

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

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 JANUARY 2017**

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

**The Chair wished everyone a Happy New Year and a prosperous 2017**

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3 POLICING**

The Chair welcomed PCSO's A Guest and P Cotgrave to the meeting.

Members were advised that since the last meeting there had been 4 incidents reported which included the following;

- 1 road traffic accident involving a dog
- 1 prank/scam telephone call
- 1 incident on the A19
- 1 disagreement related to a taxi fare at the Seaton Lane Inn

Councillor Ritchie advised that some time ago he had requested a shed alarm for a resident. A Guest agreed to supply a shed alarm for the resident.

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

**4 THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on 8 December 2016, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved and signed by the Chair.**

**5 CORRESPONDENCE**

**(1) Letter of Thanks**

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter of thanks from The Salvation Army.

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

**(2) Royal Garden Party 2017**

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 23 May 2017.

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

6 PLANNING

(1) APPLICATION

DM/16/03710/OUT – 25 Self build plots for residential dwellings at Seaton Garden Centre, Seaton Lane, Seaton, Seaham SR7 0LT for HCA Properties

Members discussed the application at length and whilst the Parish Council had no objection to the development of the site they expressed the following concerns.

- Concern in relation to access and egress from the proposed development onto the B1404. The B1404 was a fast busy road with a history of road traffic accidents. The line of sight for motorists leaving the development, via the proposed entrance, was restricted particularly when looking east. Visibility of traffic travelling at speed from Houghton into Seaham was also restricted. Additional traffic generated from the development joining the already busy B1404 was a potential road safety hazard.

It was suggested that Durham County Council be requested to consider the provision of a roundabout at the entrance to the development to help the safe flow of traffic.

- Members considered 25 houses constituted over development of the site.

The proposed houses were large executive type properties with little spacing between each plot. Members felt that a maximum of 20 properties of this size on the site would provide a more open and spacious layout.

RESOLVED that the concerns of the Parish Council be forwarded to Durham County Council.

(2) APPROVAL

DM/16/03571/FPA – Erection of single storey extension at side of dwelling behind existing garage including conversion of garage to habitable room at 29 Blaykeston Close, Seaham SR7 0PJ for Mr and Mrs Isherwood

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

7 CLERKS REPORT

(1) Spring Bulbs

The Clerk reported that at the last meeting it was suggested that where the Parish Council had planted spring bulbs a small plaque be erected advising residents of who had supplied and planted the bulbs.

Following the meeting East Durham Signs were contacted and could supply an A4 sign at a cost of approximately £10.00. Following discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council purchase 4 signs from East Durham Signs.

RESOLVED that approval be granted to purchase 4 A4 size signs from East Durham Signs at a cost of £10.00 per sign.

(2) Village Christmas Tree

The Clerk reported that at the last meeting it was suggested that when the small Christmas tree, located adjacent to the Seaton Lane Inn was a suitable height it could be decorated over the Christmas period with Christmas lights.

Members were advised that npower were contacted and had advised the Parish Council to contact them when the tree was a suitable height and we were in a position to proceed with an electric supply for the Christmas lights.

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

**(3) Dog Bag/Dispenser Bin**

The Clerk reported that at the last meeting Members discussed the provision of dog bags and/or a dog bag dispenser bin in the village to help prevent dog fouling.

Members were advised that a dog bag dispenser bin would cost in the region of £95.00 and the bags were £15.91 per 1,000 bags.

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

**8 PAYMENTS**

CHQ NO	PAYMENT TO	DETAIL	COST	VAT	TOTAL
100304	A Slater	Reimbursement - Chair's Account	25.00		25.00
100305	Open Spaces Society	Annual Membership	45.00		45.00
100306	HMRC	PAYE - January 2017	104.00		104.00
100307	Payroll	Wages - January 2017	415.95		415.95
100308	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services - January 2017	8.00	1.60	9.60
100309	J Thompson	Reimbursements	16.19		16.19
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>614.14</b>	<b>1.60</b>	<b>615.74</b>

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

**9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**(1) Flowers**

The Chair reported that as Members were aware Councillor Foots had been poorly. Following his discharge from hospital a Christmas card and flowers were sent on behalf of the Parish Council. A Christmas card was also sent to Councillor Foster who had also been unwell.

Members were advised that Councillor Foots had thanked the Parish Council for the card and flowers.

**RESOLVED** that the information given, be noted and the expenditure from the Chair's account be endorsed.

**(2) Village Christmas Tree**

The Chairman thanked everyone who had assisted with the erection of the village Christmas tree.

Members were advised that a set of Christmas lights had been damaged during the bad weather over the Christmas period.

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

(3) **Footpath Number 1**

Councillor Teasdale reported that Durham County Council had undertaken some patch repairs to the public footpath number 1 which ran adjacent to St Johns Terrace.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

10 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The Chair reminded Members that the next meeting of the Parish Council would commence at the new start time of 6.45pm.

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Wednesday 15 February 2017 at 6.45pm.

..... Signed

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