

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2018

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

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S Haddick.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 POLICE

Members were advised that since the last meeting the Police had received 2 reports of off-road bikes at Hillrise Crescent and Haverley Drive and 1 report of locks cut at a property and horses released.

Members advised of the on-going problems related to off-road bikes which were regularly seen in and around the village.

RESOLVED that the problems related to off-road bikes be reported to the Police.

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

5 CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Seaham Town Council

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

**Christmas with Friends – 4 December 2018
Civic Carol Service – 12 December 2018**

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(2) Haswell and District Mencap Carol Service

The Clerk reported the receipt of an invitation to the Haswell and District Mencap Carol Service on 22 December 2018 at Durham Cathedral.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(3) Royal Garden Party 2019

The Clerk reported the receipt of correspondence from the County Durham Association of Local Councils which gave details of the Royal Garden Party 2019.

RESOLVED that Councillor A Foots be nominated to attend the Royal Garden Party.

6 PLANNING

(1) APPLICATIONS

DM/18/03411/FPA – Change of use from dwelling (use class C3) to accommodation ancillary to the Seaton Lane Inn, internal and external alterations and the erection of a linen store with associated parking at Woods Edge, Seaton Lane, Seaton, Seaham SR7 OLP for Marshall Inns Limited

Members discussed at length the proposed change of use and expressed concern in relation to the impact it would have on neighbouring properties.

The proposed change of use would result in an increase in noise levels. Residents already suffered noise disturbance from customers arriving and leaving the pub, particularly late at night. The increase in accommodation and parking spaces would create additional noise and disturbance for residents.

If approved the Parish Council would like to see a condition imposed that would require the applicant to erect some form of screening such as an acoustic fence that would help to diffuse and reduce any unwanted noise.

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

DM/17/02872/FPA – Hybrid application comprising full application for 95 dwellings at Burnhall Drive, 45 dwellings at Malvern Crescent & improvement to public bridleway between Malvern Crescent & Station Road, & outline application (all matters reserved except access) for 290 dwellings at Station Road/Malvern Crescent at land at Burnhall Drive, land south of Station Road and Land at & North of Malvern Crescent Seaham for Kier Living and the HCA.

The Clerk reported that Durham County Council had advised that the proposals to change the operation of the Seaton Lane/Byron Lodge junction through the introduction of carriageway alterations no longer formed part of this planning application and an alternative solution to manage traffic leaving the A19 was being developed instead. It was anticipated that the traffic lights at Seaton Lane would be refurbished in order to improve their efficiency, however no other physical works would take place to alter the existing highway layout as a result of the current application being approved.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

7 CLERKS REPORT

(1) Budget 2019/2020

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 2019/2020.

Members were advised that the LCTRS grant for 2019/2020 was £71.00 which was a reduction of £51.00 from the previous year and the tax base had increased from 491.0 to 420.8.

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 a 0.50% increase be applied to the precept and the Clerk prepare a budget based on this for consideration at the next meeting.

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RESOLVED that the Clerk prepare a budget based on a 0.5% increase to the precept.

(2) Improvement Scheme - Corner opposite Community Centre

The Clerk reported that work had started on the improvements to the corner opposite the Community Centre.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

(3) Christmas Tree

The Clerk reported that Shaw Trust had provided a quotation of £250.00 to supply and erect the village Christmas tree, the price included the placing of lights and removal of the tree.

Members were advised that the Chair had purchased 2 sets of Christmas lights at a cost of £129.97.

RESOLVED that the quotation from Shaw Trust be accepted.

(4) Christmas Carol Singing - Salvation Army

The Clerk reported that the annual Christmas carol singing would be held on 19 December 2018 at 7.00pm.

The Parish Council traditionally donated to the Salvation Army and it was suggested that a donation of £150.00 be made from the Section 137 Budget.

RESOLVED that a donation of £150.00 be made to the Salvation Army.

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

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.

(6) Salt Bins

The Clerk reported that all the salt bins had been re-filled by Durham County Council.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

8 PAYMENTS

CHQ NO	PAYMENT TO	DETAIL	COST	VAT	TOTAL
100428	Great North Air Ambulance	Section 137 Donation	75.00		75.00
100429	HMRC	PAYE - November 2018	114.00		114.00
100430	Payroll	Wages - November 2018	455.57		455.57
100431	Shaw Trust	Grounds Maintenance	945.83	189.17	1,135.00
100432	A Slater	Reimbursements - Chrstmas Lights	108.31	21.66	129.97
100433	S McAuliffe	Repairs to Feeder Pillar	150.00		150.00
100434	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services - November 2018	8.00	1.60	9.60

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100435	Campaign to Protect Rural England	Annual Subscription			36.00		36.00
100436	Salvation Army	Section 137 Donation			150.00		150.00
100437	J Thompson	Reimbursements			23.42	3.29	26.71
100438	DESTROYED						
				TOTAL	2,066.13	215.72	2,281.85

RESOLVED that the payments listed be endorsed.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(1) Seaton Lane - Speeding Traffic

Councillor Taylor referred to the continuing problem of speeding traffic on the B1404.

Members expressed concern that it was only a matter of time before there was a serious accident as vehicles continued to enter the village at speed.

RESOLVED that the matter be reported to the Police.

10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Wednesday 19 December 2018 at 6.00pm.

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