

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

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2019**

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

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Foots, S Haddick and D Temple.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3 POLICE**

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

Eppleton Hall Close – ladders stolen from back garden  
Haverley Drive – residential burglary  
Off-Road Bikes - 2  
Cairnside – garage broken into  
Pacific Hall Close – lead stolen from roof

Members were advised that a day of action under Operation Endurance would be held on 24 February 2019 to target off road bikes.

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

**4 THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on 16 January 2019, 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 an invitation to attend a charity evening on 17 April 2019.

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

**(2) Royal Garden Party 2019**

The Clerk reported that the County Durham Association of Local Councils had advised that Wheatley Hill Parish and Barnard Castle Town Councils had been allocated places to attend the Royal Garden Party in 2019.

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

**6 PLANNING**

There were no planning matters.

7 CLERKS REPORT

(1) Walkway – Quads/Motorbikes

The Clerk reported that following the last meeting the Police were advised that the Parish Council would fund the purchase of 4 sprays at a cost of £180.00 each, 2 in 2018/2019 and a further 2 in 2019/2020.

A letter was also forwarded to R Hogg, Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner thanking him for Operation Endurance.

The Clerk reported that a further day of action would be held on 24 February 2019.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(2) Seat adjacent Seaton Lane Inn

The Clerk reported that following the last meeting Durham County Council were instructed to pave from the footpath to the seat adjacent the Seaton Lane Inn, re-site the seat on paving and continue the paving to the Kissing Gate and remove the old seat at a cost of £711.72 plus VAT.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(3) Seaton Crescent

The Clerk reported that Durham County Council had provided the following quotations for work at Seaton Crescent: -

- Option 1 - Dropped kerbs, with hardened verge behind both radiuses - £6,000.
- Option 2 - Widened carriageway with associated drainage at both radiuses - £9,200.

Members were advised that these were advisory figures only. Should the Parish Council wish to proceed the County Council would prepare a detailed design and estimate which would require the payment of a design fee.

The Clerk reported that County Councillors S Morrison and G Bleasdale had been requested to consider part funding the works from their Members Initiative Fund (MIF). The request had been referred to the Area Action Partnership who managed the MIF.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(4) Village Christmas Lights

The Clerk reported that the timer switch for the Christmas lights was broken and an electrician had installed a replacement at a cost of £90.00.

RESOLVED that the information, given be noted.

(5) Spring Bulbs

The Clerk reported that East Durham Signs had been requested to provide an A4 size ground sign that was on a 3mm aluminium panel, white background and black writing at a cost of £10. The sign read "Spring bulbs planted in memory of Mrs J Punshon"

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

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**8 PAYMENTS**

| CHQ NO | PAYMENT TO                 | DETAIL                           | COST            | VAT           | TOTAL           |
|--------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 100452 | HMRC                       | PAYE - February 2019             | 114.00          |               | 114.00          |
| 100453 | Payroll                    | Wages - February 2019            | 455.57          |               | 455.57          |
| 100454 | JACS Accountancy Limited   | Payroll Services - February 2019 | 8.00            | 1.60          | 9.60            |
| 100455 | Durham County Council      | Hosting and Support of Website   | 589.93          | 117.99        | 707.92          |
| 100456 | J Thompson                 | Reimbursements                   | 6.96            |               | 6.96            |
| 100457 | Durham Police Crime & Comm | 2 SelectaDNA Sprays              | 360.00          |               | 360.00          |
|        |                            | <b>TOTAL</b>                     | <b>1,534.46</b> | <b>119.59</b> | <b>1,654.05</b> |

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

**9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**(1) Walkway**

Councillor Middlemiss reported a sign on the walkway had been pulled down.

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

**(2) Village Seats**

The Chair suggested that following the works to the seat adjacent the Seaton Lane Inn similar works could be undertaken to the seat at the entrance to Haverley Drive and bottom of the Burn bank.

**RESOLVED** that Durham County Council be requested to provide a quotation for the works to the two seats.

**(3) Litter Pick**

Councillor Taylor suggested that a village litter pick be organised.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact Durham County Council and enquire about a litter pick.

**10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

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

..... Signed

..... Dated