

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SEATON WITH SLINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 JULY 2022**

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

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Fuller, S McAuliffe, A Vila and County Councillors K Batey and D McKenna.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There was no public present at the meeting.

4 POLICE

The Clerk reported that there was no Police report and there had been no response to the issues reported to the Police from the last meeting.

Councillor Faulkner advised that she attended a PACT meeting on 25 June 2022 and reported the concerns raised at the June meeting of the Parish Council. The Police had advised that they would be undertaking a speed watch, and anyone caught speeding would be issued with a warning letter. They were also asking residents for any dashcam footage they had related to dangerous driving or any type of incident. This could be handed direct to the Police or emailed to them.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

5 The Minutes of the last meeting held on 15 June 2022 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved and signed by the Chair.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Request for Financial Assistance

The Clerk reported the receipt of a request for financial assistance from Durham Hospitals Radio, details of which were outlined to Members.

RESOLVED that no donation be made.

(2) National Cycle Network Route 1

The Clerk reported that Sustrans had started improvement works on national cycle network route 1 on 11 July 2022. The work between Seaton and St Nazaire Way (A1018) would take approx. 8 weeks to complete.

It had not been possible to sign a suitable diversion for this section of the route but public rights of way crossing the route would remain open. Once completed, a closure would be put in place while work took place between St Nazaire Way and Sea View, Ryhope, which would take a further 4 weeks. The works would improve accessibility on the route through resurfacing and widening the path, removing/reconfiguring barriers and improving signage.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(3) Seaham Town Council

The Clerk reported the receipt of correspondence from Seaham Town Council advising of the following events.

14 October 2022 – ABBA night
7 December 2022 – Civic Carl Service

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

7 PLANNING MATTERS

(1) Applications

DM/22/01765/FPA – Single storey garage to side/rear of dwelling at Green Acres, Seaton

DM/22/01438/FPA – Erection of 1 no two and a half storey detached dwelling at Plot 16, Poppyfield Court, Seaton

The Clerk reported the receipt of correspondence from the National Grid advising that the following planning application had been submitted to Durham County Council for the onshore elements of the Scotland to England Green Link 1 project.

DM/22/01663/OUT - Outline planning application for the erection of a new 400 kilovolt electricity substation, a converter station, and the laying out of replacement public open space on land to the west and south of Jade Business Park, with all matters reserved at Hawthorn Grid Site, Murton, DH6 2RX for National Grid Electricity Transmission Ltd

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(2) Refusal

DM/21/03133/OUT – Dwelling for essential rural worker at land southwest of Livery, Southridge, Seaton

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

8 CLERKS REPORT

(1) Welcome to Seaton Sign

The Clerk reported that a site meeting was held 21 June 2022 with a representative from Durham County Council. The County Council were asked to incorporate Slingley into the sign but they had advised that this was not possible due to the postal code for the area solely being Seaton. The sign had been ordered and would take approx. 2-3 months to arrive.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(2) Burning - Former Garden Centre Site

The Clerk reported that Durham County Council had been advised of a complaint related to a small bonfire at a property at the housing development on the former garden centre site.

Durham County Council had advised that the property concerned was occupied which changed the position, but they would visit the site and investigate.

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RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(3) Fencing – B1404

The Clerk reported that the racecourse fencing outside Glendale had been damaged. Mr S McAuliffe had been asked to inspect the damage.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(4) Standing Orders

The Clerk reported that Standing Orders had been amended to take account of changes to procurement thresholds.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(5) Trees – Seaton Lane

The Clerk reported that a resident had been in touch to advise that the trees on Seaton Lane were suffering in the hot weather and needed water. The Clerk had contacted Seaham Town Council to ask if they would be willing to help water the trees.

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

(6) Grounds Maintenance

The Clerk reported that L Burton had undertaken weeding and general maintenance at the rose bed adjacent the Seaton Lane Inn, the beds on the B1404 and the corner opposite the Community Centre.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(7) Overhanging Trees

The Clerk reported that the trees overhanging the footpath on the bridge on the B1404 at Seaton had been reported to Durham County Council with a request that they be trimmed back.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(8) Bin Collections – Clarks and St Johns Terrace

The Clerk reported problems related to missing bin collections at Clarks and St Johns Terrace, details of which were outlined.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

9 MEMBER ISSUES

(1) Hillrise Crescent

Members asked if the quotation from Durham County Council for the work required on the track that crossed the village green had been received, The Clerk advised that it was still awaited.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(2) Footpath - Pacific Hall Close

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Members asked if there had been any progress related to the footpath at Pacific Hall Close. The Clerk reported that there had been no response from Durham County Council.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(3) Weedkiller

Members reported the County Councils excessive use of weedkiller in the village and the damage it caused to grassed areas.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(4) Damaged Bin

Members reported that the front of the rubbish bin at the bottom of the Burn was damaged.

RESOLVED that the matter be reported to Durham County Council.

10 PAYMENTS

RESOLVED that the following schedule of payments be approved.

CHQ NO	PAYMENT TO	DETAIL	COST	VAT	TOTAL
100706	HMRC	PAYE - July 2022	142.20		142.20
100707	Payroll	Wages - July 2022	569.50		569.50
100708	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services - July 2022	10.00	2.00	12.00
100709	Durham County Council	Servicing of Dog Bins and Grass Cutting	1,386.76	277.36	1,664.12
100710	A Slater	Reimbursement - Weedkiller	8.33	1.67	10.00
100711	Shaw's and Sons Limited	Receipts and Payments Book	71.95	14.39	86.34
Sheet 143	HSBC	Bank Charges	7.80		7.80
		TOTAL	2,196.54	295.42	2,491.96

11 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held 21 September 2022 at 6.45pm.

.....Signed

.....Dated