

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

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 JULY 2019**

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

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Taylor, D Temple, J Theobald and A Vila.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3 POLICE**

There was no Police report.

**4 The MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on 19 June 2019 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved and signed by the Chair.**

**5 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Royal British Legion - Poppy Appeal

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter of thanks from The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

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

**6 PLANNING**

Approval - DM/19/00226/RM – Proposed new dwelling on Plot 18 at site of former Seaton Garden Centre, Seaton Lane, Seaton SR7 OLT

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

**7 CLERKS REPORT**

**(1) Haverley Drive**

The Clerk reported that following the last meeting the Parish Council contacted R Hogg, Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner for Durham, County Councillors S Morrison and G Bleasdale and Durham County Council on behalf of Mr Thomson.

Members were advised that correspondence had been received from R Hogg and S Morrison, details of which were outlined to Members.

The Clerk reported that a site visit was held to discuss how to prevent quad and off-road bikes gaining access to the field to the rear of Haverley Drive as there was numerous access points. It was suggested that boulders be installed at all access points and a field gate to allow access for the grass to be cut.

The Clerk advised that Durham County Council had provided the following quotation;

Haverley Drive

Supply boulders - £1,185.00 plus VAT

Supply and install field gate and posts - £188.85 plus VAT

Hire of JCB - £210

Total £1583.85 plus VAT

Walton Avenue

Supply boulders - £790.00 plus VAT

Hire of JCB - £105.00

Total £895.00 plus VAT

The Clerk reported that funding may be available from County Councillors Bleasdale and Morrison's Neighbourhood Budget and this was being investigated through the Area Action Partnership.

Members discussed the costs and agreed to contribute to the cost of the work at Haverley Drive. If no funding was forthcoming from the County Councillors the Parish Council would fund all the works. This would be dependent on the works at Walton Avenue being funded and completed at the same time.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council agree, in principle, to contribute or fund the works at Haverley Drive.

**(2) Walkway – Operation Endurance**

The Clerk reported that a further day of action was held on 7 July 2019.

The Police advised they had covered a large area, but it was quiet on the day. They undertook 2 stop and search and cannabis seizures on the coastal path at Easington. There was some off-road bike activity at the pit heaps at South Hetton but with so many escape routes the bikes were not stopped.

Members were advised that the Police had used one of the SelectaDNA sprays, funded by the Parish Council, on an off-road bike with no registration plate at Shotton. Enquiries were on-going and the Parish Council would be kept up to date with progress.

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

**(3) County Durham Single Use Plastic Pledge**

The Clerk reported that at the last CDALC Larger and Smaller Councils Forums member councils agreed, in principal, to sign up and pledge to join the County Durham Single Use Plastics Pledge, details of which were outlined to Members.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council sign up and join the County Durham Single Use Plastics Pledge.

**(4) Bank Mandate**

The Clerk reported that the Parish Councils bank mandate had been revised to require all cheques to be signed by two authorised signatories. Details of the authorised signatories on the bank mandate were outlined to Members.

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

**(5) B1404 - Depression in the road**

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The Clerk reported that following the last meeting the depression in the B1404 opposite Hall Close was reported to Durham County Council. Following inspection of the road the County Council erected temporary two-way lights, as a precaution, to ensure all traffic ran on the unaffected side of the road.

The County Council proceeded to excavate a trial hole and a void was found in the carriageway running east, west and south of the excavation. To facilitate work on the sinkhole, safeguard site operatives and the travelling public an emergency road closure was implemented, and an official diversion route implemented.

Members were advised that additional excavation work was undertaken to ascertain the scope of the problem and determine what remedial work was required. There were no signs of damaged drains or culverts within the excavation. It appeared mainly dry, however one location was very soft clay which was unstable. It had also been confirmed that the Seaham Fault Line crossed the site area and the depression may be directly over the fault, however maps detailing these faults were not totally accurate.

During the works the footpaths had to be closed due to cars ignoring the road closure and attempting to drive down the footpaths.

Additional areas of sinkhole were identified, and drainage surveys were undertaken. The sinkhole was subsequently backfilled, the kerbline realigned and the road reinstated.

Members reported that everyone involved with the repair work had been extremely helpful, professional and willing to communicate and keep residents up to date.

**RESOLVED** that the thanks of the Parish Council be forwarded to Durham County Council and the contractor.

## 8 PAYMENTS

CHQ NO	PAYMENT TO	DETAIL	COST	VAT	TOTAL
100486	HMRC	PAYE - July 2019	116.60		116.60
100487	Payroll	Wages - July 2019	466.89		466.89
100488	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services - July 2019	8.80	1.76	10.56
100489	Durham County Council	Grass cutting and servicing of litter/ dog bins	1,185.66	237.13	1,422.79
100490	J Thompson	Reimbursements - Postage	14.64		14.64
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,675.99</b>	<b>238.89</b>	<b>1,914.88</b>

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

## 9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### (1) Councillor J Theobald

The Chair reported that Councillor Theobald had won the Storm Tempest Ltd Prize for Outstanding Contribution to the second year BSc (Hons) Building Surveying from Northumbria University.

**RESOLVED** that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to Councillor Theobald.

### (2) Public Footpath No 1 – Seaton Crescent

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Councillor Middlemiss reported that Public Footpath No 1, to the rear of Seaton Crescent was overgrown and needed to be cut back.

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

**(3) Walkway**

Councillor Haddick reported that the area around the first seat on the walkway, heading from Seaton to Murton was overgrown and needed to be cut back.

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

**10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that the next meeting be held on Wednesday 18 September 2019 at 6.45pm.

..... Signed

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