

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2015

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

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G McAuliffe.

## 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 11 incidents had been reported. The figures included 7 ANP's on the A19, 1 highway disruption and 1 suspicious vehicle. Members were advised that year to date anti-social behaviour was down 44% and crime overall was down 53%.

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

Councillor Haddick advised that she had reported 3 incidents of fly tipping to Durham County Council. The Officer advised that a covert camera had recently been deployed and as a result the offenders were caught and prosecuted.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

## 4 THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on 22 July 2015 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved and signed by the Chair.

## 5 CORRESPONDENCE

### (1) Requests for Financial Assistance

#### (i) Seaton Community Association

The Clerk reported the receipt of a request for financial assistance from Seaton Community Association.

Members were advised that the Community Association had recently gone through asset transfer and was finding it increasingly difficult to meet its financial responsibilities.

Members discussed the important role the Community Centre played in the village and agreed that the Parish Council would support

**Seaton Community Association with a grant.**

It was also agreed, in principle, that the Parish Council would provide a grant of £1,000.00 per annum for the financial years 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18. It was hoped the grant would help provide financial stability and allow the Association to plan and move forward.

**RESOLVED** that approval be granted to support Seaton Community Association with a grant of £1,000.00 per annum for the three financial years 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18 from the Section 137 Budget.

**(ii) St Benedict's Hospice**

The Clerk reported the receipt of a request for financial assistance from St Benedict's Hospice.

**RESOLVED** that a donation of £100.00 be made from the Section 137 Budget.

**(2) Seaham Town Council – Night of Music and Remembrance in Support of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

The Clerk reported the receipt of an invitation from Seaham Town Council to attend a night of music and remembrance in support of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal to be held on 24 October 2015.

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

**6 PLANNING**

**Approvals**

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

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

**7 CLERKS REPORT**

**(1) Budget Setting 2016/2017**

The Clerk reported the receipt of correspondence from Durham County Council advising of the indicative forecast of reductions in Local Council Tax Support Scheme Grant for the period 2015/16 to 2017/18.

The forecasts provided could be used for budget planning purposes but the current position was not final, as this would be based on the Tax Base forecasts undertaken in October 2015.

Using the updated Tax Base and the forecasted grant reductions the Parish Council would see an increase in its Tax Base of 6.1 and a reduction in grant of £151.00.

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

**(2) Damaged Tree - Sunnyside**

The Clerk reported that Durham County Council had felled the tree on the corner next to Sunnyside. Members were advised that the stump was still in place but would be ground out at a later date. The County Council had also agreed to plant a replacement tree during the winter.

Members expressed concern at the mess that was left following the work to remove the tree.

**RESOLVED** that Durham County Council be advised of Members concerns in relation to the mess that was left following the work to remove the tree.

**(3) New Policies**

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

- Complaints Policy
- Grants and Donations Policy

**RESOLVED** that the policies be adopted.

**(4) 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. The County Council had advised that the request had been passed to the Clean and Green Team.

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

**8 PAYMENTS**

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

	PAYMENT TO	DETAIL	COST	VAT	TOTAL
100200	HMRC	PAYE - August 2015	99.40		99.40
100201	Payroll	Wages - August 2015	397.25		397.25
100202	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services - August 2015	7.75	1.55	9.30
100203	Payroll	Wages - September 2015	397.45		397.45
100204	HMRC	PAYE - September 2015	99.20		99.20
100205	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services - September 2015	7.75	1.55	9.30
100206	J Thompson	Reimbursements	27.02	4.00	31.02
100207	Seaton Community Association	Section 137 Donation	1000.00		1000.00
100208	St Benedict's Hospice	Section 137 Donation	100.00		100.00

						<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2135.82</b>	<b>7.10</b>	<b>2142.92</b>
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**9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**(i) Vehicle Obstruction**

Members made reference to a 4 x 4 vehicle that was often parked near the junction of Seaton Lane and Seaton Grove. The vehicle was causing an obstruction for residents leaving Seaton Grove and was a road safety hazard.

It was suggested that the Clerk contact the owner of the vehicle and ask if it would be possible to park the car away from the junction, to assist residents leaving Seaton Grove.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact the owner of the vehicle.

**(ii) Lodge Garage**

Members reported that the owner of the Lodge garage often parked a vehicle on the corner at the garage, very near to the road. The vehicle restricted visibility for motorists and it was suggested that the Police be asked to investigate.

**RESOLVED** that the matter be referred to the Police.

**(iii) Seaton Lane Inn**

Members reported that the new owner at Seaton Lane Inn had placed an advertising board on the pavement outside the pub. The board was causing an obstruction to residents walking on the path and it was suggested that the Police be asked to speak to the owner.

**RESOLVED** that the matter be referred to the Police.

**(iv) Village Road Safety Signs**

Members discussed the erection of village road safety signs asking motorists to drive carefully through the village.

It was suggested that the Clerk contact the Police to ascertain if this was something they would support.

**RESOLVED** that the matter be referred to the Police.

**10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that the next meeting be held on 21 October 2015 at 7.00pm.

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