

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2017

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

1 CO-OPTION

The Clerk reported that the casual vacancy on the Parish Council had been advertised and there had been no request for an election to fill the vacancy. The Parish Council was now able to fill the vacancy by co-option.

The Chair welcomed Mr A Taylor 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 Mr A Taylor of 2 The Crest, Seaton, Seaham, Co Durham SR7 0NA be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 POLICE

There was no Police present at the meeting.

4 THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on 18 October 2017 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved and signed by the Chair.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter of thanks from the Great North Air Ambulance.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

6 PLANNING

(i) Applications

DM/17/03332/FPA – Erection of single storey extension at side of dwelling and extended driveway to front at 7 Eppleton Hall Close, Seaham SR7 0LG for Mr and Mrs D Neil

DM/17/1376/FPA – Change of use from agricultural use to light industrial to store equipment for business at land to the south east of Southridge, Seaton SR7 0NE

The Clerk reported that there had been a revised access plan submitted in relation to this application.

Members were advised that the Parish Council had previously objected to the application following representations from local residents.

Members had previously objected on the grounds of access and reiterated their objection to any additional traffic accessing the site via Hillrise Crescent. This was a narrow residential road with cars parked along both sides and was unsuitable for HGV's and not intended for use by heavy industrial vehicles.

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

(ii) Approvals

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

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

7 **CLERKS REPORT**

(1) Seaton Community Association

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had previously given a commitment to Seaton Community Association to provide a grant of £1,000.00 per annum for the financial years 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18.

The purpose of the grant was to provide the association with financial stability and allow them to plan ahead.

RESOLVED that a contribution of £1,000.00 be paid to Seaton Community Association for the 2017/18 financial year under Section 133 of the Local Government Act 1972.

(2) Shaw Trust

The Clerk reported that Shaw Trust had provided a quotation of £50.00 to remove the tree stump opposite the Community Centre.

In addition they had been requested to replant the conifer that had been knocked over adjacent the Seaton Lane Inn.

RESOLVED that Shaw Trust be authorised to remove the stump at a cost of £50.00.

(3) Ornamental Tree

The Clerk reported that a site meeting was held with Mr P Whittle from Durham County Council to discuss the planting of an ornamental tree on the grassed area opposite the Community Centre.

Members were advised that the cost to supply and plant the tree was £279.00 plus VAT.

It was explained that the existing stump in the flower bed would need to be removed before the tree could be planted and this was to be undertaken by Shaw Trust.

RESOLVED that the quotation from Durham County Council to supply and plant a tree at a cost of £279.00 plus VAT be accepted.

(4) Public Footpath No 1

The Clerk reported that Durham County Council had agreed to cut back the vegetation along Public Footpath No 1, to the rear of Seaton Crescent, as part of their winter maintenance operations.

Durham County Councils Neighbourhood Wardens had been requested to contact the owner of the property in St John's Terrace with overgrown Leylandi in the back garden and ask them to prune them back.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(5) Revised Code of Conduct

The Clerk reported that following a recent consultation on the addition of "disrepute" to the existing NALC Code of Conduct the CDALC Executive Committee had recommended that the revised wording of the Code be adopted.

RESOLVED that the revised Code of Conduct be adopted.

(6) General Data Protection Regulations

The Clerk reported that she had attended a training session on the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) on 1 November 2017.

Members were advised that the GDPR would come into force on 25 May 2018. The new regulations were more extensive in scope and application than the Data Protection Act (DPA) and extended the data rights of individuals.

Organisations would be required to have clear policies and procedures to protect personal data and demonstrate compliance. The GDPR carried considerably tougher penalties than the DPA and organisations in breach of the regulation could expect substantial fines.

It was the responsibility of organisations to ensure they were GDPR compliant to avoid any challenge either from the ICO, members of the public or the courts.

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

(7) Village Christmas Tree

The Clerk reported that the feeder pillar for the village Christmas tree would be re-energised on 27 November 2017.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(8) Bus Stop

The Clerk reported that Durham County Council had cleaned the bus stops at Seaton Grove and Cairnside.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(9) Campaign to Protect Rural England - Renewal of Annual Subscription

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The Clerk reported that the annual subscription fee for the Campaign to Protect Rural England was £36.00.

RESOLVED that approval be granted to renew the subscription at a cost of £36.00.

8 PAYMENTS

RESOLVED that the payments listed be endorsed.

CHQ NO	PAYMENT TO	DETAIL	COST	VAT	TOTAL
100361	HMRC	PAYE - November 2017	109.00		109.00
100362	Payroll	Wages - November 2017	435.27		435.27
100363	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services - November 2017	8.00	1.60	9.60
100364	Shaw Trust	Grounds Maintenance	729.17	145.83	875.00
100365	Seaton Community Association	Section 133 Donation	1,000.00		1,000.00
100366	Salvation Army	Section 137 Donation	100.00		100.00
100367	Campaign to Protect Rural England	Annual Subscription	36.00		36.00
100368	J Thompson	Reimbursements	6.72		6.72
		TOTAL	2,424.16	147.43	2,571.59

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(1) Spring Bulbs

Councillor D Temple suggested that the Parish Council consider planting spring bulbs near the fence that ran along Manor Hall Close and the top of Seaton Crescent.

The Clerk advised that she would contact A Houghton, Durham County Council to discuss the proposal.

RESOLVED that the Clerk contact A Houghton in relation to the planting of spring bulbs.

10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Wednesday 20 December 2017 at 6.00pm.

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