

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 JANUARY 2016

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

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 COMMUNITY POLICING

The Clerk reported that PCSO A Guest had submitted her apologies.

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

5 CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Letter of Thanks - Great North Air Ambulance

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter of thanks from the Great North Air Ambulance following a financial donation from the Parish Council.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(2) Royal Garden Party 2016

The Clerk reported the receipt of correspondence from the County Durham Association of Local Councils advising they had been allocated 4 places to attend the Royal Garden Party on 24 May 2016.

RESOLVED that Councillor A Foots be nominated to attend the Royal Garden Party on behalf of Seaton with Slingley Parish Council.

(3) Invitations

(i) Durham County Council – Afternoon Tea

The Clerk reported the receipt of an invitation from the Chair of Durham County Council, Councillor J Blakey to attend an afternoon tea on 18 January 2016.

(ii) Seaham Town Council – Baltic Themed Charity Event

The Clerk reported the receipt of an invitation from the Mayor of Seaham Town Council, Councillor B Burn to attend a charity event on 21 January 2016.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(4) Renewal of Annual Subscription Fee

Campaign to Protect Rural England - £36.00

RESOLVED that approval be granted to renew the membership.

(5) East Durham Association of Parish and Town Councils

The Clerk reported that a meeting of the East Durham Association of Parish and Town Councils was held on 19 January 2016.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

6 PLANNING

(1) APPLICATIONS

DM/15/03618/FPA – Erection of detached double garage/workshop at Greenbank, Seaton Lane, Seaton, Seaham, Co Durham SR7 0LT for Mr J Lynn

(2) APPROVALS

DM/15/03056/FPA – New clubhouse, extension to car park, new fishing lake (18 pitches) (amended description 05/11/2015) at Watergate Fishing Lake, Seaton for Watergate Fishing Lake

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

7 CLERKS REPORT

(1) Grounds Maintenance Contract - Shaw Trust

The Clerk reported that Shaw Trust had provided a quotation for grounds maintenance services for 2016.

Members were advised that Shaw Trust had provided the Parish Council with grounds maintenance services during 2015. This included the maintenance of five flower beds on Seaton Lane and one at Seaton Village Green. They visited once a month from April to October, a total of 7 visits. They also cleared weeds and replaced dead flowers with new stock when required. On the whole the arrangement had worked well and there were no significant issues of concern.

It was explained that Shaw Trust had quoted for the same level of service at a cost of £125 per visit giving an annual total of £875 inclusive of VAT.

RESOLVED that the quotation from Shaw Trust be accepted.

(2) Christmas Lights –Electricity Feeder

The Clerk reported that npower had de-energized the electric feeder on 30 December 2015. The feeder was scheduled to be de-energized on the 30 January 2016 and npower had apologized for their mistake.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(3) Reports to Durham County Council

The Clerk reported that the following issues had been reported to Durham County Council since the last meeting.

- Bus Shelter at Hall Close – Complaints had been received from residents regarding the accumulation of leaves in the shelter.
- Water Leak – During a routine health and safety check at the Community Centre the inspector noted a leak in the road opposite the Centre. The inspector had expressed concern that the water could freeze over and cause a road safety hazard.
- A Street light was out at the Community Centre.
- A request to refill the salt bins at the Dunn Cow and Community Centre.
- Graffiti – Street Wardens had been requested to remove graffiti around the village.

8 PAYMENTS

RESOLVED that the payments listed be endorsed.

CHQ NO	PAYMENT TO	DETAIL	COST	VAT	TOTAL
100237	Mulcahy Lawns	Village Christmas Tree	250.00		250.00
100238	HMRC	PAYE - February 2016			
100239	Payroll	Wages - February 2016			
100240	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services - February 2016	7.75	1.55	9.30
100241	J Thompson	Reimbursements			
		TOTAL	257.75	1.55	259.30

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Empty Salt Bin

Councillor Blacklock reported that the salt bin at Haverley Drive, Seaton was empty.

RESOLVED that Durham County Council be requested to refill the salt bin.

(ii) Parking on Grassed Areas

Councillor McAuliffe reported that cars were continuing to park on grassed areas around the village. The vehicles were churning up the grass and making the area look a mess. It was pointed out that the situation was made worse by the fact the ground was so wet.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on 17 February 2016 at 7.00pm.

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