

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

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2018**

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

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Temple.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3 POLICING**

The Clerk reported that PCSO H Embleton had submitted her apologies.

Members were advised that since the last meeting the following incidents had been reported;

1 residential burglary  
1 shed burglary  
1 theft of gates  
Off road bikes around Seaton Lane  
Abandoned vehicles stuck in the mud on a farm track  
Road related incidents on the A19

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

**4 THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on 17 January 2018, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved and signed by the Chair.**

**5 CORRESPONDENCE**

**(1) Royal Garden Party 2018**

The Clerk reported that the County Durham Association of Local Councils had advised that Gainford and Belmont Parish Councils had been allocated places to attend the Royal Garden Party on 5 June 2018.

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

**(2) Seaham Town Council**

The Clerk reported the receipt of an invitation from Seaham Town Council to attend an Exhibition of Members Research on 4 April 2018.

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

**6 PLANNING**

**(1) APPLICATIONS**

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DM/18/00067/FPA - Conversion to create 1 No dwelling involving the part demolition of a timber barn and erection of single storey rear extension (resubmission) at Stotfold Farm, Seaton, Seaham SR7 ONE for Mr and Mrs J Wheeler

DM/18/00093/FPA - Erection of two-storey extension to side of dwelling, single-storey extension to rear and porch to front elevation at 9 Stotfold Close, Seaham SR7 OLQ for Mr A H Thompson

DM/18/00353/AD - 8 No Externally Illuminated Fascia Signs at Seaton Lane Inn, Seaton Lane, Seaham SR7 OLP for Marshall Inns

### (2) APPROVALS

DM/17/03047/FPA – Timber field shelter for ponies. To be used for the benefit of the applicant, incidental to the residential dwelling (not for commercial use) at Slingley Hill Farm, Seaton, Seaham SR7 ONL for Mr S Davies

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 OLJ for Mr and Mrs Cummings

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

DM/17/03821/FPA – Single storey extension to 4 The Meadows, Seaton, Seaham SR7 OQB for Mr and Mrs P and J Pringle

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

## 7 CLERKS REPORT

### (1) Fencing

The Clerk reported that at the last meeting approval was granted to install 18ms of birdsmouth fencing at the B1404 junction with Hillrise Crescent at a cost of £661.32 plus VAT.

The Clerk advised that whilst the fencing was being installed a request was received, from residents, to extend the fence to prevent vehicles parking further up the grass.

Following consultation with the Chair approval was granted to install an additional 10.8ms of fencing at a cost of £404.02 plus VAT and stain the fence at a cost of £80.24 plus VAT.

RESOLVED that the action taken and the additional expenditure be endorsed.

### (2) Tree Stump/Ornamental Tree - Shaw Trust/Durham County Council

The Clerk reported that Shaw Trust had previously been instructed to remove the tree stump opposite the Community Centre at a cost of £50.00.

Members were advised that the tree stump had been mistakenly removed by Durham County Council when they should have removed the stump at the B1404 junction with Hillrise Crescent.

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Durham County Council had been advised that the stump at the junction with Hillrise Crescent was still to be removed. They have also been advised to plant the new tree as soon as possible.

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

### (3) Dog/Litter Bins – Walkway

Durham County Council had previously advised that all bins were multi-use and could be used for dog waste (when properly bagged) and general waste.

Members were advised that the County Council had placed stickers on most of the existing bins advising of their multi use. As requested a new bin had been installed on the walkway but it was on the wrong side of the road.

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

## 8 PAYMENTS

CHQ NO	PAYMENT TO	DETAIL	COST	VAT	TOTAL
100380	HMRC	PAYE - February 2018	108.80		108.80
100381	Payroll	Wages - February 2018	435.47		435.47
100382	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll services - February 2018	8.00	1.60	9.60
100383	Mulcahy Trading	Christmas Tree	195.00		195.00
100384	J Thompson	Reimbursements	9.78	0.50	10.28
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>757.05</b>	<b>2.10</b>	<b>759.15</b>

**RESOLVED** that the payments listed be endorsed.

## 9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### (1) Paths – Seaton Village

Members reported that numerous complaints had been received from residents in relation to the recent footpath works undertaken in the village.

The works had been on-going on and off for over 4 weeks and residents were not being kept up to date with progress.

The Clerk advised that Durham County Council were contacted regarding the works and they had advised that work had been delayed due to the cold and wet weather and would re-commence as soon as it was possible to do so.

Members reported that that works appeared to be complete but the standard and quality of the work undertaken was un-acceptable. The top dressing on the paths was rough and uneven and it was felt they were in a worse condition than before the work started.

**RESOLVED** that the matter be referred to Durham County Council.

### (2) Mud on Footpath

Councillor Blacklock reported the receipt of complaints in relation to the footpath

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below the bankside to the left of Branksome, on the corner of the junction at the B1404 and Hillrise Crescent.

The bankside was coming away and mud was sliding onto the public footpath making it difficult and dangerous for residents to walk on.

It was unclear who was responsible for the land but it was thought it may be Durham County Council.

**RESOLVED** that the matter be referred to Durham County Council.

**10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

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

..... Signed

..... Dated