

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 DECEMBER 2017

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

Also Present: County Councillor S Morrison

The Chair welcomed County Councillor Morrison to the meeting. Councillor Morrison thanked Members for the good wishes and flowers she received whilst poorly.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S McAuliffe.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 POLICE

The Chair welcomed PCSO A Guest and PCSO H Embleton who was the new PCSO for the Seaton area.

Members were advised that since the last meeting there had been 6 incidents which included 3 road traffic collisions and 1 theft.

PCSO Guest reported an increase in the number of house burglaries in the Seaham area and advised residents not to leave keys in doors.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

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

5 CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Letter of Thanks

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter of thanks from Seaton Community Association.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(2) Haswell & District Mencap Society

The Clerk reported the receipt of an invitation to the Mencap Carol Service to be held on 23 December 2017 at Durham Cathedral.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(3) Royal Garden Party 2018

The Clerk reported the receipt of correspondence from the County Durham Association of Local Councils advising they had been allocated 4 places to attend a Royal Garden Party on 5 June 2018.

RESOLVED that Councillor A Foots be nominated to attend the Royal Garden Party on behalf of Seaton with Slingley Parish Council.

6 PLANNING

(1) Applications

DM/17/03808/FPA -Two storey and single storey extension to rear, single storey extension to front and conversion of garage at 19 Pacific Hall Close, Seaham, SR7 0LJ for Mr and Mrs Cummings

DM/17/03821/FPA – Single storey extension to rear at 4 The Meadows, Seaton, Seaham, SR7 0QB for Mr and Mrs Pringle

DM/17/03725/FPA – Erection of dormer window and replacement porch to front and rendering at 18 Seaton Grove, Seaton, Seaham, SR7 0LU for Mr and Mrs Huntley Crow

DM/17/02872/FPA - Hybrid application comprising full application for 95 dwellings at Burnhall Drive, 45 dwellings at Malvern Crescent and improvement to public bridleway between Malvern Crescent and Station Road, and outline application (all matters reserved except access) for 290 dwellings at Station Road/Malvern Crescent.

County Councillor Morrison advised Members that as part of the above planning application there were proposals to implement additional traffic management at the Lodge, details of which were outlined.

It was explained that as this was a planning application Durham County Council would not consult the Parish Council as it was outside the Parish boundary.

Councillor Morrison reported that a public meeting was scheduled to be held on 10 January 2018 at 6pm at Seaham Town Council offices.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(2) Approvals

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

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

7 CLERKS REPORT

(1) Estimates of Expenditure 2018/2019

The Clerk provided details of the figures related to the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme (LCTRS) grant and tax base for the forthcoming financial year 2018/2019.

Members were advised that the LCTRS grant for 2018/2019 was £122.00 which

was a reduction of £60.00 from the previous year and the tax base had increased from 416.3 to 419.0.

The Clerk outlined the various options and provided a range of figures for Members consideration.

Members discussed the options and suggested that as the Parish Council was in a financially stable position the minimum increase be made to the budget. A 0.50% increase on the precept was £11,905.00 which together with the grant of £122.00 gave a figure of £12,027.00.

It was suggested that the Parish Council use £1,342.00 of reserves to provide an overall budget of £13,369.00

RESOLVED that Durham County Council be advised that the Parish Councils precept request for 2018/2019 was £11,905.00 in addition to a grant of £122.00.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Council use £1,342.00 from reserves to give an overall budget of £13,369.00

(2) Public Footpath No 1

The Clerk reported that Durham County Council's Public Rights of Way Officer had agreed to contact the owner of the property in St John's Terrace with overgrown Leylandi in the back garden and ask that they prune them back.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(3) Village Christmas Tree

The Clerk reported that the feeder pillar for the village Christmas tree would be de-energised on 2 January 2018.

Members reported that the electric wire in the feeder pillar was in need of repair. It was suggested that Mr Crocker, a local electrician be requested to undertake the repair.

The Chair thanked everyone who had assisted with the erection of the Christmas tree, including local residents Mr R Stevenson, Mr A Teasdale and Mr S McAuliffe.

Shaw Trust had confirmed that next year they would be able to supply and erect the Parish Council Christmas tree.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(4) Salt Bins

The Clerk reported that Durham County Council had refilled the salt bins in the village.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

8 PAYMENTS

RESOLVED that the payments listed be endorsed.

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CHQ NO	PAYMENT TO	DETAIL	COST	VAT	TOTAL
100369	HMRC	PAYE - December 2017	108.80		108.80
100370	Payroll	Wages - December 2017	435.47		435.47
100371	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services - December 2017	8.00	1.60	9.60
100372	Society of Local Council Clerks	Annual Subscription	115.00		115.00
100373	J Thompson	Reimbursements	34.74	4.17	38.91
		TOTAL	702.01	5.77	707.78

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(1) Street Light

Members reported that the street light at the top of Avoncroft Close was out and had been for some time. The matter had previously been reported to Durham County Council who had advised that the light did not belong to them.

RESOLVED that the Clerk investigate.

10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Wednesday 17 January 2018 at 6.45pm.

The Chair wished everyone a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

..... Signed

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