerk has devolved authority under the Local government Act 1972, section 101, to make decisions on applications where:i.  The application falls between meetings and it is not possible to obtain from the Planning authority an extension of time to consider the matter, andii. The Chair is unavailable to convene an extra-ordinary meeting or particular circumstances are such that the convening of an extra-ordinary meeting is impractical. Moreover, where it is practicable, the Clerk is to contact ALL councillors to confirm they are content with the response to the specific Planning Application requiring this actionCouncillors AGREED to accept the changes to the standing orders. |
| 16/25 | **Planning Consultations** |  |
| 25/01587/PLF Land to the North of the Black Horse, South End, - neutral- Nothing to add to comments- need plans to conform to highways requirements and drainage.25/01321/STPLF Land North Of Ryedale Farm Seaton Common Lane Melbourne East Riding Of Yorkshire YO42 4ST From the phase 1 desk study we noted that the following issues were raised:Ground and Water Contamination RiskThe site is adjacent to a historic landfill (Scamland Bridge) located just 10 metres north, with inert and industrial waste—posing long-term leachate and gas migration risks.It borders a sewage treatment facility with a history of pollution incidents, including significant impacts on surface water quality.The underlying secondary aquifers and Source Protection Zone (Zone 1) on the west of the site may be vulnerable to contamination from shallow groundwater flow and potential battery failure, compromising local drinking water resources.Hydrological Instability and Drainage ConcernsSurface watercourses, including Angram and Hoppel Garr Drains, exhibit discolouration and suggest existing water quality issues. The addition of impervious surfaces and construction activity could exacerbate runoff and pollutant accumulation.The site features partially culverted drains, complicating flow paths and posing risks of flooding or unintended hydrological disruption.Licensed groundwater abstractions for agriculture and domestic use exist within and near the site—any contamination could directly affect food production and residents.Air Quality and EmissionsRyedale Organics, a neighbouring poultry and composting facility, already contributes ammonia emissions above regulatory thresholds. Introducing a BESS raises concerns about cumulative air pollution—especially during construction or in fire scenarios.Fire and Safety HazardsLithium-ion batteries present a well-documented risk of thermal runaway, fires, and chemical release. Incidents could pose acute threats to soil, groundwater, and nearby residents.The presence of unidentified stockpiled materials on-site may compound risks in emergency situations.Biodiversity and Landscape ImpactWhile one field is designated for biodiversity net gain, it is unclear whether this sufficiently offsets the ecological disturbance to other areas, which are currently undeveloped agricultural land.The cumulative impact on soil ecology, groundwater recharge zones, and surface water habitat integrity appears underestimatedIn addition our concerns were for Local Roads The public roads in the area leading to and from the site are not in the best state of repair- an increase in construction traffic will have a further detrimental effect to the surfaces – will the constructors look to mitigate this or provide funding for repairs?End of life of components.What will happen to the components used once they reach the end of their useful life? Is there a decommissioning plan in place?What will happen if the local Solar Farm plans are not agreed?Without mitigation for these risks we are unable to support the proposed plan. |
| 17/25 | **Planning Notices**  | n/a |
| The Oaks- approved, Yew Tree House- approved, Bombers- nonmaterial amendment- refused. |
| 18/25 | **Correspondence/Training Opportunities** | n/a |
| As sent in newsletter.  |
| 19/25 | **Councillor Forum/Watching Briefs** | n/a |
| Mill Lane dipping again- clerk to monitor situation. Cllr Cary to contact John Speak at Fire Station in Market Weighton re Fire hydrant failure. Clerk will Put Seaton Ross Times on the parish council website. Cllr Cary asked councillors if they were aware of the banking hub in Market Weighton and provided information about the opening hours and banks that visited. |

The meeting closed at 8:15pm. The next meeting will be Tuesday September 2nd at 7:30pm.