

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SEATON WITH SLINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2020**

Present: Councillor A Slater (Chair)
Councillors S McAuliffe, H Middlemiss,
A Taylor, D Temple, J Theobald, A Vila

Also Present: Mrs G Fuller - Resident

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Blacklock, A Foots, S Haddick and S Williams.

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 July 2020 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved and signed by the Chair.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter of thanks from Seaton Community Centre.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

6 PLANNING

(1) Applications

DM/20/02333/RM - Erection of 4 bed dwelling on Plot 20 site of former Garden Centre, Seaton Lane, Seaton

DM/20/01894/RM - Proposed new dwelling on Plot 21 site of former Garden Centre, Seaton Lane, Seaton

DM/20/01821/RM - Proposed new dwelling on Plot 22 site of former Garden Centre, Seaton Lane, Seaton

DM/20/02478/FPA - Single storey extension linking detached garage to dwelling at 15 The Meadows, Seaton Seaham

(2) Approvals

DM/20/00118/RM - Erection of single dwelling on Plot 7 site of former Garden Centre, Seaton Lane, Seaton

DM/20/01621/RM - Proposed new dwelling on Plot 10 Site of former Garden Centre,

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DM/20/00391/RM - Proposed new dwelling on Plot 14 site of former Garden Centre, Seaton Lane, Seaton

DM/20/00284/RM - Proposed new dwelling on Plot 17 site of former Garden Centre, Seaton Lane, Seaton

DM/20/01616/RM - Proposed new dwelling on Plot 19 Site of Former Garden Centre, Seaton Lane, Seaton

DM/20/00321/RM - Proposed new dwelling on Plot 25 site of former Garden Centre, Seaton Lane, Seaton

DM/20/01251/FPA – Single storey side extension to existing driving range (re-submission) DM/19/01629/FPA at Sharpley Golf Course, Seaton, Seaham

DM/20/01172/FPA - Rear extension to connect house and garage, to replace shed with summer house in rear garden and bin store to front at The Old Forge, Seaton Lane, Seaton, Seaham

DM/20/00681/FPA – Single storey side and rear extension at 22 Sharpley Drive, Seaham

DM/20/01015/FPA - Erection of hipped roof to dwelling, first floor side extension, replace garage and external alterations at Seaton Town Farmhouse, The Village, Seaton, Seaham

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

7 CLERKS REPORT

(1) Flower Beds

At the last meeting the Clerk reported the costs related to the supply, planting, maintenance and watering of the summer bedding. Due to escalating costs it was suggested that the beds be landscaped with low maintenance shrubs and bushes. This would reduce the on-going cost of providing summer and winter bedding, particularly the costs related to maintenance and watering.

Following the last meeting Durham County Council were requested to provide a design and quotation for the landscaping of the beds.

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

(2) Feeder Pillar Adjacent Seaton Lane Inn

The Clerk reported that at the last meeting it was suggested that a new feeder pillar be installed to supply electric to the Christmas tree adjacent the Seaton Lane Inn.

Durham County Council had advised that the land was the responsibility of Highways England and it was unlikely that permission would be granted for a feeder Pillar at this location and would entail a lengthy legal process.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(3) Christmas Tree/Carol Singing

The Clerk reported that due to the Covid-19 restrictions it was unlikely that the annual carol singing with the Salvation Army would be allowed.

It was suggested that the Parish Council provide a Christmas tree with lights on the village green. It was also suggested that battery operated lights be purchased for the tree adjacent the Seaton Lane Inn.

The Clerk suggested that Shaw Trust and Seaham Town Council be contacted regarding the supply of a Christmas Tree.

The Chair suggested that if the carol singing was cancelled a donation of £150 be made to the Salvation Army from the Section 137 Budget.

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

(4) Walkway

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had been approached by the Police regarding the on-going problem of off-road bikes and quads accessing and using the walkway at Seaton and generally causing a nuisance.

The Police had suggested that a length of pea gravel be installed at the entrances to the walkway at Seaton, the gravel would help prevent access to bikes and quads.

