

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2014

Present: Councillor A Slater (Chair)
Councillors A Blacklock, A Fooks, T Foster,
S Haddick, G McAuliffe and H Middlemiss,

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Ritchie, A Smith, A Teasdale and D Temple

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 COMMUNITY POLICING

The Clerk reported that PCSO A Guest had submitted her apologies and provided the following report.

There had been 4 incidents reported which included 2 related to highway disruptions on the A19 and 2 road traffic collisions involving a dog on the B1404.

The Police Off-Road Bike Unit had undertaken a patrol on 8 November 2014 and no bikes were seen on this particular date.

With regard to the on-going problems related to vehicles parking on the highway outside the Seaton Lane Inn the Police had increased their presence, particularly on a weekend. No offences had been committed and they would continue to monitor the situation.

The Clerk reported that the Police had undertaken a speedwatch on 22 October 2014 and out of 105 vehicles that passed through 4 were speeding. Members wished to discuss the speedwatch with the Police and suggested that it be considered at the next meeting.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

4 THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on 15 October 2014 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved and signed by the Chair.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Dalton-Le-Dale Parish Council

The Clerk reported the receipt of an invitation from Dalton-Le-Dale Parish Council to attend "Carols and Candlelight" on 7 December 2014.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(2) East Durham Area Action Partnership

Seaton with Slingley Parish Council – 19 November 2014

The Clerk reported the receipt of an invitation to attend the following East Durham Area Action Partnership events.

- (i) Autumn Forum - 26 November 2014 – Shotton Hall
- (ii) “Big Night in at Blackhall“ - 20 November 2014 – Blackhall Community Centre
- (iii) Seaham “It’s Up 2 U £26,000” - 17 January 2015 – Seaham Youth Centre

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

- (3) **Seaham Town Council – Christmas Lights Switch-On**

The Clerk reported the receipt of an invitation to attend the Switch-On Ceremony of Seaham’s Christmas Lights Display on 5 December 2014.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

- (4) **Limestone Landscapes**

The Clerk reported the receipt of an invitation to attend an event to celebrate the work of the Limestone Landscapes Partnership on 27 November 2014.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

- (5) **East Durham Association of Parish and Town Councils – Citizens Advice Bureau**

The Clerk reported the receipt of correspondence from the East Durham Association of Parish and Town Councils which gave details of a letter sent to the Citizens Advice County Durham from the Association and their subsequent response.

It was explained that the Citizens Advice was discussed at the September meeting of the Association and it was agreed that both letters be circulated to member councils for their views which would be discussed at the next meeting.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

- (6) **CrashMap - Road Traffic Accident Mapping**

The Clerk reported details of a website which gave details of road traffic accidents using official data from incidents reported to the Police.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

6 PLANNING

Seaton Garden Centre - DM/14/00042/RM

The Clerk reported that following the last meeting Durham County Council was contacted regarding the fire at the Garden Centre site on 14 October 2014.

The Clerk had spoken to Mr Jones, Durham County Council who was aware of the fire. Mr Jones had visited the site and seen the piles of wood. He did however state that unless the burning on site caused an environmental nuisance they were not breaking the law.

Mr Jones suggested residents complete diary sheets to provide evidence of nuisance and said he would contact Councillors Foots and Foster to discuss the matter further. Both Councillors confirmed they had spoken to Mr Jones but had not received the diary sheets to complete

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

7 CLERKS REPORT

(1) Estimates of Expenditure 2015/2016

At the last meeting the Clerk presented Members with various options in relation to the 2015/16 budget and it was agreed to set a budget based on a 0.26% increase.

The Clerk had received further correspondence from Durham County Council advising they had updated the tax base modelling and re-calculated the Parish Councils tax base and LCTRS grant.

Based on the new figures it was **RESOLVED** that the 2015/2016 budget be based on a 0.25% increase subject to confirmation of the tax base and LCTRS grant.

(2) Policies

The Clerk presented draft copies of the following policies for adoption.

- Code of Conduct
- Freedom of Information Publication Scheme

RESOLVED that the policies be adopted.

(3) NJC for Local Government Services – National Pay Award 2014/2016

The Clerk reported that the NJC for Local Government Services had reached agreement on the 2014/2016 two year pay award.

Members were advised that with effect from 1 January 2015 salaries would be increased by 2.2% and these would be payable until 31 March

Seaton with Slingley Parish Council – 19 November 2014

2016. In addition in December 2014 a non-consolidated lump sum payment would be made.

Official confirmation providing further detail of the payments to be made was awaited from the National Association of Local Councils.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(4) Website

The Clerk reported that Durham County Council had been approached in relation to the cost of hosting a website for the Parish Council.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted and further developments be awaited.

8 PAYMENTS

RESOLVED that the payments listed be endorsed.

Cheque No	Payee	Detail	Amount
100145	Shaw Trust	Grounds Maintenance/ Plants/Flowers	300.00
100146	J Thompson	Reimbursements	43.60
100147	Payroll	Wages - November 2014	374.67
100148	HMRC	PAYE - November 2014	93.80
100149	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services November 2014	9.30
100150	J Thompson	Reimbursement - Section 137 Donation Seaton Community Assoc	20.00

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Christmas Carol Singing

The Chair advised that the annual Christmas Carol singing would be held on 15 December 2014 at 7.00pm.

(ii) Seaton Community Association - Christmas Dinner

The Chair advised that the Christmas dinner would be held on 12 December 2014 at 6.30 pm.

Seaton with Slingley Parish Council – 19 November 2014

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on **17 December 2014 at 7.00pm.**

..... **Signed**

..... **Dated**