

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SEATON WITH SLINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16 JULY 2025**

**Present: Councillor A Slater (Chair)  
Councillors A Blacklock, S Falkner,  
A Taylor, Temple, A Vila, S Williams.**

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Fuller and S McAuliffe.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3 The Minutes of the last meeting held on 18 June 2025, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved and signed by the Chair.**

**4 PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

The Chair welcomed newly elected County Councillors Chris Fairs and Andrew Harrison to the meeting. Both Councillors introduced themselves and stated they were looking forward to working with the Parish Council.

The County Councillors provided an update on several parish and countywide issues.

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

**5 POLICE MATTERS**

The Police reported that since the last meeting 9 road related incidents had been reported in the Seaton Parish area.

Members were advised that at the last PACT meeting residents raised concerns related to properties in Hoy Crescent. The Police advised that the properties referred to were privately owned, and it was the owner's choice if they wanted to board a property up.

The Police were planning a speed watch on Seaton Lane, and the next PACT meeting would be held on 1 August 2025 in Seaton Community Centre at 6pm.

Members raised concerns in relation to the on-going problems associated with off-road bikes. County Councillor Harrison reported on the action taken recently by the Police in relation to off-road bikes in Seaham.

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

**6 CORRESPONDENCE**

**Durham County Council Standards Committee**

The Clerk reported the receipt of correspondence from the County Durham Association of Local Councils (CDALC) advising of two vacancies for parish and town council members on Durham

County Council's Standards Committee.

Members were advised that a maximum of two applications per council would be accepted and candidates must be nominated by their council. Anyone interested would need to complete an application form by the deadline of 22 September 2025.

All applications would be assessed by the CDALC Executive Committee and applicants may be asked to attend for an interview, depending on the number and quality of the applications. The appointment would be subject to formal approval by Durham County Council.

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

## **7 PLANNING MATTERS**

There were no planning issues.

## **8 CLERKS REPORT**

### **(1) Parish Noticeboard**

The Clerk reported that due to the installation of a cash machine at Seaton Supply Stores the Parish Councils noticeboard had been removed.

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

### **(2) Annual Insurance Premium 2025/2026**

The Clerk reported that the annual insurance for the Parish Council was due for renewal.

Members were advised that Zurich Municipal no longer offered the type of insurance policy previously purchased by the Parish Council. As the precept was below £30K the Parish Council had to renew its policy online and purchase a standard package for smaller Parish Councils.

Last year the annual premium was £257.60 and this year it increased to £300.

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

### **(3) Fencing – Village Green**

The Clerk reported that several fencing posts on the village green were rotten and may need replacing.

**RESOLVED** that Durham County Council be asked to inspect the fencing.

### **(4) Bus Stop opposite Cairnside**

The Clerk reported that following the last meeting the bus stop opposite Cairnside was reported to Durham County Council. They have advised that the matter has been passed to the Clean and Green team.

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

## **9 PAYMENTS**

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

## Seaton with Slingley Parish Council – 16 July 2025

CHQ NO	PAYMENT TO	DETAIL	COST	VAT	TOTAL
100909	HMRC	PAYE - July 2025	136.30		136.30
100910	Payroll	Wages - July 2025	698.97		698.97
100911	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services - July 2025	12.50	2.50	15.00
100912	Zurich Municipal	Annual Insurance Premium	300.00		300.00
100913	Madhouse Media	Domain Renewal .co.uk	15.00	3.00	18.00
Sheet 179	HSBC	Bank Charges	7.00		7.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,169.77</b>	<b>5.50</b>	<b>1,175.27</b>

### 10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

**RESOLVED** that the next meeting be held on 17 September 2025 at 6.45pm.

.....Signed

.....Dated