Members were advised that as the walkway was maintained by Durham County Council the suggestion had been referred to them for consideration. Their initial thoughts were that the gravel would end up being thrown across the walkway and could be a problem for horses, mobile scooters and wheelchairs.

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

(5) Litter Bin

The Clerk reported that Durham County Council had agreed to erect a pole mounted bin at the bus stop on the B1404.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(6) Japanese Knotweed

At the last meeting the Clerk reported that Durham County Council had advised that the knotweed was located between the walkway and the road and was not their responsibility.

The Clerk advised that further enquiries were being made to determine who the land belonged to.

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

(7) Future Projects

The Clerk reported that at the last meeting the Parish Council were advised of County Councillor S Morrison's offer of funding for village projects.

The following projects were suggested for the walkway at Seaton.

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- Educational/Information signs – Signs could be erected providing information about the trees, plants, wildlife, history or anything of interest along the walkway.
- Scale models of the planets in the solar system – The suggestion for this was inspired by a walk on the old East coast mainline railway which incorporated something similar.

It was felt that both proposals would be of interest to those who used the walkway and could also be used for educational purposes by local schools.

As the walkway was not the responsibility of the Parish Council the suggestions would need to be referred to Durham County Council for consideration.

RESOLVED that the Clerk refer the suggestions to Durham County Council.

8 PAYMENTS

The following schedule of payments was circulated.

CHQ NO	PAYMENT TO	DETAIL	COST	VAT	TOTAL
100561	Seaham Town Council	Watering - Summer Bedding	166.68	33.32	200.00
100562	A Slater	Reimbursement - Weedkiller	£10.00	£2.00	£12.00
100563	HMRC	PAYE - August 2020	116.80		116.80
100564	Payroll	Wages - August 2020	466.69		466.69
100565	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services - August 2020	8.80	1.76	10.56
100566	HMRC	PAYE - September 2020	136.00		136.00
100567	Payroll	Wages - September 2020	544.16		544.16
100568	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services - September 2020	8.80	1.76	10.56
100569	J Thompson	Reimbursement - Postage	15.60		15.60
100570	Seaham Town Council	Watering - Summer Bedding	166.68	33.32	200.00
100571	Mr P Reay	Removal of Summer Bedding	50.00		50.00
		Total	1690.21	72.16	1762.37

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted and the payments be approved.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(1) Speeding Traffic – B1404 Seaton Lane

It was reported that cars were speeding on the B1404 Seaton Lane.

RESOLVED that the matter be reported to the Police.

(2) Former Garden Centre Site – Housing Development

It was reported that work had recently taken place at the former Garden Centre site on a Sunday morning at 7am which was a breach of the planning approval conditions.

It was explained that no construction or demolition activities, including the use of plant,

equipment and deliveries which were likely to cause a disturbance to local residents could take place before 8am Monday to Saturday and no work should be undertaken on a Sunday.

RESOLVED that the matter be reported to Durham County Council.

(3) County Durham Plan

Reference was made to the submission of representations by G F White, on behalf of the landowner of two greenfield sites located in Seaton, making a case for the land to be allocated for housing in the County Durham Plan (CDP).

The Clerk reported that the County Durham Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government in June 2019. The Secretary of State then appointed an Inspector to undertake an independent examination of the CDP.

Members were advised that both sites had previously been promoted through the County Durham Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) and were referenced as sites 5/SE/26 – Land North of Seaton Lane and 5/SE/29 - Land at Seaton West Farm. Both sites were initially discounted and not included in the CDP.

Durham County Council had advised that neither site was earmarked for housing in the CDP. In assessing any proposals to develop housing on these sites, the SHLAA assessments would be relevant to any future deliberations. Both sites were therefore considered unsuitable for housing and the reasons for this were outlined to Members.

It was reiterated that there was currently no live planning application for either site, and in the event that one was submitted, the Parish Council would be consulted by the County Council and given the opportunity to comment.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Wednesday 21 October 2020.

.....Signed

.....Dated