

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE 2016

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

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T Foster, D Ritchie, A Smith and A Teasdale.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 COMMUNITY POLICING

There was no Police present at the meeting.

4 THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING held on 18 May 2016 together with those of the ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF ELECTORS held on 18 May 2016 copies of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved and signed by the Chair.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Seaham Town Council – Civic Appointments

The Clerk reported the receipt of correspondence from Seaham Town Council advising that Councillors S Morrison and S Forster had been appointed Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the Town Council for the current municipal year.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(2) Seaham Town Council – Teddies and Tea

The Clerk reported the receipt of an invitation from the Mayor of Seaham Town Council to attend Teddies and Tea, a family focused event to be held on 10 July 2016.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(3) Durham Cathedral

The Clerk reported the receipt of correspondence from Durham Cathedral which gave an update on the running and upkeep of the Cathedral.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

6 PLANNING

Approval

DM/16/01165/FPA – Erection of single storey pitched roof extension to rear of existing dwelling at 43 Sharpley Drive, Seaham, SR7 0LE for Mr J Beston.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

7 CLERKS REPORT

(1) Spring Bulbs

The Clerk reported that at the last meeting a quotation from Durham County Council to supply and plant 4,000 bulbs, at a cost of £717.32, was accepted.

At the same meeting Councillor S Morrison agreed to fund the purchase and planting of the bulbs from the Members Initiative Fund (MIF).

Following the meeting the Clerk contacted the East Durham Area Action Partnership, who were responsible for the administration of the MIF and completed the application form for the grant.

Members were advised that the application was successful and the Parish Council had received £598.00, the full cost to supply and plant the bulbs exclusive of VAT.

RESOLVED that a letter of thanks be forwarded to Councillor Morrison.

(2) A19 Storage Container

The Clerk reported that the Police were contacted regarding the storage container used to advertise on the A19. The Police advised that it was not within their jurisdiction to take any action in relation to the container.

Durham County Council was also contacted and the Street Wardens undertook a site visit. They subsequently advised that the container was located outside the county boundary and was the responsibility of Sunderland City Council. Sunderland City Council was informed that the cover has come off the container.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(3) Village Green – Seats

The Clerk reported that the seat located in the middle of the village green was beyond repair and needed to be removed. It was suggested that the seat located at the end of the green, known locally as “Josie’s seat” could be re-located in the centre of the green.

In addition the seats located on the corner, opposite the community centre and at the Burn bank were in a bad state of repair and required attention.

RESOLVED that;

- (i) the damaged seat on the green be removed and “Josie’s seat“ be re-located to the centre of the green,
- (ii) Repairs be undertaken to the seats located on the corner, opposite the community centre and at the Burn bank.

(4) Commemorative Medal – Queen’s 90th Birthday

The Clerk reported that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II celebrated her 90th birthday on 21 April 2016. To commemorate this event the Tower Mint had produced a collector’s medal. The Parish Council had purchased 150 medals for distribution throughout the parish.

Members discussed how the medals would be distributed and the Chair suggested that the medals could be collected from the community centre on Saturday 18 and 25 of June 2016 between 9.30am and 10.30am and Wednesday 20 July 6pm to 6.45pm.

Posters advising of when the medals could be collected would be placed in the noticeboards, Seaton Supply Stores and the community centre.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(5) Future Meeting Dates

The Clerk reported that the December meeting of the Parish Council was scheduled to be held on 21 December 2016. It was suggested that the meeting be brought forward a week to 14 December 2016 and the carol singing with the Salvation Army be held on the same date. It was suggested that the meeting start at 6pm and the carol singing be held at 7pm.

With regard to the meeting scheduled to be held on 21 September 2016 it was suggested that this be held on 14 September 2016.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

8 PAYMENTS

CHQ NO	PAYMENT TO	DETAIL	COST	VAT	TOTAL
100259	CDALC	Annual Subscription 2016/2017	192.96		192.96
100260	HMRC	PAYE - June 2016	106.00		106.00
100261	Payroll	Wages - June 2016	424.25		424.25
100262	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services - June 2016	8.00	1.60	9.60
100263	Tower Mint Limited	Queen's Birthday Medal	306.00	61.20	367.20
100264	McAuliffe Builders	Seat Repair and Painting of Noticeboards	50.00		50.00
100265	J Thompson	Reimbursements	18.39		18.39
		TOTAL	1,105.60	62.80	1,168.40

RESOLVED that the payments listed be endorsed.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(1) Hillrise Crescent

Councillor Blacklock reported that residents living in Hillrise Crescent had expressed concern regarding the poor condition of the footpath to the front their properties. The footpath was in a bad state of repair and was a potential trip hazard to residents.

RESOLVED that the matter be reported to Durham County Council.

(2) Hillrise Crescent - “No Entry” Sign

Councillor Blacklock reported that the “ No Entry” sign located on the wall at Hillrise Crescent was faded and in need of replacement.

RESOLVED that a new “No Entry” sign be purchased.

10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on 20 July 2016 at 7.00pm.

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