

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2017

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

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Haddick, A Vila and S Williams.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 POLICE

The Clerk reported that since the last meeting there had been 2 road traffic collisions.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

4 THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on 20 September 2017, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved and signed by the Chair.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Requests for Financial Assistance

(i) Haswell and District Mencap Society

The Clerk reported the receipt of a request for financial assistance from Haswell and District Mencap Society.

RESOLVED that no donation be made.

(ii) Great North Air Ambulance

The Clerk reported the receipt of a request for financial assistance from the Great North Air Ambulance.

RESOLVED that a donation of £50.00 be made from the Section 137 Budget.

(2) Seaham Town Council

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

**Bad Taste Night – 4 November 2017
Civic Carol Service – 27 November 2017**

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

6 PLANNING

DM/16/03710/OUT – 25 self build plots for residential dwellings at Seaton Garden Centre

The Clerk reported the receipt of correspondence from Mr Stamp of 19 Seaton Grove.

Members were advised that Mr Stamp made reference to the report considered by Durham County Council's Area Planning Committee, held on 10 October 2017, in relation to the application for 25 self-build plots at the former Seaton Garden Centre.

The report required the developer to make provision for children's play space and outdoor recreation and as this was unlikely to be on the development site Mr Stamp wanted to know where it would be. The developer had agreed to a financial contribution of £500 per dwelling towards the provision or improvement of offsite recreation in the electoral division of Seaham.

In addition Mr Stamp had requested the Parish Council to designate the grassed area to the front of 19 and 20 Seaton Grove as an area where "no ball games" were allowed to prevent residents being disturbed by children playing ball games.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had not been advised that the planning application had been approved and had not had sight of the recommendations. With regard to the request for a "no ball games" sign the Clerk suggested this be referred to Durham County Council.

RESOLVED that the Clerk respond to Mr Stamp and the request for a "no ball games" sign be referred to Durham County Council.

7 CLERKS REPORT

(1) Village Christmas Tree

The Clerk reported that the village Christmas tree had been ordered from Mulcahy Lawns.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(2) Christmas Tree Lights

The Chair reported that a set of Christmas tree lights had been purchased at a cost of £69.99.

RESOLVED that the Chair be reimbursed £69.99 for Christmas tree lights from the Section 137 Budget.

(3) Ornamental Tree/Bush

The Clerk reported that following the last meeting Durham County Council were requested to provide a quotation to supply and plant an ornamental tree or bush in the village.

The County Council had requested a site meeting to discuss the requirements of the Parish Council.

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

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(4) Vacancy

The Clerk reported that the vacancy on the Parish Council would be advertised for a period of 14 days from 17 October 2017. If the requisite number of signatories required to call an election was not received by 6 November 2017 the Parish Council could fill the vacancy by co-option.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

8 PAYMENTS

RESOLVED that the payments listed be endorsed.

CHQ NO	PAYMENT TO	DETAIL	COST	VAT	TOTAL
100355	HMRC	PAYE - October 2017	108.80		108.80
100356	Payroll	Wages - October 2017	435.47		435.47
100357	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services - October 2017	8.00	1.60	9.60
100358	J Thompson	Reimbursements	38.43		38.43
100359	A Slater	Reimbursement	58.33	11.66	69.99
100360	Great North Air Ambulance	Section 137 Donation	50.00		50.00
		TOTAL	699.03	13.26	712.29

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(1) Police Questionnaire

The Chair reported the receipt of a personal questionnaire from the Police seeking views on Policing in the area.

The Chair advised that she had completed the questionnaire and made the following additional comments.

- Concern that the Police Station in Seaham closed daily at 2pm
- Lack of Police officers covering the area

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(2) Public Footpath No 1

The Chair reported that Public Footpath Number 1 was overgrown and had been reported to Durham County Council.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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

..... Signed

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