

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SEATON WITH SLINGLEY

PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE 2015

Present: Councillor A Slater (Chair)
Councillors A Blacklock, A Fooks,
T Foster, S Haddick, H Middlemiss,
D Ritchie and A Teasdale

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G McAuliffe, A Smith 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.

Since the last meeting there had been 2 road traffic accidents, 2 vehicle obstructions, 1 incident of dangerous driving and a derelict farm building had been set on fire. There had also been an incident involving a missing child who was found safe at a relative's house and a child was found on the A19.

Councillor Haddick reported that two men, in a red van, were seen trying doors at Seaton Lane. The incident was reported to the Police. In addition a vehicle had been seen trying to snatch a tan coloured Cocker Spaniel dog that lived on Hall Close.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

4 THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING held on 13 May 2015 together with those of the ANNUAL ASSMBLY OF ELECTORS held on 13 May 2015, copies of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved and signed by the Chair.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Seaham Town Council – Civic Appointments

The Clerk reported the receipt of correspondence from Seaham Town Council advising of civic appointments for the current municipal year.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(2) Haswell and District Mencap Society

The Clerk reported the receipt of an invitation to the 8th anniversary event of the Lisa Dixon Centre, home of the Haswell and District Mencap Society, on 20 June 2015.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

6 PLANNING

(i) Applications

DM/15/01676/FPA – Erection of first floor extension to side of dwelling above existing garage and erection of single storey extension to rear at 31 Middleton Close, Seaham SR7 0PQ for Mr J Watson

(ii) Approvals

DM/15/00857/FPA – Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of detached double garage at Lynton, Seaton Lane, Seaton, Seaham SR7 0LS for Mrs J Malkin

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

7 CLERKS REPORT

(1) Website

The Clerk reported that the Parish Councils website went “live” on 19 May 2015.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(2) Policies

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

- Risk Management Policy
- Risk Management Strategy

RESOLVED that the policies be adopted.

(3) Christmas Tree

The Clerk reported the receipt of correspondence from Durham County Council following a request from the Parish Council for a quotation to erect a permanent Christmas tree on the village green.

Members were advised that the tree quoted for was an Abies Normanniana, Caucasian Fir which would initially be 1.75 - 2.00 metres in height. Over a period of 20 to 25 years the tree would grow to approximately 15 to 20 metres.

The cost of the tree, including labour, anchoring ropes and an irrigation system was £489.40.

RESOLVED that the quotation from Durham County Council be accepted.

(4) Potholes

The Clerk reported that a further report was made to Durham County Council regarding the condition of the pavement between Seaton Bungalow and The Crest.

The Chair advised that a further 2 potholes had been filled but the whole of the pavement needed further attention.

RESOLVED that a further report be made to Durham County Council.

(5) Litter Bins

The Clerk reported that following the last meeting a request was submitted to Durham County Council in relation to the following:-

Damaged Bins - There was 2 old wooden bins that need replacing. The first was at the style adjacent to the Dunn Cow Public House. The second one was on the grass opposite Seaton Community Centre.

Additional Bins - Members reported an increase in the amount of litter at the side of the bridge on the B1404 and suggested that additional bins be located either end of the bridge. There was a seat located at each end of the bridge and it was felt this would be an appropriate location for an additional bin.

Dog Bin - Due to the increase in litter it was suggested that the dog bin located at Seaton Crescent be replaced with a litter bin which could also be used for dog waste.

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

(6) Damaged Tree

The Clerk reported that the damaged tree at the entrance to Seaton Grove was pruned and the fallen branches removed on 21 May 2015.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

8 PAYMENTS

RESOLVED that the payments listed be endorsed.

Cheque No	Payee	Detail	Amount
100190	Durham County Council	Development of Website	1300.00
100191	Payroll	Wages – June 2015	397.45
100192	HMRC	PAYE – June 2015	99.20

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100193	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services – June 2015	9.30
100194	J Thompson	Reimbursements	7.02

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Trees

Councillor Foots reported that a tree on the corner, as you turned left to Seaton Village off the B1404, next to Sunnyside looked healthy but was rotten on the inside. Members were concerned that some of the larger branches could fall and injure someone.

There was also an overhanging tree in the garden at Branksome, on the opposite side of the same junction. The overhanging branches obstructed the visibility of cars leaving the junction to join the B1404 and created a road safety hazard.

(ii) Grasscutting

The Chair reported that the small grassed area on the corner of Hill Rise, opposite the Community Centre was not being cut on a regular basis by the County Council.

(iii) Informal Passing Point

Councillor Haddick reported that an informal passing point had been created by vehicles driving between Lynwood Bungalow and the turn to Stotfold Farm. It was suggested that a more formal passing point was needed.

It was pointed out that this was private land and it was unclear who actually owned it.

RESOLVED that the matter be referred to Durham County Council.

10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Chair reported she was unable to attend the next meeting and it was suggested that the meeting be put back a week to 22 July 2015.

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on 22 July 2015 at 7.00pm.

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