

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

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 JULY 2017**

**Present: Councillor A Slater (Chair)  
Councillors A Blacklock, A Foots, S Haddick,  
H Middlemiss, D Temple, J Theobald, A Vila  
and S Williams**

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S McAuliffe and A Teasdale.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3 POLICING**

There was no Police present at the meeting.

**4 THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on 14 June 2017 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved and signed by the Chair.**

**5 CORRESPONDENCE**

**(1) Seaham Town Council**

The Clerk reported the receipt of the following invitations from Seaham Town Council.

Mayor at Home – 14 July 2017  
Seaham Carnival – 16 July 2017  
1940's Night – 21 July 2017

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

**(2) Removal of Shrub Bed - Hoy Crescent**

The Clerk reported the receipt of correspondence from Durham County Council advising of their intention to remove the shrub bed at Hoy Crescent.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council offer no objection to the removal of the shrub bed.

**6 PLANNING**

**(1) Application**

DM/17/01467/FPA - Erection of detached garage and garden room at Sharpley Hall, Seaton, SR7 ONP for Mr and Mrs A Gleghorn

**(2) Approvals**

DM/17/01626/FPA - Extend existing pagoda in rear garden at 20 The Meadows, Seaton, SR7 OQB 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, SR7 0NA for Mr P Stewart

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

## 7 CLERKS REPORT

### (1) Speeding Traffic - Hillrise Crescent

At the last meeting the Clerk reported the receipt of complaints related to the increase in volume and speed of traffic using Hillrise Crescent. Residents reported that the volume and speed of traffic had increased and it was thought many of the vehicles were travelling to the local livery yards.

Following the meeting the Clerk contacted the local livery yards and requested that they ask their customers to consider local residents when travelling through the village, particularly on Hillrise Crescent.

The Clerk reported that Southridge livery yard had contacted the Parish Council and agreed to speak to their customers. A positive letter was also received from Seaton Spring, details of which were read out to Members.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

### (2) Northumbrian Water

The Clerk reported that the Chair had received a number of complaints from residents regarding the high level of chlorine in domestic drinking water. The water had a strong smell and taste of chlorine which made it undrinkable.

Northumbrian Water were contacted and advised that the water supply for Seaton was made up of a blend of water from a range of bore holes but on occasion they had to take water from the treatment plant. As Seaton was located close to the treatment plant the chlorine did not have time to dissipate before it reached residential properties.

The chlorine, whilst not nice, was not dangerous. The acceptable figure for chlorine in the water was 1% per 1 million litres and on this occasion it was 0.9% per 1 million litres so very close to the limit.

Northumbrian Water had recommended adding a few drops of Jif Lemon to take away the taste and smell of the chlorine in the water.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

### (3) Grounds Maintenance

The Clerk reported that Shaw Trust had removed the dead bush from the flower bed on the corner, opposite the Community Centre but they would have to wait till the end of the growing season to remove the stump.

Following the removal of the stump investigations would be undertaken to plant a small ornamental tree or bush and erect a plaque in recognition of the 4 Councillors who had recently retired from the Parish Council following many years of outstanding service to the community.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(4) Branksome

The Clerk reported that following a request to Durham County Council over-hanging branches at Branksome were pruned back.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(5) Footpath leading to Hall Close

The Clerk reported that Durham County Council had been requested to trim and spray the weeds on the footpath leading to Hall Close.

RSOLVED that the information given, be noted.

8 PAYMENTS

RESOLVED that the payments listed be endorsed.

| CHQ NO | PAYMENT TO               | DETAIL                       | COST          | VAT         | TOTAL         |
|--------|--------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| 100339 | HMRC                     | PAYE - July 2017             | 109.00        |             | 109.00        |
| 100340 | Payroll                  | Wages - July 2017            | 435.27        |             | 435.27        |
| 100341 | JACS Accountancy Limited | Payroll Services - July 2017 | 8.00          | 1.60        | 9.60          |
| 100342 | J Thompson               | Reimbursements               | 7.28          |             | 7.28          |
|        |                          | <b>TOTAL</b>                 | <b>559.55</b> | <b>1.60</b> | <b>561.15</b> |

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(1) Seaton Lane

Councillor Temple made reference to the continuing problem of speeding traffic on the B1404.

Members reported that 2 traffic monitoring cameras had recently been erected on the B1404. One was located opposite the slip road leaving the A19 and the other was at the Lodge. It was stated that there was concern locally that the slip road was to be closed.

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council had not been advised or consulted on any proposals related to the closure of the slip road.

RESOLVED that the Clerk make enquiries in relation to the cameras and the slip road.

10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Wednesday 20 September 2017 at 6.45pm.

..... Signed

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