

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SEATON WITH SLINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2023**

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

Also Present: County Councillors K Batey and D McKenna

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Fuller, S McAuliffe, J Thoebald.

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 the receipt of a report from the Police which detailed incidents in the parish between 1 January and 15 February 2023, a copy of which was circulated to each Member.

Reference was made to the on-going problems related to off road and quad bikes causing a nuisance, particularly on the walkway and at the Meadows.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

5 The Minutes of the last meeting held 18 January 2023, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved and signed by the Chair.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

Royal Garden Party 2023

The Clerk reported the receipt of correspondence from the County Durham Association of Local Councils advising that the Parish Council had been successful in the ballot to attend the Royal Garden Party to be held 9 May 2023.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

7 PLANNING MATTERS

Application

DM/23/00266/FPA – Single storey extension to front and side including conversion of garage into habitable room at 7 Sharpley Drive, Seaham.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

8 CLERKS REPORT

(1) Hillrise Crescent

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had received £7,600 from County Councillors Batey and McKenna from their Neighbourhood budget to undertake the resurfacing work at Hillrise Crescent.

Members were advised that Durham County Council's Highways section had been advised that the Parish Council were in a position to proceed with the work.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(2) Feeder Pillar

The Clerk provided an update on the on-going dispute with e-on related to the Feeder Pillar which was used to supply electricity to the village Christmas Tree.

County Councillor McKenna offered to assist the Parish Council and asked the Clerk to forward him details of the dispute.

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

(3) Poppy Wreaths

The Clerk reported that following the last meeting four poppy wreaths were purchased at a cost of £67.97. Two of the wreaths would be displayed in the village on Remembrance Sunday then laid on the two war graves in St Mary's Church, Seaham. The Parish Council would also lay wreaths at Remembrance Day services.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(4) Trees

The Clerk reported that Durham County Council had supplied and planted 2 new trees at cost of £389.80 plus VAT.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(5) Green Waste Bin

The Clerk reported that Councillor Taylor, on behalf of the Parish Council, had paid for an additional green waste bin which would be located at the Community Centre. The bin was for use by residents who assisted with grass cutting in the village during the growing season. The cost for 17 collections during the 2023 season was £38.

RESOLVED that Councillor Taylor be reimbursed £38 for the green waste bin.

(6) Updates

(i) Litter

The Clerk reported that following the last meeting the litter at the entrance to Poppyfield Court was reported to Durham County Council. They had advised that the area had been cleaned and the Neighbourhood Wardens would continue to check the area as part of their routine patrol.

(ii) Flytipping

The Clerk reported that following the last meeting the flytipping on the slip road between Seaton and Ryhope was reported to Durham County Council and removed.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

9 MEMBER ISSUES

(1) Abandoned Vehicle

Members reported a vehicle which appeared to have been abandoned at Haverley Drive. The vehicle had been reported to the Police but they had advised that the vehicle was not abandoned and they would not be taking any action.

The Clerk suggested that the matter be referred to Durham County Council.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(2) Candlelit Vigil in Remembrance

County Councillor McKenna reported that a candlelit vigil would be held on 24 February at 6.30pm at Terrace Green to mark one year since Russia invaded Ukraine.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

10 PAYMENTS

RESOLVED that the following schedule of payments made since the last meeting be approved.

CHQ NO	PAYMENT TO	DETAIL	COST	VAT	TOTAL
100751	HMRC	PAYE - February 2023	156.59		156.59
100752	Payroll	Wages - February 2023	617.80		617.80
100753	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services - February 2023	10.00	2.00	12.00
100754	Durham County Council	Supply an Plant 2 Trees	389.80	77.96	467.76
100755	A Taylor	Reimbursement - Green Waste Bin	38.00		38.00
100756	J Thompson	Reimbursement - 4 Poppy Wreathss	67.97		67.97
Sheet 150	HSBC	Bank Charges	8.20		8.20
		TOTAL	1,288.36	79.96	1,368.32

11 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held 15 March 2023 at 6.45pm.

.....Signed

.....Dated