

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 JANUARY 2018

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

Also Present: County Councillor S Morrison
Residents - Mrs K Teasdale, Mrs J Greenwood
and Mr A Marshall

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S Williams.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 POLICE

The Chair welcomed PCSO H Embleton to the meeting.

PCSO Embleton reported problems related to cars accessing the field behind Avoncroft Close and causing a nuisance and churning up the field.

Residents made reference to the continued problem of motorbikes accessing the walkway via Haverley Drive and causing a nuisance to residents.

PCSO Embleton advised that the Police were aware of the situation but with limited resources it was difficult to Police or catch the culprits. Residents were encouraged to continue to report incidents and provide any information they could.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

4 THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on 20 December 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 Mr A Smith.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(2) Seaham Town Council – Valentines Night

The Clerk reported the receipt of an invitation to attend a Valentines night on 14 February 2018.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

6 PLANNING

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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.

The Chair welcomed Mrs K Teasdale and Mrs J Greenwood to the meeting.

Mrs Teasdale advised they were present at the meeting to discuss the traffic management proposals incorporated within the planning application and ask the Parish Council to support residents and object to the proposals.

Mrs Teasdale advised that only a limited number of properties had been directly contacted and there had been little or no consultation with residents in relation to the proposals. Residents felt properties directly affected by the proposals should have been consulted and asked to comment on the application.

The Chair advised that the Parish Council was not consulted on the planning application as it was outside the parish boundary. Members did however express their disappointment not to have been consulted bearing in mind the impact the proposals would have on residents from Seaton Parish.

Mrs Teasdale explained that residents felt strongly that whilst the proposals may alleviate the traffic situation in the short term it did nothing to address the longer term issues. Residents had therefore put forward a number of alternative solutions for traffic management at this location and requested the County Council to consider these in an attempt to find a solution that addressed the issues and was acceptable to all concerned.

Following discussion the Chair advised that the Parish Council would support residents and ask the County Council to reconsider the proposals and give further consideration to the alternative options proposed by residents.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council support residents and ask Durham County Council to reconsider the proposals and give consideration to the alternative options, proposed by residents to alleviate the traffic at this location.

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, 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.

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

(2) Fencing

The Clerk reported that complaints had been received in relation to vehicles parking on the grass at the B1404 junction with Hillrise Crescent, opposite the post box.

A site meeting was held with Durham County Council and it was suggested that the erection of birdsmouth fencing would prevent vehicles mounting the pavement and parking on the grass.

Durham County Council had provided a quotation of £661.32 plus VAT to supply and install 18 metres of birdsmouth fencing.

RESOLVED that the quotation from Durham County Council be accepted.

(3) Spring Bulbs

The Clerk reported that a site meeting was held with Durham County Council to discuss the planting of daffodil bulbs at Seaton Crescent and Haverley Drive.

The Clerk reported that Durham County Council had provided a quotation of £632.92 plus VAT to supply and plant 3,000 daffodil bulbs at Seaton Crescent and Haverley Drive.

Durham County Council had consulted East Durham Homes on the proposal and they had no objection.

RESOLVED that the quotation from Durham County Council be accepted.

(4) Street Light –Avoncroft Close

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

Members were advised that the light was located on a section of the highway that was not adopted by the County Council and was therefore not their responsibility. They had however agreed to repair the light and it was now working.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(5) Dog/Litter Bins – Walkway

The Clerk reported that Durham County Council had confirmed that all bins were now multi-use and could be used for dog waste and general waste.

Members were advised that the existing bins may be replaced with larger ones in the future but due to limited resources they would stay as they were for the foreseeable future.

Members suggested that if the County Council would allow it the Parish Council would pay for the existing bins to be replaced with larger ones.

It was also pointed out that an additional bin was required at the entrance to the walkway heading towards Ryhope.

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RESOLVED that the Clerk contact Durham County Council in relation to the bins on the walkway.

(6) Salt Bins

The Clerk reported that Durham County Council had been asked to refill the salt bins in the village.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(7) Fly-Tipped Rubbish

The Clerk reported that fly tipped rubbish, in the vicinity of Haverley House Farm, had been reported to Durham County Council.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(8) Village Christmas Tree

The Clerk reported that Npower de-energised the feeder pillar on 2 January 2018.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

8 PAYMENTS

RESOLVED that the payments listed be endorsed.

CHQ NO	PAYMENT TO	DETAIL	COST	VAT	TOTAL
100374	HMRC	PAYE - January 2018	108.80		108.80
100375	Payroll	Wages - January 2018	435.47		435.47
100376	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll services - January 2018	8.00	1.60	9.60
100377	Open Spaces Society	Annual subscription	45.00		45.00
100378	J Thompson	Reimbursements	14.00		14.00
100379	Durham County Council	Grass cutting and servicing of litter/ dog bins	901.92	180.38	1,082.30
		TOTAL	1,513.19	181.98	1,695.17

9 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Wednesday 21 February 2018 at 6.45pm.

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