

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY 2020

Present: Councillor A Slater (Chair)
Councillors A Blacklock, 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 Foots and A Vila.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 POLICE

The Chair welcomed PCSO's C Smith and D Middlemiss to the meeting.

PCSO Smith provided Members with an update on incidents at Blaykeston Close and The Meadows reported by Members at the last meeting.

Members expressed concern at the frequent lack of a monthly report from the Police and appreciated they had limited resources and were unable to attend every meeting. However, it was important to keep Members up to date with what was happening in the village.

Members referred to the continuing problems associated with quad bikes and off-road vehicles in the village and the nuisance they were causing to residents. It was reported that up to 20 vehicles were seen in the village the previous weekend, and weekends were particularly bad when the weather was nice.

PCSO Smith reported that a day of action, held in partnership with the Northumbrian force had resulted in a number of bikes and 4 x 4's being seized. Further days of action were planned, details of which were outlined to Members.

Members put forward suggestions to help prevent quad bikes and off-road vehicles access to the village. PCSO Smith advised that the Police would take on board all suggestions to help alleviate the problem.

PCSO Smith reported that regular E-bike patrols had been undertaken by Officers in the area and over the past month they had clocked up 90 miles on the bikes.

It was reported that to date the local Policing team had not used the SelectaDNA sprays. The Police always carried the sprays but needed the opportunity to get close enough to use them.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

4 The MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on 18 December 2019 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved and signed by the Chair.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence

6 PLANNING

APPROVALS

DM/19/03400/RM – Dwelling on plot 19 at site of former Seaton Garden Centre, Seaton Lane, Seaton SR7 OLT

DM/19/03420/RM – Extension to side at 19 Haverley Drive, Seaham SR7 OJP

DM/19/03208/FPA – Single storey rear extension at 2 Pacific Hall Close, Seaham SR7 OLJ

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

7 CLERKS REPORT

(1) Sinkhole – B1404

The Clerk reported that Durham County Council had advised they were still working on a design and permanent “fix” to the sink hole and works were still at the design/estimating phase.

Members were advised that the anticipated 2 week road closure and signed diversion needed to undertake the works was still at the planning stage. It was explained that a road closure of this nature would have to go through due process and legal advertisements.

The County Council had advised that unless there was an acceleration of the carriageway failure requiring emergency remedial works, which was not envisaged, the permanent repairs were unlikely to commence early March.

The County Council acknowledged the inconvenience to residents and road users and appreciated everyone’s cooperation and patience regarding this issue.

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

(2) Bin Store – Community Centre

The Clerk reported that the bin store, to accommodate 3 bins, at the Community Centre was complete.

Councillor A Taylor agreed to order a green waste bin to be located at the Community Centre for use by residents who assisted with grass cutting in the village during the growing season.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(3) Walkway

The Clerk reported that following the last meeting Sergeant Boshier, Cleveland & Durham Motorcycle Unit was advised of the on-going problems associated with off-road bikes and quads in the village and on the walkway and the nuisance they were causing to residents.

Sergeant Boshier had advised that the Motorcycle Unit would support a day of action along the walkway and would liaise with the local Policing team to arrange.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

(4) Handrail – Hall Close

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At the last meeting the Clerk reported that Durham County Council had apologised and advised that the job to repair the handrail at Hall Close had been misplaced and the works would be carried out as soon as possible. Members reported that to date the handrail had not been repaired.

RESOLVED that Durham County Council be asked to undertake the work to the handrail as a matter of urgency.

8 PAYMENTS

CHQ NO	PAYMENT TO	DETAIL	COST	VAT	TOTAL
100521	HMRC	PAYE - January 2020	116.60		116.60
100522	Payroll	Wages - January 2020	466.89		466.89
100523	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services - January 2020	8.80	1.76	10.56
100524	J Thompson	Reimbursements	12.32	1.00	13.32
		TOTAL	604.61	2.76	607.37

RESOLVED that the payments listed be endorsed.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(1) Telegraph Pole - Hall Close

Members reported that a telegraph pole at the entrance to Hall Close appeared to be leaning over and there was concern this could be connected to the sinkhole.

RESOLVED that the matter be reported to Durham County Council.

(2) Bus shelters

Members reported that the bus shelters in the village required cleaning.

RESOLVED that the matter be reported to Durham County Council.

(3) Speeding Traffic – Hillrise Crescent

Members reported that there had been a noticeable increase in the speed and volume of traffic using Hillrise Crescent.

Members discussed the height of the speed bumps on Hillrise Crescent and felt they were too low to effectively slow down the traffic. However, it was pointed out that the speed bumps were lowered several years ago so it was unlikely they would be raised again.

It was suggested that traffic calming signs could be installed to encourage safer, more reliable driving which would improve safety for pedestrians as well as motorists. A refresh or additional road markings would also help deter the speeding traffic.

RESOLVED that;

- (i) the Police be advised of the increase in the speed and volume of the traffic using Hillrise Crescent
- (ii) County Councillors Bleasdale and Morrison be advised of the situation and asked to assist with a solution to the problem.

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(4) Racecourse Fencing

Members discussed the racecourse fencing recently installed in the vicinity of the Community Centre and suggested that similar birdsmouth fencing be provided on the opposite side of the road.

It was suggested that the Chair and Clerk meet with Durham County Council to discuss the proposal and associated costs.

RESOLVED that a site meeting be sought with Durham County Council.

10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Wednesday 19 February 2020 at 6.45pm.

.....Signed

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