

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16 JANUARY 2019

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

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Blacklock and A Vila.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 POLICE

Members were advised that since the last meeting the following 2 incidents had been reported to the Police.

Vehicles blocking the path outside Seaton Lane Inn
Car swerving and driving dangerously on B1404

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

4 THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on 19 December 2018, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved and signed by the Chair.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

Seaham Town Council

The Clerk reported the receipt of a Christmas card from the Mayor of Seaham Town Council.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

6 PLANNING

There were no planning matters.

7 CLERKS REPORT

(1) Budget 2019/2020

The Clerk reported that Members had previously been provided with figures related to the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme (LCTRS) grant and tax base for the financial year 2019/2020.

Members had agreed a 0.50% increase to the precept and the Clerk had prepared a detailed budget based on this, a copy of which was circulated to each Member.

The Clerk took Members through the budget and advised that the Parish Council required £13,779.00 for the 2019/2020 financial year. It was suggested that the Parish Council use £1,743.00 of reserves to provide a precept of £11,965.00 which together with the grant of £71.00 gave a figure of £12,036.00.

RESOLVED that; -

- (i) the Parish Council set a budget of £13,779.00 for the 2019/2020 financial year
- (ii) approval be granted to use £1,743.00 of reserves to give a precept request of £12,036.00
- (iii) Durham County Council be advised that the Parish Councils precept request for 2019/2020 was £11,965.00 in addition to a grant of £71.00 giving a total of £12,036.00.

(2) Improvement Scheme - Corner opposite Community Centre

The Clerk reported that improvement works to the corner opposite the Community Centre were complete. An invoice in the amount of £4,969.16 inclusive of £828.19 VAT had been received.

The Chair advised that an event to dedicate the area to previous Members of the Parish Council would be held in the spring.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

(3) Operation Endurance

The Clerk reported that the Cleveland and Durham's Motorcycle Unit alongside the local Policing team were deployed on 6 January 2019 to target ongoing anti-social riding in Seaton Village, a known problem area.

The partnership working day formed part of Operation Endurance which aimed to crack down on off-road bikers who were causing a nuisance to the community. Members were advised that officers from the unit seized two bikes and arrested a male for possession of Class A drugs and driving without a licence or insurance. Another male was also reported for driving without a licence or insurance.

On a separate note, the Police had advised of a product called SelectaDNA which was a single use spray with a 'DNA' in it which could be used by Police to mark illegal riders and bikes. The Police had asked the Parish Council to consider funding the purchase of sprays for use by the local Policing team.

Members were advised that the spray would not physically prevent bikes/quads on the walkway. If purchased Durham Police would publicise the fact and current data suggested it could be a substantial deterrent. If used it could link 'unknown' offenders to specific crimes/locations/bikes and this would hopefully lead to arrests and seizure of bikes. Any sprays purchased by the Parish Council would remain with the local policing teams and carried and deployed by them.

The Clerk reported that each spray would cost the Parish Council £170.00 which included one forensic analysis should a person/clothing/bike be found to have SelectaDNA on them/it.

Following discussion it was suggested that the Parish Council could purchase two sprays this financial year and a further two in 2019/2020. It was also suggested that the Parish

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Council forward a letter to R Hogg, Police Commissioner thanking him and his officers for Operation Endurance.

Members reiterated the importance of residents reporting anti-social riding to ensure there was a log of incidents. Operation Endurance would not have happened if there was no proven record of a problem.

RESOLVED that; -

- (i) the Parish Council fund 4 sprays at a cost of £170.00 each, 2 in 2018/2019 and a further 2 in 2019/2020
- (ii) a letter be forwarded to R Hogg, Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner thanking him for Operation Endurance and advising of the Parish Councils intention to fund 4 sprays.

(4) Seat adjacent Seaton Lane Inn

The Clerk reported that following a request from the Chair Durham County Council were asked to provide a quotation to lay paving from the main footpath to the seat adjacent the Seaton Lane Inn, re-site the seat on paving and continue the paving to the Kissing Gate. They were also asked to remove the old seat at the same location.

Members were advised that the cost was £711.72 plus VAT.

RESOLVED that the quotation from Durham County Council in the sum of £711.72 be accepted.

(5) Village Christmas Tree Lights

The Clerk reported that npower had failed to keep an appointment to de-energise the feeder pillar and had credited the Parish Council's account with £30.00.

The Chair advised that the timer switch on the lights was broken and an electrician had been instructed to replace it.

RESOLVED that the information, given be noted.

8 PAYMENTS

CHQ NO	PAYMENT TO	DETAIL	COST	VAT	TOTAL
100446	HMRC	PAYE - January 2019	113.80		113.80
100447	Payroll	Wages - January 2019	455.77		455.77
100448	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services - January 2019	8.00	1.60	9.60
100449	Durham County Council	Groundworks	4,140.97	828.19	4,969.16
100450	J Thompson	Reimbursements	13.92		13.92
100451	J S Security & Electrical	Timer for Christmas Lights	75.00	15.00	90.00
		TOTAL	4,807.46	844.79	5,652.25

RESOLVED that the payments listed be endorsed.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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(1) Litter Bins

Following the last meeting Durham County Council advised they were waiting for a delivery of litter bins. Once received they would install a bin at the entrance to the walkway at Seaton heading towards Ryhope and the bus stop on the B1404 Seaton Lane.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(2) Donation – Daffodils, Seaton Crescent

Members referred to the donation of £200.00 from the Punshon family towards the planting of spring bulbs at Seaton Crescent in memory of Mrs J Punshon. It was suggested that a small ground sign be erected at Seaton Crescent to advise of the generous donation from the Punshon family.

RESOLVED that East Durham signs be asked to provide a quotation for an A4 ground sign.

(3) Carol Singing

The Chair thanked Councillor A Vila and her husband for their help on the night of the carol singing with the Salvation Army.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Wednesday 20 February 2019 at 6.45pm.

..... Signed

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