

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2015

Present: Councillor A Slater (Chair)
Councillors A Blacklock, A Foots,
S Haddick, G McAuliffe, H Middlemiss,
D Ritchie, A Teasdale and D Temple

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T Foster and A Smith.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 COMMUNITY POLICING

The Chair welcomed PCSO K Hall to the meeting.

Members were advised that since the last meeting 10 incidents had been reported which included 7 related to the A19, 2 burglaries and 1 theft.

The Officer reported that since the last meeting the off-road bike team had seized 3 off-road bikes.

The Chair reported an increase in fly tipping and advised that fly tipped rubbish had been dumped on the path heading towards the mast.

Members reported that the traffic lights, which had been on the bridge for 6 weeks, had slowed the traffic down but cars were still speeding through the village. The Officer advised that speeding traffic was a PACT priority and a Speedwatch was scheduled to be undertaken at this location.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

4 THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on 18 February 2015, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved and signed by the Chair.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Visit to Gurney Traveller Site

The Clerk reported that at the request of the East Durham Association of Parish and Town Councils the Area Action Partnership (AAP) was organising a visit to the Gurney Valley Traveller Site.

Members were advised that the visit would take place in May, on a date to be determined and transport would be provided.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

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(2) Seaham Town Council – Mayor’s Charity Night

The Clerk reported the receipt of an invitation from Seaham Town Council to attend the Mayor’s Charity Night on 31 March 2015.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(3) Seaham Town Council – Civic Ball

The Clerk reported the receipt of an invitation from Seaham Town Council to attend the Mayor of Seaham’s Civic Ball on 24 April 2015.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

6 PLANNING MATTERS

(i) Applications

DM/15/00753/FPA – Erection of first floor extension above existing single storey extension to side and single storey extension to rear at 11 The Meadows, Seaton, Seaham SR7 0QB for Mr M McNally

(ii) Approvals

DM/15/00043/FPA – First floor side extension, alteration to garage and pitched roof to existing single storey rear extension at Corrib, Seaton Lane, Seaton, Seaham SR7 0LP for Mr P Tweedy

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

7 CLERKS REPORT

(1) Ground Maintenance Contract - Shaw Trust

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

Shaw Trust had advised that during 2014 the Parish Council had no formal agreement in place for grounds maintenance and the Trust had attended as and when requested to clear out weeds and replace dead flowers.

Shaw Trust felt this was not regular enough to maintain the flower beds to a high standard and had provided a quotation based on the following:

- To maintain five flower beds on Seaton Lane and one next to Seaton Village Green once a month from April to October 2015 – 7 visits
- To clear any weeds and replace dead flowers with new stock and maintain to a high standard

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The cost per visit was £125 which gave an annual cost of £875 inclusive of VAT.

RESOLVED that the quotation from Shaw Trust be accepted.

(2) Grass Cutting Contract – Durham County Council

The Clerk reported that Durham County Council had provided a quotation for grass cutting during the 2015 growing season.

Members were advised that the contract was based on grass cutting around the village green area at a cost of £17.99 per visit and grass cutting at Seaton Burn at a cost of £17.44. All costs were exclusive of VAT.

RESOLVED that the quotation from Durham County Council be accepted.

(3) Litter/Dog Bin Contract – Durham County Council

The Clerk reported that Durham County Council had provided a quotation of £638.04, exclusive of VAT, for the emptying of 2 dog bins and 1 litter bin.

Members were advised that the contract was based on each bin being emptied once per week at a cost of £4.09 exclusive of VAT.

RESOLVED that the quotation from Durham County Council be accepted.

(4) Website

The Clerk reported that County Councillors G Bleasdale and S Morrison had agreed to a financial contribution, from their Members Initiative Fund (MIF), towards the development of a parish council website.

Members were advised that the Clerk had submitted an application to the East Durham Area Action Partnership who was responsible for administering the MIF. The Clerk reported that the Parish Council were successful in its application and had received £500 from Councillor Morrison and £300 from Councillor Bleasdale.

The Chair reported that in addition to the £800 received from the MIF Seaton Community Association had also given a donation of £300.

Members discussed at length the need for the Parish Council to have its own website and the costs involved. Durham County Council had provided a quotation of £1,300 for the development and hosting of a website. Following contributions from the County Councillors MIF and Seaton Community Association amounting to £1,100 the Parish Council would need to make up the shortfall of £200.

RESOLVED that the quotation from Durham County Council to develop and host the Parish Councils website be accepted.

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8 PAYMENTS

RESOLVED that the payments listed be endorsed.

Cheque No	Payee	Detail	Amount
100173	Payroll	Wages - March 2015	382.96
100174	HMRC	PAYE - March 2015	95.80
100175	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services March 2015	9.30
100176	J Thompson	Reimbursements	14.89

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(i) **Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and Annual Assembly of Electors**

The Clerk reported that the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the Annual Assembly of Electors was scheduled to be held on 20 May 2015.

As the Chair was unable to attend on this date it was suggested that both meetings be brought forward to 13 May 2015.

RESOLVED that the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the Annual Assembly of Electors be held on 13 May 2015.

10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on 15 April 2015 at 7.00pm.

..... **Signed**

..... **Dated**