

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2015

Present: Councillor A Foots (Chair)  
Councillors T Foster, S Haddick, G McAuliffe,  
H Middlemiss, A Smith and D Temple

Also Present: County Councillor S Morrison

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Blacklock, D Ritchie, A Slater and A Teasdale.

## 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

## 3 COMMUNITY POLICING

The Chair welcomed PCSO A Guest and PC's S Wilson and M Garfoot to the meeting.

Members were advised that since the last meeting 6 incidents had been reported which included 4 related to the A19, 1 burglary and 1 report of suspicious activity.

The Officer reported that since the last meeting the off-road bike team had undertaken further patrols but no off-road bikes were seen.

The Officer advised that with regard to parking outside the Seaton Lane Inn and the Dunn Cow pubs the Police were in regular contact with both establishments.

Councillor Morrison reported problems being experienced by residents who lived close to the Junction and traffic lights on the B1404. Residents had reported cars speeding to beat the lights and problems getting in and out of their properties. Councillor Morrison advised that she had contacted the County's Highway Section who was looking into the problem. PCSO Guest advised that the Police would be happy to speak to residents if necessary.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

## 4 THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on 21 January 2015, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved and signed by the Chair.

## 5 CORRESPONDENCE

### (1) Royal Garden Party 2015

The Clerk reported that the County Durham Association of Local Councils had advised that Spennymoor Town Council and Brandon and Byshottles Parish Council had been allocated places to attend the Royal Garden Party on 12 May 2015.

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RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(2) Seaham Town Hall – Official Opening

The Clerk reported the receipt of an invitation to attend the official opening of Seaham Town Hall on 26 February 2015.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(3) Projected Election Costs

The Clerk reported that at a recent meeting of the Smaller Councils Forum a question was raised regarding the cost of elections and how parish councils could gauge what to “set aside” for the May 2017 election process.

Using the 2013 election costs the electoral services section had estimated the cost to be between £1 and £1.50 per elector. Therefore with an electorate of approximately 1,096 the Parish Council would need to set aside an estimated £1,644 if an election was required in 2017.

There were variances to this and smaller councils, with fewer electors could be charged more. If the parish council was unopposed and no election was required no costs would be incurred.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(4) East Durham Association of Parish and Town Councils

The Clerk reported that the next meeting of the East Durham Association of Parish and Town Councils would be held on 10 March 2015.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

## 6 PLANNING MATTERS

(i) Applications

DM/15/00214/RM – Reserved matters of appearance, landscaping and scale for 6 residential dwellings at Seaton Garden Centre, Seaton Lane, Seaton, Seaham, Co Durham SR7 0LT for Mr D Middlemiss

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

## 7 CLERKS REPORT

(1) Ground Maintenance

The Clerk reported that the Shaw Trust had been asked to provide a quotation for grounds maintenance in 2015.

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

**(2) Website**

The Clerk reported that County Councillors Bleasdale and Morrison had been asked to consider a financial contribution towards a parish council website.

Members were advised that both Councillors had agreed to a contribution from their Members Initiative Fund (MIF) and the Clerk had contacted the East Durham Area Action Partnership who was responsible for administering the MIF.

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

**8 PAYMENTS**

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

<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Amount</b>
100169	Payroll	Wages - February 2015	383.16
100170	HMRC	PAYE - February 2015	95.60
100171	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services February 2015	9.30
100172	J Thompson	Reimbursements	12.72

**9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**(i) Bus Shelters**

Councillor Haddick reported that the brick bus shelters at the west of Seaton Lane had been swept clean. However, the rubbish from the shelters was swept onto the path and left which caused more of a mess.

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

**10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that the next meeting be held on 18 March 2015 at 7.00pm.

..... Signed

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