

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

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER 2016**

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

**Also Present:** County Councillor S Morrison

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Foots, T Foster, D Ritchie 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.

Members were advised that since the last meeting 5 incidents had been reported which included the following;

**2 ANPR activations on the A19**

**1 Civil dispute over a horse which was resolved by Police**

**1 Anti-Social Behaviour – Off Road Bikes**

**1 Suspicious sighting - drunk driver**

Members were advised that whilst not in the parish there had been further shed burglaries at Byron Lodge Estate and Rutherford Avenue. Councillor Morrison reported that she had been contacted by a resident who was concerned at the increase in the number of incidents and queried if it could be connected to the new street lighting installed by Durham County Council and the dark winter nights.

Councillor McAuliffe expressed concern that Off Road Bikes continue to be a problem and there seemed to be very little the Police could do to stop them.

**RESOLVED** that the information given, be noted.

**4 THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on 14 September 2016, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved and signed by the Chair.**

**5 CORRESPONDENCE**

**(1) Talking Dementia Conference**

The Clerk reported the receipt of an invitation to attend a "Talking Dementia" conference on 7 November 2016 at the Glebe Centre, Murton.

**RESOLVED** that the information given, be noted.

**6 PLANNING**

**(i) Applications**

**DM/16/03171/FPA – Single storey front, side and rear extension with access ramp and associated works at Green Acres, Seaton Lane, Seaton, Seaham SR7 OLP for Mr J Matteson**

**RESOLVED** that the information given, be noted.

**7 CLERKS REPORT**

**(1) Community Centre – Christmas Meal**

The Clerk reported that the Community Centre Christmas meal would be held on 7 December 2016. Members had previously been advised that sadly this would be the very last Christmas meal hosted by the Association.

**RESOLVED** that the information given, be noted.

**(2) Field to the rear of Seaton Grove**

The Clerk reported that at the last meeting it was reported that residents living in Seaton Grove had expressed concern in relation to the farmer's field to the rear of their properties.

Residents were concerned that the field was overgrown, covered in weeds, had not been cut in years and was an eyesore. They had complained that seeds from the field were blowing about and causing problems for residents.

Members were advised that the land was owned by Mr Gregson and managed by his agent George F White. Following the last meeting the Clerk contacted the agent and advised of residents' concerns.

The agent had responded and thanked the Parish Council and residents for bringing the matter to their attention.

**RESOLVED** that the information given, be noted.

**(3) Salvation Army - Carol Singing**

The Clerk reported that the Salvation Army were unable to attend on the 14 December 2016. Members would be advised when a date had been confirmed.

**RESOLVED** that the information given, be noted.

**(4) Village Christmas Tree**

The Clerk reported that following the last meeting Seaham Town Council was contacted regarding the assisting the Parish with the supply and erection of a village Christmas tree. Unfortunately on this occasion they were unable to help.

The Clerk had also contacted Leamside Nurseries who were also unable to help.

It was suggested that the Christmas tree be order from Mulcahy Lawns as in previous years.

**RESOLVED** that the village Christmas tree be ordered from Mulcahy Lawns.

(5) Christmas Lights

The Clerk advised that arrangements had been made with npower to re-energise the feeder pillar on 28 November 2016 and for it to be de-energised on 2 January 2017.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

8 PAYMENTS

CHQ NO	PAYMENT TO	DETAIL	COST	VAT	TOTAL
100281	HMRC	PAYE - October 2016	104.00		104.00
100282	Payroll	Wages - October 2016	415.95		415.95
100283	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services - October 2016	8.00	1.60	9.60
100284	J Thompson	Reimbursements	8.65		8.65
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>536.60</b>	<b>1.60</b>	<b>538.20</b>

RESOLVED that the payments listed be endorsed.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(1) Pot Holes

The Chair reported that the County Council had undertaken a number of patch repairs to the footpaths in the village. There was however still a lot of pot holes that were only going to get bigger during the winter months.

RESOLVED that Durham County Council be advised of the pot holes.

(2) Grass cuttings

Councillor McAuliffe reported that the grass cuttings left by Durham County Council left the village looking a mess after the grass was cut.

It was explained that Durham County Council had a policy of cut and drop and no longer collected the grass cuttings.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on 16 November 2016 at 7.00pm.

..... Signed

..... Dated