

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE 2017

**Present: Councillor A Slater (Chair)
Councillors A Blacklock, A Foots
and H Middlemiss**

1 CO-OPTION

The Chair welcomed Mrs S McAuliffe, Mr J Theobald, Mr S Williams and Mrs A Vila residents who had expressed an interest in being co-opted onto the Parish Council.

The Chair gave a brief outline of the work undertaken by the Parish Council and the role of a Parish Councillor.

RESOLVED that the following be co-opted onto the Parish Council;

Mrs S McAuliffe, 2 Cairnside, Seaham, Co Durham SR7 0LR

Mr J M Theobald, 21 Pacific Hall Close, Seaham, Co Durham SR7 0LJ

Mr S Williams, Fairview, The Village, Seaton, Seaham, Co Durham SR7 0LY

Mrs A Vila, The Old Forge, Seaton Lane, Seaton, Seaham, Co Durham SR7 0LS

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Haddick, A Teasdale and D Temple.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4 POLICING

The Clerk reported that PCSO A Guest had submitted her apologies and provided the following report.

1 Automatic Number Plate Recognition on the A19

1 Burglary

1 Road Traffic Collision

1 Anti-Social Behaviour – Off road bikes

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

5 THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING held on 17 May 2017 together with those of the ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF ELECTORS held on 17 May 2017 copies of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved and signed by the Chair.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Haswell and District Mencap Society

The Clerk reported the receipt of an invitation from the Haswell and District Mencap Society to attend the 10th Anniversary of the Lisa Dixon Centre on 24 June 2017.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(2) Seaham Town Council – Civic Appointments

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

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

7 PLANNING

(i) Applications

DM/17/01532/FPA - Erection of extension to side, refurbishment and external alterations at Seaton Lane Inn, Seaton Lane, Seaton, Seaham SR7 OLP for Marshall Inns

Members discussed at length the proposed extension to Seaton Lane Inn and expressed the following concerns.

Parking – It was noted that the application made no provision for additional parking. There was already a shortage of parking for the number of customers visiting and staying at the premises. Extending the property without providing additional parking would exacerbate the problem.

Road Safety - The B1404 was a fast busy road and there was concern that due to insufficient parking on the premises customers would be forced to park on the main road. Cars were often parked on both sides of the road, often on the pavement restricting the pathway for pedestrians. Due to cars parking indiscriminately around the premises visibility was restricted for cars leaving the property, particularly when turning right. The cars parked on the main road also created a road safety problem for other vehicles on the road.

Resident Disruption - Residents living opposite the premises were already disturbed and inconvenienced by cars parking outside their properties, blocking drives, using them to turn and generally hindering access to residential properties, an increase in vehicles parking on the road would further exacerbate the problem.

Noise – There would be an increase in noise levels. Residents already suffered noise disturbance from customers leaving the pub late at night and taxi's picking up and dropping off at all hours, often using their horns to let customers know they were waiting outside. Creating a new outside seating area, to the front of the property, would create additional noise and disturbance.

Over Development – Over the years the property had been extensively extended. It was felt the property had been extended to its limits and to add a further extension was considered over development.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council object to the application on the grounds of the concerns outlined.

DM/17/01626/FPA - Extend existing pagoda in rear garden at 20 The Meadows, Seaton, Seaham SR7 0QB for Mr B Davies

DM/17/01782/FPA – Roof extension over existing two storey bay window and render of dwelling at Burnbrae, The Village, Seaton, Seaham SR7 0NA for Mr P Stewart

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(ii) Approvals

DM/17/00846/FPA – Erection of two storey and single storey extension to side at Glendale, Seaton Lane, Seaton, Seaham SR7 0LS for Mr S Barrow

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

8 CLERKS REPORT

(1) County Councillor S Morrison

The Clerk reported that County Councillor S Morrison was poorly and would be unable to attend Parish Council meetings for the foreseeable future.

RESOLVED that a card and flowers be sent to Councillor S Morrison from the Chairs Account.

(2) Grounds Maintenance

The Clerk reported that Shaw Trust had been requested to remove the dead bush from the flower bed on the corner, opposite the Community Centre.

It was suggested that once the bush was removed Durham County Council be asked to provide a quotation to plant an ornamental tree or bush.

It was also suggested that a small plaque could be erected, in the vicinity of the tree, in recognition of the 4 Councillors who had recently retired from the Parish Council following many years of outstanding service to the community.

It was suggested that once the dead bush was removed the Clerk obtain quotations for both the ornamental tree and plaque.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted and further developments be awaited.

(3) Hillrise Crescent

The Clerk reported the receipt of a number of complaints in relation to the volume and speed of traffic using Hillrise Crescent.

Residents reported that the volume of traffic had increased and it was thought many of the vehicles were travelling to the local livery yards. Vehicles were also travelling too fast for the road classification.

Members discussed the situation and suggested that a letter be forwarded to the local livery yards with a request that they respectively ask their customers to consider local residents when travelling along Hillrise Crescent.

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9 PAYMENTS

RESOLVED that the payments listed be endorsed.

CHQ NO	PAYMENT TO	DETAIL	COST	VAT	TOTAL
100334	HMRC	PAYE - June 2017	108.80		108.80
100335	Payroll	Wages - June 2017	435.47		435.47
100336	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services - June 2017	8.00	1.60	9.60
100337	A Slater	Reimbursements - Weedkiller	12.00		12.00
100338	J Thompson	Reimbursements	32.94	3.90	36.84
		TOTAL	488.41	5.50	493.91

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(1) Hall Close – Surface Water

The Chair reported the receipt of a report regarding surface water pooling at the entrance to Hall Close.

RESOLVED that the matter be reported to Durham County Council.

11 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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

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