

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 JULY 2016

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

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Smith and A Teasdale.

## 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 13 incidents had been reported which included the following;

- 1 Road Traffic Collision on A19
- 1 Anti-Social Behaviour - Off Road Bikes
- 1 Garage Burglary
- 4 Suspicious Behaviour
- 4 Highway Disruptions

Members were advised that year to date all crime was down 20%, criminal damage was down 100% and anti-social behaviour had increased by 33%, mainly due to complaints related to off-road bikes.

Members asked if future reports from the Police could include additional information related to the location of the incident.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

## 4 THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on 15 June 2016, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved and signed by the Chair.

## 5 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

## 6 PLANNING

There were no planning matters.

## 7 CLERKS REPORT

- (1) Spring Bulbs

The Clerk reported that following the last meeting a letter was sent to Councillor S Morrison thanking her for the very generous grant of £598 for the purchase and planting of 4,000 spring bulbs throughout the village.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(2) Flower Bed – Corner Opposite Community Centre

The Clerk reported that Shaw Trust was asked to increase the size of the flower bed on the corner, opposite the community centre. Shaw Trust had advised that the bed had been planted with summer bedding and they would do the work at the end of the season.

Members were advised that the tree currently in the bed would be removed and replaced with something smaller.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(3) Footpath - Hillrise Crescent

The Clerk reported that following the last meeting Durham County Council was advised that the footpath at Hillrise Crescent was in a bad state of repair and required attention.

Durham County Council had advised that the Highway Inspector had looked at the footpath and determined there were no actionable defects at the present time. The footpath was however added to the list for the Countywide Footpath Surface Treatment Programme for a future scheme.

The Inspector would continue to monitor the footpath as part of the routine inspection programme.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(4) Hall Close – Untidy Border

The Clerk reported that Shaw Trust was asked to tidy up the border at Hall Close.

Shaw Trust had suggested planting alpine shrubs around the bus shelter to create ground cover and help suppress the weeds. They would also remove the ivy growing in the bus shelter.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(5) Fly Tipped Rubbish

The Clerk reported that a piece of carpet had been fly tipped at the entrance to Pacific Hall Farm on the B1404. The incident was reported to Durham County Council and the carpet was removed.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(6) Hillrise Crescent - “No Entry” Sign

Councillor Foots reported that a new “No Entry” sign had been purchased at a cost of £10.00 and erected on the wall at Hillrise Crescent.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Foots be reimbursed £10.00 for the new sign.

**8 PAYMENTS**

CHQ NO	PAYMENT TO	DETAIL	COST	VAT	TOTAL
100266	HMRC	PAYE - July 2016	104.00		104.00
100267	Payroll	Wages - July 2016	415.95		415.95
100268	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services - July 2016	8.00	1.60	9.60
100269	A Slater	Reimbursements	38.00		38.00
100270	J Thompson	Reimbursements	13.75		13.75
100271	A Foots	Reimbursements	10.00		10.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>589.70</b>	<b>1.60</b>	<b>591.30</b>

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

**9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**(1) The Meadows**

Councillor Blacklock made reference to the grassed area of land to the rear of the sub station at The Meadows and reported that the adjacent property had erected a fence around some of the land.

It was unclear who owned the land and who was responsible for grass cutting and maintenance.

It was suggested that the Clerk contact Durham County Council to determine who owned the land and who was responsible for maintaining it.

Members also reported that the steps on the other side of the estate, leading towards Old Burdon were in a bad state of repair and required attention.

**RESOLVED** that both matters be reported to Durham County Council.

**10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that the next meeting be held on 14 September 2016 at 7.00pm.

..... Signed

..... Dated