

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2015

Present: Councillor A Slater (Chair)
Councillors A Blacklock, A Fooks, T Foster,
G McAuliffe, H Middlemiss and D Temple

Also Present: County Councillor S Morrison

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Haddick, D Ritchie, A Smith and A Teasdale.

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.

Members were advised that since the last meeting 3 incidents had been reported. The figures included 1 road traffic collision, 1 theft from a vehicle and 1 report of a male on the wrong side of the railings on the bridge at Seaton.

Members were advised that year to date criminal damage was down 100%, anti-social behaviour was down 50% and crime overall was down 39%.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

4 THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on 16 September 2015 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved and signed by the Chair.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Letters of Thanks

The Clerk reported the receipt of the following letters of thanks.

- Seaton Community Association
- St Benedict's Hospice

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(2) Seaham Town Council – Civic Carol Service

The Clerk reported the receipt of an invitation from Seaham Town Council to attend a civic carol service on 16 December 2015.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(3) Standards Training

The Clerk reported the receipt of an invitation to attend a free Standards Training Session on 18 November 2015 at County Hall, Durham.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(4) County Durham Association of Local Councils

The Clerk reported that the Annual General Meeting of the County Durham Association of Local Councils would be held on 24 October 2015.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

6 PLANNING

There were no planning matters.

7 CLERKS REPORT

(1) Salvation Army - Christmas Carol Singing

The Clerk reported that the annual Christmas carol singing would be held on Wednesday 16 December 2015 at 7.00pm.

Members were advised that the December meeting of the Parish Council was scheduled to be held on the same date and it was suggested that the meeting be brought forward to 6.00pm.

The Parish Council traditionally made a donation to the Salvation Army and it was suggested that a donation of £100.00 be made from the Section 137 Budget.

RESOLVED that;

- (i) the December meeting of the Parish Council be held at 6.00pm,
- (ii) a donation of £100.00 be made to the Salvation Army from the Section 137 Budget.

(2) Seaton Community Centre – Christmas Dinner

The Clerk reported that the annual Christmas dinner would be held on Monday 7 December, 2015 at Seaton Community Centre.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(3) Village Road Safety Signs

The Clerk reported that following the last meeting the Police were contacted in relation to the erection of village road safety signs. Whilst the Police supported the erection of the signs they had advised that approval would need to be sought from Durham County Council.

The Clerk advised that a request for road safety signs had been submitted to the County Council.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(4) Collection of Christmas Trees

The Clerk reported that Durham County Council had been approached about the possibility of nominating a single date for the collection of Christmas Trees from residential properties in the village.

The County Council had advised that a single collection date was not possible and residents would need to ring individually and organise the collection of their trees.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(5) Litter Bins

The Clerk reported that Durham County Council had inspected the bins in the village and concluded there was no damage. The County Council was therefore not proposing to repair or replace any of the bins.

Members were advised that at least one of the bins had a broken lid. The Clerk had contacted the County Council and asked if the Parish Council paid for new bins would the County allow them to be replaced.

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
100209	HMRC	PAYE - October 2015	99.40		99.40
100210	Payroll	Wages - October 2015	397.25		397.25
100211	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services - October 2015	7.75	1.55	9.30
100212	J Thompson	Reimbursements - Stamps	12.96		12.96
		TOTAL	517.36	1.55	518.91

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Seaton Lane Inn

Members expressed concern that the advertising board located at the Seaton Lane Inn was blocking the pavement and causing a problem for residents.

The Clerk advised that following the last meeting the Police had been advised of the situation but the board was still in place.

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It was suggested that the Clerk contact the Police to ask if anything could be done and if necessary contact the Landlord and ask that the board be removed.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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

..... **Signed**

..... **Dated**