

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 APRIL 2016

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

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Ritchie.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 COMMUNITY POLICING

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

Members were advised that since the last meeting 6 incidents had been reported which included the following;

2 highway disruptions on the B1404
1 accident on the A19.involving two vehicles
1 suspicious vehicle at the wind farm - vehicle was checked and all was in order
1 report of anti-social behaviour involving a motorbike at the wind farm
1 suspicious vehicle near the B1404

The Police off-road bike section had recently seized 4 bikes.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

4 THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on 16 March 2016 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

Citizens Advice County Durham
The Salvation Army

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(2) Spennymoor Town Council – Town Quiz

The Clerk reported the receipt of an invitation from Spennymoor Town Council to attend a Town Quiz on 27 April 2016.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

6 PLANNING

(i) Applications

DM/16/00775/FPA – Erection of two storey extension at side of dwelling at Greenbank, Seaton Lane, Seaton, Seaham, SR7 OLT for Mr J Lynn

DM/16/01165/FPA – Erection of single storey pitched roof extension to rear of existing dwelling at 43 Sharpley Drive, Seaham, SR7 OLE for Mr J Beston

(ii) Approvals

DM/16/00380/FPA – Erection of two storey extension to side and single storey extension to rear at Chilton House, The Village, Seaton, Seaham, SR7 OLY for Mr N Gray

DM/16/00441/FPA – Erection of single storey pitched roof extension to side of existing dwelling at 4 Sharpley Drive, Seaham SR7 OLE for Mr S Robertson

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

7 CLERKS REPORT

(1) Annual Audit for the Year Ending 31 March 2016

The Clerk reported that the Annual Audit date had been set for 13 June 2016.

The Clerk proceeded to take Members through Section 1, Annual Governance Statement and Section 2, Statement of Accounts.

RESOLVED that Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return for the year ending 31 March 2016, be approved and signed by the Chair.

(2) Internal Audit for the Year Ending 31 March 2016

The Clerk reported that the internal audit would be undertaken by Mr G Fletcher at a cost of £100.

RESOLVED that Mr G Fletcher undertake the internal audit at a cost of £100.

(3) Annual Insurance Premium 2016/2017

The Clerk reported that the annual insurance premium for 2016/2017 had been received from Zurich Municipal in the sum of £251.85.

RESOLVED that the quotation be accepted and the premium paid.

(4) Trees

The Clerk reported that a meeting was held with Durham County Council on 31 March 2016 to discuss the provision of additional trees in the village.

Members were advised that the Christmas tree, originally planned for the village green, had been planted adjacent to the Seaton Lane Inn.

Due to restrictions, imposed by the County Council, in relation to where trees could be planted the County Council had advised that 4 small ornamental trees could be planted. Two on the village green near the Dunn Cow and two on the grassed area at Seaton Grove.

Members expressed concern that the proposed trees at Seaton Grove would be too close to residential properties and restrict children playing on the green. Members explained they would prefer trees to be planted in locations where there had previously been a tree removed. The Clerk advised that if Members wished to proceed residents living in the immediate vicinity of the proposed locations would be consulted.

Following a lengthy discussion it was agreed that none of the proposed locations were suitable and no trees would be planted.

At the same meeting the County Council confirmed they would grind down the tree stump left on the junction with the B1404. It had also been suggested that bulbs could then be planted on the corner at the junction, on the corner and grassed area opposite the Community Centre and on the village green. Daffodil bulbs could also be planted along the wall of the Hall.

RESOLVED that;

- (i) no additional trees be planted,
- (ii) Durham County Council be asked to provide a quotation for the provision and planting of bulbs at the locations identified.

(5) Items Raised Since the Last Meeting

(1) Flower Bed – Seaton Crescent

The Clerk reported that Shaw Trust had replaced the missing Cordyline in the flower bed at Seaton Crescent.

(2) Karting - Massive Attack

The Clerk reported that Durham County Council had been asked to confirm if Massive Attack had planning permission for the additional activities they were providing which included off-road biking, clay pigeon shooting and quad biking.

To date no response had been received.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

8 PAYMENTS

RESOLVED that the payments listed be endorsed.

Seaton with Slingley Parish Council – 20 April 2016

CHQ NO	PAYMENT TO	DETAIL	COST	VAT	TOTAL
100247	Durham County Council	Tree - Supply, Labour and Irrigation	489.40	97.88	587.28
100248	HMRC	PAYE - April 2016	102.80		102.80
100249	Payroll	Wages - April 2016	412.00		412.00
100250	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services/P60 - April 2016	11.00	2.20	13.20
100251	DESTROYED				
100252	Zurich Municipal	Annual Insurance Premium	251.85		251.85
100253	J Thompson	Reimbursements	7.15		7.15
		TOTAL	1,274.20	100.08	1,374.28

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(1) Seat – Village Green

The Chair reported that the seat on the village green was in need of repair.

RESOLVED that Councillor McAuliffe undertake any repairs needed.

(2) Sandwich Board –Seaton Lane Inn

Councillor Foster advised that the sandwich board located at the Seaton Lane Inn was still blocking the pavement.

RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the Police and Durham County Council.

(3) Parking – Clarks Terrace

Councillor Middlemiss advised that complaints had been made in relation to cars parking along both sides of the road at Clarks Terrace.

The road was a dead end and caused problems for residents getting in and out. It was suggested that parking bays may help relieve the situation.

RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the Police.

10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on **18 May 2016** at **7.00pm**.

..... **Signed**

..... **Dated**