

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SEATON WITH SLINGLEY

PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22 JULY 2015

**Present: Councillor A Slater (Chair)
Councillors A Blacklock, Foster,
S Haddick, G McAuliffe and A Smith**

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Fooks, H Middlemiss, D Ritchie, A Teasdale and D Temple.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 COMMUNITY POLICING

The Chair welcomed PCSO A Guest to the meeting.

Members were advised that since the last meeting 6 incidents had been reported. The figures included 3 highway disruptions, 1 ANP on the A19, 1 report of a suspicious vehicle and a report of 2 cyclists riding side by side.

Members were advised that year to date crime overall was down 69%, theft was down 100% and anti-social behaviour down 57%.

The Officer reported that quad bikes on the walkway was still a priority and officers patrolled the area as often as resources would allow.

Councillor Haddick advised that she had reported an incident of fly tipping to Durham County Council.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

4 THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on 17 June 2015 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved and signed by the Chair.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Seaham Town Council

The Clerk reported the receipt of the following invitations from Seaham Town Council.

(i) Mayoress at Home – 12 August 2015

(ii) Seaham Carnival – 19 July 2015

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(2) East Durham AAP – Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing Priority Group

The Clerk reported that a meeting of the East Durham AAP – Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing Priority Group would be held on 23 July 2105 at the Robin Todd Centre.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

6 PLANNING

Approvals

DM/15/01240/FPA – Erection of two and single storey pitched roof extensions to side (including demolition of existing conservatory) at 16 Seaton Grove, Seaton, Seaham SR7 OLU for Mr N Golightly

DM/15/01391/FPA – Construction of infill bay extension at front of dwelling at 3 Seaton Crescent, Seaham SR7 OJW for Mr K Redhead

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

7 CLERKS REPORT

(1) Christmas Tree

Members were advised that the quotation from Durham County Council to erect a permanent Christmas Tree on the village green had been accepted.

The County Council had advised that the best time to plant the tree was March.

RESOLVED that the County Council be instructed to plant the Christmas Tree in March 2016.

(2) Trees

(i) Sunnyside

The Clerk reported that Durham County Council had been monitoring the tree on the corner next to Sunnyside for some time.

Members were advised that there was a large crack in the upper trunk and part of the tree framework could fall in high winds. The County Council had advised that the tree was dangerous and removal was the safest option.

The Clerk had asked Durham County Council if they would plant a tree to replace the damaged one and the County Council had agreed to this.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(ii) Trees at Branksome

The Clerk reported that Durham County Council had sent letters to the owners of Branksome and 1 Peartree Rise requesting them to cut back the

overhanging trees on their land.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(3) Annual Audit 2015

The Clerk reported that BDO LLP had completed the Annual Audit for the year ended 31 March 2015 and there were no separate issues that required attention.

In accordance with the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011, the Notice of Conclusion of Audit would be displayed for 14 days.

The cost of the Annual Audit was £120.00

RESOLVED that the annual return be accepted and approved.

(4) New Policies

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

- Internal Audit Policy
- Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy

RESOLVED that the policies be adopted.

(5) Potholes

The Clerk reported that a further report was made to Durham County Council regarding the condition of the pavement from The Crest to the Dunn Cow.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(6) Litter Bins

The Clerk reported that a further reminder had been submitted to the County Council in relation to the request for additional and replacement litter bins.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

8 PAYMENTS

RESOLVED that the payments listed be endorsed.

Cheque No	Payee	Detail	Amount
100195	BDO LLP	Annual Audit	120.00
100196	Payroll	Wages - July 2015	397.25
100197	HMRC	PAYE - July 2015	99.40

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100198	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services - July 2015	9.30
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100199	J Thompson	Reimbursements	7.02
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9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Street Lighting – Haverley Drive

Councillor Blacklock reported that 2 street lights at Haverley Drive were broken. The fault was initially reported to Durham County Council in April 2015 but due to various reasons the lights had not been repaired.

Members were advised that there had recently been 2 attempted break-ins to properties in the vicinity of the broken lights and residents were concerned about the safety of their properties.

RESOLVED that the matter be referred to Durham County Council.

(ii) Weeds

The Chair reported that the grassed area on the corner of Hillrise Crescent was full of weeds.

RESOLVED that the Shaw Trust be asked to spray the weeds and charge the Parish Council.

10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on 16 September 2015 at 7.00pm.

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