

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SEATON WITH SLINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 DECEMBER 2021**

**Present:** Councillor A Slater (Chair)  
Councillors A Blacklock, S Faulkner, G Fuller,  
D Temple, A Vila, S Williams

**Also Present:** County Councillor K Batey

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S McAuliffe, H Middlemiss, A Taylor, J Theobald.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3 PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There was no public present at the meeting.

**4 POLICE**

There was no Police report.

**5** The minutes of the last meeting held on 17 November 2021 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved and signed by the Chair.

**6 CORRESPONDENCE**

**(1) Seaham Town Council – Mayors Charity**

The Clerk reported the receipt of an invitation to a Back to the 80's Disco Night on 5 February 2022.

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

**7 PLANNING**

There were no planning issues.

**8 CLERKS REPORT**

**(1) Village Christmas Tree**

The Clerk reported problems related to the re-energising of the feeder pillar for the Christmas lights.

Members were advised that there was a charge of £91.60 to re-energise and a further charge of £91.60 to de-energise. Due to the problems associated with the re-energising of the feeder pillar e-on had credited the Parish Council's account with £20, giving a total credit of £48.80 on the account. The Clerk had previously discussed the option of leaving the feeder pillar energised but e-on had advised that this would be a more expensive option.

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

**(2) Tree Planting**

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The Clerk reported that at the last meeting Members agreed to plant nine trees on the grassed area, on the B1404, between Seaton Crescent and Seaton Supply Stores.

Durham County Council had confirmed that the price to purchase and plant the trees was £2,432 plus VAT.

County Councillors Batey and McKenna had kindly contributed £999 towards the cost of the trees from their Neighbourhood Budget.

**RESOLVED** that the information given, be noted and a letter of thanks be sent to Councillors Batey and McKenna.

### (3) Ms Joyce Pescod - Rose Bed

The Clerk reported that at the last meeting Members agreed to install a raised rose bed on the land adjacent the Seaton Lane Inn planted with roses called Joyce in memory of Ms Joyce Pescod.

Durham County Council had confirmed the price for the rose bed was £1,310.50 plus VAT.

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

### (4) Queens Green Canopy

The Clerk reported that an application had been made to The Queens Green Canopy which was a UK wide tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, inviting people to plant a tree for the Jubilee.

If the application for an urban tree pack was successful, the trees would be delivered March/April 2022. The urban tree pack was designed for residential areas with limited communal space and would be a mix of three native species chosen to thrive in urban environments.

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

### (5) Damaged Fencing and Feeder Pillar

The Clerk reported that Mr S McAuliffe had repaired the post and rail fence at the top of the village green and the Feeder Pillar. An invoice for £350 had been received.

**RESOLVED** that the information given, be noted and the invoice be paid.

### (6) Open Spaces Society – Annual Subscription

The Clerk reported that the annual subscription fee for the Open Spaces Society was due for renewal at a cost of £45.

**RESOLVED** that the annual subscription be renewed at a cost of £45.

## 9 PAYMENTS

**RESOLVED** that the following schedule of payments be approved.

CHQ NO	PAYMENT TO	DETAIL	COST	VAT	TOTAL
100664	HMRC	PAYE - December 2021	139.80		139.80
100665	Payroll	Wages - December 2021	559.69		559.69
100666	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services - December 2021	8.80	1.76	10.56

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100667	A Slater		Reimbursements		24.15	4.84	28.99
100668	S McAuliffe		Fence and Feeder Pillar Repairs		350.00		350.00
100669	Society of Local Council Clerks		Annual Subscription		134.00		134.00
100670	Open Spaces Society		Annual Subscription		45.00		45.00
100671	J Thompson		Reimbursements		15.84		15.84
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,277.28</b>	<b>6.60</b>	<b>1,283.88</b>

**10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**(1) Walkway**

Members had received several reports of off-road bikes and quads on the walkway. This was an on-going problem, and the off-road bikes and quads were causing considerable damage to the surface of the walkway. They were also cutting through into The Meadows and causing damage on the estate.

The matter had previously been referred to Durham County Council with a request that a barrier be installed to prevent the off-road bikes and quads accessing The Meadows.

**RESOLVED** that Durham County Council be asked for an update on the request for a barrier at this location.

**11 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that the next meeting be held 19 January 2022 at 6.45pm.

.....Signed

.....Dated