

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

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**Present: Councillor A Slater (Chair)  
Councillors A Blacklock, A Fooks, 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 Councillor A Vila.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3 POLICE**

The Police reported that since the end of July there had been 38 incidents reported for Seaton.

Members were advised that most of the reports related to the A19. A suspicious male had been reported at Blaykeston Close, but no offence was reported. There was a theft from a van in the village.

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

**4 The MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on 17 July 2019 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved and signed by the Chair.**

**5 CORRESPONDENCE**

**(1) Request for Financial Assistance - Great North Air Ambulance**

The Clerk reported the receipt of a request for financial assistance from the Great North Air Ambulance.

**RESOLVED** that a donation of £75 be made from the Section 137 Budget.

**(2) Seaham Town Council**

The Clerk reported the receipt of an invitation for the Chair to attend the Mayor "At Home" on 23 September 2019.

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

**(3) County Durham Association of Local Councils – Annual General Meeting**

The Clerk reported that the County Durham Association of Local Councils Annual General Meeting would be held on 12 October 2019 at County Hall, Durham.

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

**6 PLANNING**

(1) Applications

DM/19/02428/FPA - Retention of stables, storage area, equestrian arena, associated car park and installation of proposed lighting and toilet facilities at Southridge Equestrian, Stotfold Farm, Seaton SR7 ONE

Members discussed the above application at length and whilst the Parish Council did not object to the application the following concerns were expressed.

- Gymkhanas/large shows – The application stated that no Gymkhanas would be held on site. There was concern that once the application was approved the Livery would host Gymkhanas and/or large shows. This would result in an increase in traffic, noise and disturbance to neighbouring residential properties.
- Increased traffic – The Parish Council was concerned that large events, held on the arena area, would lead to an increase in traffic and result in disturbance to neighbouring properties. The road used by visitors going to the Livery was not suitable for heavy traffic.
- Lighting – The proposal to install 6 metre high lights at the arena would result in disturbance to neighbouring properties. The property was in an elevated location and the lights, at 6 metres tall would impact on the surrounding countryside.
- Noise – Events held on the arena area would lead to an increase in noise levels which could disturb neighbouring properties.
- Residential Disruption – There was the potential for residents living in close proximity to the Livery to be disturbed and inconvenienced by the day to day operations and the planned events to be held on the arena. The impact on neighbouring properties should be considered.

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

DM/19/02617/FPA - Porch with balcony above to front, single storey extension to rear, application of render to all elevations and removal of chimney at Corrib, Seaton Lane, Seaton SR7 OLP

DM/19/02912/RM – Dwelling on plot 24 at Site of Former Seaton Garden Centre, Seaton Lane, Seaton SR7 OLT

(2) Approvals

DM/19/01629/FPA – Single storey side extension to existing driving range at Sharpley Golf Driving Range, Sharpley Golf Club, Off B1404, Seaham SR7 ONP

DM/19/01339/RM – Proposed new dwelling on Plot 2 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 County Councillors S Morrison and G Bleasdale had agreed to fund the works at Haverley Drive and Walton Avenue from their Neighbourhood Budget.

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Members were advised that to restrict access for quad and off-road bikes to the field at the rear of Haverley Drive boulders would be installed at all access points and a field gate would be installed to allow access for grasscutting.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

### (2) Grounds Maintenance

The Clerk reported that Shaw Trust had advised that from September 2019 they would no longer provide grounds maintenance services to the Parish Council. Members were advised that Shaw Trust had been asked to supply and plant the winter bedding for this year, but to date they had not confirmed they would be able to do this.

Durham County Council had been asked to provide the grounds maintenance service but they were unable to help.

Moving forward the Parish Council would need to find an alternative provider from summer 2020. Shaw Trust had confirmed they would continue to supply and erect the village Christmas Tree.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted and further developments be awaited.

### (3) Walkway

The Clerk reported that following the last meeting Durham County Council were asked to inspect the information sign on the walkway heading north to Ryhope.

Members were advised that the Countryside Rangers would inspect the sign, but it was thought that due to its location the sign would come under the responsibility of Sunderland City Council.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

### (4) Seaton Crescent

The Clerk reported that Members had previously been advised that County Councillors Morrison and Bleasdale had agreed to fund dropped kerbs, with hardened verges at Seaton Crescent from their Neighbourhood Budget.

Members were advised that Durham County Councils Area Action Partnership (AAP) had advised that a second option to widen the carriageway had initially been discounted based on cost. However, following the receipt of detailed costs there was little difference between both schemes and the most expensive option to widen the carriageway was now being considered by the AAP.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

## 8 PAYMENTS

CHQ NO	PAYMENT TO	DETAIL	COST	VAT	TOTAL
100491	HMRC	PAYE - August 2019	116.80		116.80
100492	Payroll	Wages - August 2019	466.69		466.69
100493	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services - August 2019	8.80	1.76	10.56
Direct Debit	Information Commissioner	Data Protection Registration	35.00		35.00
100494	HMRC	PAYE - September 2019	116.60		116.60

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100495	Payroll		Wages - September 2019		466.89		466.89
100496	JACS Accountancy Limited		Payroll Services - September 2019		8.80	1.76	10.56
100497	J Thompson		Reimbursements		7.93		7.93
100498	Great North Air Ambulance		Section 137 Donation		75.00		75.00
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,302.51</b>	<b>3.52</b>	<b>1,306.03</b>

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

### 9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

#### (1) Handrail – Hall Close

Members reported that the handrail adjacent the steps leading to the rear of Hall Close was loose and in need of repair.

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

#### (2) Walkway

Members reported that the entrances to the walkway at Seaton were overgrown and needed to be cut back. The entrance heading north also had a “rut” which required attention.

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

#### (3) Blocked Gully

Members reported that the gully located near the top bus stop was overgrown with grass and weeds.

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

#### (4) Pacific Hall Close

Councillor J Theobald reported on works undertaken by Northern Powergrid and Northumbrian Water at Pacific Hall Close and the inconvenience and disruption experienced by residents.

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

#### (5) Grasscutting - Green Waste Bin

The Chair reported that residents had assisted with grass cutting at the corner opposite the Community Centre during the summer growing season.

Residents had used their own green waste bins for the cuttings, and it was suggested that a green waste bin be purchased and located at the Community Centre for use by residents who were assisting with grass cutting in the village.

The Community Centre already had 2 general waste bins located to the front of the building and it was suggested that if a further bin was to be located here a bin store would keep the area looking tidy.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk investigate the options to purchase a green waste bin and Durham County Council be asked to assist with a bin store.

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**10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that the next meeting be held on Wednesday 16 October 2019 at 6.45pm.

.....Signed

.....Dated