

# THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SEATON WITH SLINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE 2019

Present: Councillor A Slater (Chair)  
Councillors A Blacklock, S Haddick,  
S McAuliffe, A Taylor, D Temple,  
J Theobald and A Vila

Residents: S Thomson, C Thomson, P Salem and  
C Richardson

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Foots, H Middlemiss and S Williams

## 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

## 3 Public Questions

The Chair welcomed residents to the meeting.

Mr Thomson advised that he was present at the meeting to discuss with Members an incident that had occurred on the field to the rear of Haverley Drive, Seaton.

Members were advised that Mr Thomson had initially confronted 3 youths causing a nuisance with a motorbike on the field. The youths subsequently left the area and returned with another group of people, in their early 20's, with a stripped down motorbike. The group were verbally aggressive towards Mr Thomson and the situation quickly escalated and Mr Thomson was attacked by the group. The group drove the quad bike into him and tried to run him over, he was also kicked in the head and body until almost unconscious and suffered cracked ribs.

Mr Thomson explained that he felt he had to confront the youths as the estate suffered problems with quad bikes every weekend. Once they were on the estate, they could be there for several hours causing a nuisance to residents. There were many young children living on the estate and residents were worried it was only a matter of time before there was a serious accident.

The Police were aware of the on-going problem at this location and had been called to the estate in the past but their response had been slow and inadequate.

Mr Thomson suggested that the erection of a physical barrier, such as a kissing gate would prevent access onto the field through the estate and help the situation.

Discussion ensued and it was suggested that Mr Thomson contact the local County Councillors.

The Parish Council agreed to support Mr Thomson in any way they could and RESOLVED to forward a letter of support for Mr Thomson to County Councillors G Bleasdale and S Morrison and R Hogg, Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner for Durham.

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### 4 POLICE

There was no Police report.

- 5 The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 15 May 2019 together with those of the Annual Assembly of Electors held on 15 May 2019, copies of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved and signed by the Chair.

### 6 CORRESPONDENCE

Seaham Town Council - Civic Appointments

The Clerk reported that Seaham Town Council had appointed Councillors Linda Willis and Barry Taylor Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the Town Council for the municipal year.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

### 7 PLANNING

#### APPLICATIONS

DM/19/01629/FPA – Single storey side extension to existing Driving Range at Sharpley Golf Driving Range, Sharpley Golf Club, Off B1404, Seaham, SR7 ONP

DM/19/01339 – Proposed new dwelling on Plot 2 at site of former Seaton Garden Centre, Seaton Lane, Seaton SR7 OLT

DM/19/01701/RM – Dwelling on Plot 23 at Site of former Garden Centre, Seaton Lane, Seaton SR7 OLT

#### APPROVALS

DM/19/00832/FPA – Single storey wrap around extension to side and rear at 3 Haverley Drive, Seaham SR7 OJP

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

### 8 CLERKS REPORT

#### (1) Grass Cutting Contract – Durham County Council

The Clerk reported the receipt of a quotation from Durham County Council for grass cutting during the 2019 season.

Members were advised that the quotation of £518.67 plus VAT was based on a 10 day cycle of grass cutting, weather permitting at the Village Green, Hillrise Crescent and land opposite either side of the farm entrance, Seaton Burn.

RESOLVED that the quotation from Durham County Council be accepted.

#### (2) Litter/Dog Bin Contract – Durham County Council

The Clerk reported that Durham County Council had provided a quotation of £666.99 for the emptying of 3 dog/litter bins.

Members were advised that the contract was based on each bin being serviced once a week at a cost of £4.27 plus VAT per collection per bin.

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RESOLVED that the quotation from Durham County Council be accepted.

### (3) Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the Year Ending 31 March 2019

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had completed and returned Part 2 of the 2018/19 Annual Governance and Accountability Return to the external auditor.

The Parish Council had certified themselves exempt from a limited assurance review and would not hear anything further from the auditor.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

### (4) Walkway

The Clerk provided an update on issues related to the Walkway.

- Durham and Cleveland Motorcycle Unit had advised that, whilst not directly within the parish, they had seized 2 illegal off-road bikes from Easington Lane and South Hetton.
- Following the last meeting the suggestion that educational signs could be erected on the walkway was referred to Durham County Council. The response had been positive and was being considered.
- Following the last meeting the suggestion that the entrances to the walkway should be protected by something made of metal or more substantial was referred to Durham County Council. The County Council were willing to meet and discuss the matter and Councillor Williams' details had been passed to the relevant officer.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

### (5) Feeder Pillar – Christmas Tree

The Clerk reported that Npower had been asked to provide a quotation for a feeder pillar on the land adjacent the Seaton Lane Inn. The feeder pillar was required to power the Christmas lights on the recently planted tree at this location. Npower had advised that the Parish Council would need to contact the distributor, Northern Powergrid.

Northern Powergrid had advised that they would need to create a new supply for the feeder pillar and install new cabling. Once the cabling was done, they would generate a supply number, known as an MPAN number. Once we had an MPAN, we would need to contact connections and arrange to have a meter installed.

Members were advised that the land belonged to Durham County Council and their approval would be required before the Parish Council could proceed any further.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

### (6) Seaton Crescent

The Clerk reported that Councillors Morrison and Bleasdale had previously agreed to fund dropped kerbs, with hardened verges at Seaton Crescent at a cost of £6,000.00.

Members were advised that discussions in relation to the scheme were on-going with highways. The scheme had been fully designed and costed but there had been some queries about the cost and practicality.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

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**(7) B1404 – Depression in the Road**

The Clerk reported that following concerns related to a depression in the B1404 outside Cairnside the matter was referred to Durham County Council who had agreed to investigate.

**RESOLVED** that the information given, be noted.

**(8) Improvement Works to Corner opposite Community Centre**

The Clerk reported that a plaque for the seat located on the corner opposite the Community Centre had been purchased at a cost of £17.50.

**RESOLVED** that the information given, be noted.

**9 PAYMENTS**

CHQ NO	PAYMENT TO	DETAIL	COST	VAT	TOTAL
100479	Durham County Council	Website - Hosting & Support	601.73	120.35	722.08
100480	HMRC	PAYE - June 2019	116.80		116.80
100481	Payroll	Wages - June 2019	466.69		466.69
100482	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services - June 2019	8.80	1.76	10.56
100483	J Thompson	Reimbursements - Postage	11.35		11.35
100484	RBL Poppy Appeal	2 Poppy Wreaths	34.00		34.00
100485	J Thompson	Reimbursement - Plaque for seat	14.58	2.92	17.50
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,253.95</b>	<b>125.03</b>	<b>1,378.98</b>

**RESOLVED** that the payments listed be endorsed.

**10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**(1) Litter Bins**

Members referred to the new bin that had previously been requested for the entrance to the walkway heading towards Ryhope and the missing pole mounted litter bin located next to the bus stop on the B1404 Seaton Lane.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact Durham County Council.

**11 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that the next meeting be held on Wednesday 17 July 2019 at 6.45pm.

..... Signed

..... Dated