

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

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2020**

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

Prior to the start of the meeting the Chair sought Members views on holding the November Parish Council meeting physically or via ZOOM. Whilst the Members present were comfortable meeting physically it was suggested that the next meeting could be held as a hybrid meeting whereby Members could choose to attend either in person or join via ZOOM.

As the situation was uncertain and restrictions could change quickly it was agreed that the November meeting of the Parish Council be held as a hybrid meeting and Members could choose to attend either in person or join via ZOOM.

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Foots, S Haddick and D Temple.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor A Slater declared an interest in item 5(2) and Councillor A Vila declared an interest in item 6 (1).

**3 POLICE**

Members were advised that since the last meeting 2 incidents had been reported. The Police Newsletter for October was received and had been posted on the Parish Councils website.

Councillor Blacklock reported details of an incident involving off-road bikes accessing The Meadows from the walkway and churning up the grass at a residential property. The Clerk advised that the problems related to off-road bikes at The Meadows had previously been reported to Durham County Councils Public Rights of Way section for investigation.

**RESOLVED** that the incident at the Meadows be reported to Durham County Council and the Police.

**4 The MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on 9 September 2020 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 £100 be made from the Section 137 Budget.

(2) Request for Financial Assistance - Durham Cathedral

The Clerk reported the receipt of a request for financial assistance towards the welfare and upkeep of Durham Cathedral.

RESOLVED that a donation of £100 be made from the Section 137 Budget.

6 PLANNING

(1) Applications

DM/20/02820/FPA – Single storey side extension at 16 Seaton Crescent, Seaham

DM/20/02521 – Proposed new dwelling on Plot 9 site of former Garden Centre, Seaton Lane, Seaton

DM/20/02535 – Proposed new dwelling on Plot 13 site of former Garden Centre, Seaton Lane, Seaton

DM/20/02538 – Proposed new dwelling on Plot 17 site of former Garden Centre, Seaton Lane, Seaton

DM/20/02694/RM – Reserved matters for the approval of appearance and scale for the erection of dwelling on Plot 1 pursuant to DM/16/03710/OUT at Plot 1 site of former Garden Centre, Seaton Lane, Seaton

DM/20/02960/FPA – Resubmission of application DM/20/01172/FPA - for a rear extension to connect house and garage, to replace shed in rear garden with annex and bin store to front. Extension to house, new outbuilding in back garden and new bin store at front at The Old Forge, Seaton Lane, Seaton

(ii) Approvals

DM/20/02333/RM – Erection of 4 bed dwelling on Plot 20 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/20/01876/RM - Proposed new dwelling on Plot 15 site of former Garden Centre, Seaton Lane, Seaton

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

7 CLERKS REPORT

(1) Flower Beds

The Clerk reported that Durham County Council had provided a quotation of £1,945.54 to supply and plant up the flower beds with low maintenance shrubs and supply and install edging and chippings/slate to the five beds on Seaton Lane.

Members were advised that County Councillors Morrison and Bleasdale had agreed to fund the work from their Members Initiative Fund. The work would be undertaken by Durham County Council in November 2020.

**RESOLVED** that the information given, be noted and a letter of thanks be forwarded to Councillors Morrison and Bleasdale.

**(2) Christmas Tree**

The Clerk reported that following the last meeting Shaw Trust and Seaham Town Council were asked to provide a quotation to supply the village Christmas tree.

Members were advised that Seaham Town Council had provided a quotation of £320 plus VAT for a 20FT Christmas tree.

**RESOLVED** that the quotation from Seaham Town Council be accepted.

**(3) Christmas Lights**

The Clerk reported that the Chair had purchased 800 battery-operated lights for the Christmas tree adjacent the Seaton Lane Inn at a cost of £44.97.

**RESOLVED** that the Chair be reimbursed £44.97 for the Christmas lights.

**(4) Litter Bin**

The Clerk reported that Durham County Council had installed a new litter bin at the bus stop on the B1404.

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

**(5) Japanese Knotweed**

The Clerk reported that Durham County Council had advised that the Japanese Knotweed previously reported was on land that belonged to the County Council and arrangements had been made to have it poisoned.

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

**(6) Future Projects**

The Clerk reported that following the last meeting Durham County Council were contacted regarding the following projects for the walkway at Seaton.

- 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.

Durham County Council's Countryside Section had suggested that a site meeting be held to discuss the proposals and it was suggested that Councillors A Vila and S Williams be authorised to attend the site meeting.

**RESOLVED** that Councillors A Vila and S Williams be authorised to attend the site meeting with Durham County Council and further developments be awaited.

**(7) Former Garden Centre Site – Housing Development**

The Clerk reported that following the last meeting Durham County Council were advised of an alleged breach of conditions at the former Garden Centre site and were investigating.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

**(8) Speeding Traffic – B1404 Seaton Lane**

The Clerk reported that following the last meeting the Police were advised of the speeding traffic on the B1404 and had agreed to carry out speed patrols.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

**8 PAYMENTS**

The following schedule of payments was circulated.

CHQ NO	PAYMENT TO	DETAIL	COST	VAT	TOTAL
100572	Mr P Reay	Maintenance of Summer Bedding	35.00		35.00
100573	HMRC	PAYE - October 2020	120.00		120.00
100574	Payroll	Wages - October 2020	479.56		479.56
100575	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services - October 2020	8.80	1.76	10.56
100576	A Slater	Reimbursement - Christmas Lights	37.48	7.49	44.97
100577	Great North Air Ambulance	Section 137 Donation	100.00		100.00
100578	Durham Cathedral	Section 137 Donation	100.00		100.00
100579	J Thompson	Reimbursement	49.34	6.75	56.09
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>930.18</b>	<b>16.00</b>	<b>946.18</b>

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

**9 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Wednesday 18 November 2020 at 6.45pm.

.....Signed

.....Dated