

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2020

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

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Haddick and S McAuliffe.

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 15 January 2020 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 the following invitations from Seaham Town Council.

- Pie, peas plus live entertainment – 6 March 2020
- Mayor's Pride of Seaham charity evening – 24 April 2020

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(2) Royal Garden Party 2020

The Clerk reported that the County Durham Association of Local Councils had advised that Seaton with Slingley Parish Council along with Great Aycliffe Town Council had been successful and been allocated places to attend the Royal Garden Party on 12 May 2020.

The Parish Council had nominated Councillor A Foots to attend but Councillor H Middlemiss would now be attending in his place. Councillor Middlemiss would be accompanied by his wife.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(3) Scams Awareness Event

The Clerk reported that a scams awareness event would be held on 5 March 2020 at County Hall, Durham.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

6 PLANNING

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(1) Applications

DM/20/00284/RM – Proposed new dwelling on Plot 17 former Seaton Garden Centre, Seaton Lane, Seaton SR7 OLT

DM/20/00118/RM – Erection of single dwelling on plot 7 former Seaton Garden Centre, Seaton Lane, Seaton SR7 OLT

DM/20/00321/RM – Erection of detached dwelling on plot 25 former Seaton Garden Centre, Seaton Lane, Seaton SR7 OLT

(2) Approvals

DM/19/03831/RM – Proposed new dwelling on Plot 11 former Seaton Garden Centre, Seaton Lane, Seaton SR7 OLT

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

7 CLERKS REPORT

(1) Sinkhole – B1404 Seaton Lane - Temporary Road Closure

The Clerk reported that Durham County Council had advised that an Order was being made under the provisions of Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The effect of the Order would be to close a 295 metre length of the B1404 between its junctions with the A19 northbound slip road and Hillrise Crescent, Seaton from 2 March 2020.

The closure was necessary to enable road reconstruction works to be undertaken which would take approximately 3 weeks to complete.

Throughout the period of the closure an alternative route would be available from the eastern side of the closure from the B1404, north westerly on the A19 to the A690 Doxford Roundabout then south westerly on the A690 to Houghton le Spring and the junction with the B1404 leading to the western side of the closure, and vice versa.

The Chair suggested that the next meeting of the Parish Council, scheduled to be held on 18 March 2020 be cancelled due to difficulties accessing the Community Centre.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted and the next meeting of the Parish Council scheduled to be held on 18 March 2020 be cancelled.

(2) Off-Road Biles and Quads

The Clerk reported that at a meeting of the Parish Council held in December 2019 Members referred to the continuing problems associated with off-road bikes and quads in the village.

G Morris MP was advised of the situation and the Clerk provided details of his response, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

Councillor Blacklock reported details of an incident that involved an off-road bike churning up the grass at a residential property at The Meadows. The incident had been reported to the Police.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(3) Handrail – Hall Close

The Clerk reported that Durham County Council had advised that the new handrail was at

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the galvanisers and would be fitted as soon as possible.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(4) Telegraph Pole – Hall Close

The Clerk reported that at the last meeting Members expressed concern that the telegraph pole, at the entrance to Hall Close, appeared to be leaning over and there was concern this could be connected to the sinkhole.

The Clerk reported that Durham County Council had inspected the pole and could see no signs of movement at the base. The County Council had been monitoring the pole since 2018 and would continue to monitor as part of the monthly carriageway inspection.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(5) Bus Shelters

The Chair advised that the bus shelters in the village were still in need of cleaning.

RESOLVED that the matter be reported to Durham County Council.

(6) Bin Store – Community Centre

Councillor A Taylor reported that he had ordered and paid for a green waste bin for the village. The bin was located at the Community Centre and could be used by residents who assisted with grass cutting in the village during the growing season.

Members were advised that the cost to supply the bin and 17 collections for 1 year was £55 which had been paid for by Councillor Taylor.

RESOLVED that Councillor A Taylor be reimbursed £55 for the green waste bin.

(7) Speeding Traffic – Hillrise Crescent

The Clerk reported that at the last meeting Members had expressed concern at the noticeable increase in the speed and volume of traffic using Hillrise Crescent.

It was suggested that additional road signage could be installed to encourage safer, more reliable driving which would improve safety for pedestrians as well as motorists.

A refresh of the existing or additional road markings would also help to raise awareness of the speed limit on this section of road and act as a deterrent to speeding traffic.

It was suggested that County Councillors S Morrison and G Bleasdale be requested to raise the issue with Durham County Council on behalf of the Parish Council.

RESOLVED that County Councillors S Morrison and G Bleasdale be requested to raise the issue with Durham County Council on behalf of the Parish Council.

8 PAYMENTS

CHQ NO	PAYMENT TO	DETAIL	COST	VAT	TOTAL
100525	HMRC	PAYE - February 2020	116.80		116.80
100526	DESTROYED				
100527	Payroll	Wages - February 2020	466.69		466.69

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100528	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services - February 2020		8.80	1.76	10.56
100529	npower	Electric - Feeder Pillar		37.95	5.58	43.53
100530	Councillor A Taylor	Reimbursements		55.00		55.00
100531	J Thompson	Reimbursements		36.56	4.39	40.95
		TOTAL		721.80	11.73	733.53

RESOLVED that the payments listed be endorsed.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(1) Public Footpath - The Meadows

Members referred to the steps on the Public Right of Way leading from the walkway to The Meadows. It was explained that there had previously been a handrail down either side of the steps as well as a stile at the bottom.

It was suggested that Durham County Council be asked to replace the handrail and stile.

RESOLVED that Durham County Council be asked to replace the missing handrails and stile.

(2) Dog Fouling

Members reported a noticeable increase in the amount of dog fouling throughout the village which included the grassed area to the rear of Haverley Drive, the village green and the walkway.

RESOLVED that the general increase in dog fouling throughout the village be reported to Durham County Council.

(3) Litter

Members reported litter on the B1404, particularly on the approach to the village and the wooded area adjacent the A19 slip road heading north.

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 15 April 2020 at 6.45pm.

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