

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH 2017

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

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor A Slater declared an interest in item number 5 (1).

3 POLICING

The Chair welcomed PCSO A Guest to the meeting. Members were advised that since the last meeting there had been 5 incidents reported which included the following;

2 ANPR – A19

1 Highway disruption – bricks on road

1 Road traffic collision

1 Speeding vehicle - the owner of the vehicle was traced and spoken to by the Police

The Officer advised that there had been an increase in the number of complaints received related to quad and off roads bikes on the walkway. It was thought this was a result of the improvement in the weather and the lighter nights. There had also been complaints related to youths with air rifles.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

4 THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on 15 February 2017, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved and signed by the Chair.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Request for Financial Assistance – St Marys Church

The Clerk reported the receipt of a request for financial assistance from St Marys Church.

RESOLVED that a donation of £500.00 be made from the Section 137 Budget.

(2) Public Space Protection Order

The Clerk reported that Durham County Council was introducing a new Public Space Protection Order. It was hoped the new Order would reduce dog fouling and other related issues. The introduction of the Order would mean that from 1 June 2017 the following would become fineable offences in County Durham;

- allowing a dog to stray;
- failing to put a dog on a lead when asked by an authorised officer;

- allowing dogs into fenced off designated play areas.

Members were advised that the existing offence for allowing a dog to foul without picking it up would continue under the Order.

Trained Durham County Council and Durham Constabulary staff would be authorised to issue Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) for £100.00 (discounted to £60.00 if paid within 10 working days) for breach of the Order. Failure to pay the FPN would lead to prosecution with a maximum fine of £1,000.00. The Order would not apply to anyone who was registered blind or disabled or who used a trained assistance dog.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(3) Training

The Clerk reported that following the May elections the County Durham and Cleveland County Training Partnership would provide Councillor and Chairmanship training.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

6 PLANNING

(i) Applications

DM/16/04010/FPA – Conversion to create 1 no dwelling involving the part demolition of a timber barn and erection of single storey rear extension at Stotfold Farm, Seaton, Seaham, SR7 ONE for Mr and Mrs J Wheeler

DM/16/03710/OUT – 25 self-build plots for residential dwellings at Seaton Garden Centre, Seaton Lane, Seaton, Seaham SR7 OLT for HCA Properties

The Clerk reported that the garden centre application would be considered by Durham County Council's Area Planning Committee on 11 April 2017.

(ii) Approvals

DM/16/03995/FPA – Single storey front, side and rear extensions with access ramp and associated works (re-submission DM/16/03171/FPA) at Green Acres, Seaton Lane, Seaton, Seaham SR7 OLP for Mr J Maddison

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

7 CLERKS REPORT

(1) Indiscriminate Parking

The Clerk reported that complaints had been received in relation to the increase in the number of works vans parking indiscriminately in the village. There had been an increase in the number of vans left outside and in the vicinity of the Dunn Cow Pub, particularly over a weekend.

Members were advised that the vans were parking indiscriminately as well as side by side which made it difficult for other vehicles to pass safely. There was concern that it would be difficult for emergency vehicles to pass safely if needed in the village. Vans were also parking across residents' drives which blocked access and egress.

The Clerk reported that where access to residential properties was restricted the Police would assist. However, after checking their records the Police had advised that there had been no reports from the village in the last 3 months therefore there was no evidence of the problem.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(2) Village Flower Displays/Spring Bulbs

The Clerk reported that a lady who visited the village on a daily basis had commented to the Chair on how lovely the village flower displays were and that the village always looked nice and tidy.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

8 PAYMENTS

CHQ NO	PAYMENT TO	DETAIL	COST	VAT	TOTAL
100315	HMRC	PAYE - March 2017	104.00		104.00
100316	Payroll	Wages - March 2017	415.95		415.95
100317	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services - March 2017	8.00	1.60	9.60
100318	Mr S McAuliffe	Works to repair village seat	40.00		40.00
100319	J Thompson	Reimbursements	9.69		9.69
100320	The Friends of St Marys	Section 137 Donation	500.00		500.00
		TOTAL	1,077.64	1.60	1,079.24

RESOLVED that the payments listed be endorsed.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(1) Pedestrian Refuge - B1404

Councillor Ritchie reported the receipt of a request from a resident who lived in Haverley Drive for a pedestrian refuge between the 2 bus stops either side of the B1404 Seaton Lane near the estate.

The B1404 was a busy road and residents were finding it increasingly difficult and dangerous to cross between the 2 bus stops at this location.

It was suggested that the installation of a pedestrian refuge would assist residents to cross the road safely between the bus stops and help alleviate the problem.

RESOLVED that Durham County Council be requested to consider the provision of a pedestrian refuge on the B1404 Seaton Lane.

(2) Road Safety - New Seaham Primary School

Members expressed concern in relation to road safety and traffic congestion outside New Seaham Primary School.

Parking restrictions were in place to the front of the school but cars continued to park in the vicinity when dropping off and picking up. In addition to the parking bays opposite the school there was also a bus stop either side of the road which further exacerbated the situation.

Due to the congestion traffic was often brought to a standstill and there was concern that access for emergency vehicles could be hindered at certain times of the day.

Whilst restrictions were already in place it was suggested that the concerns of the Parish Council be raised with Durham County Council and the Police.

RESOLVEDE that the concerns of the Parish Council be forwarded to Durham County Council and the Police.

(3) Manor Hall Estate - Mud on Road

Councillor Temple reported that tractors were using a short cut through Manor Hall Estate and leaving a lot of mud on the estate roads.

RESOLVED that the matter be reported to Durham County Council.

10 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Wednesday 19 April 2017 at 6.45pm.

..... Signed

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