

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SEATON WITH SLINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER 2025**

**Present: Councillor A Slater (Chair)
Councillors S Faulkner, S McAuliffe,
A Taylor, D Temple, A Vila, S Williams.**

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Blacklock and G Fuller.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 The Minutes of the last meeting held on 17 September 2025, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved and signed by the Chair.

4 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There was no public present at the meeting.

5 POLICE MATTERS

The Chair welcomed PCSO's X Todd and B Ford to the meeting.

The Police reported that from 1 September 2025 to date there had been 24 incidents reported in the Seaton parish area, most of these related to incidents on the A19.

Members were advised that over recent months farms in the area had been targeted. Property had been stolen, and fields were damaged by vehicles driving over them. Following an investigation a suspect had been identified and was to appear in court.

The Police reported that off-road bikes continued to be an issue not only in the Seaham area, but across County Durham and nationally. The Police now had two drone trained officers and the use of the drone was an initiative the Police were adopting to trace offending vehicles. The Police had recently seized a number of off-road bikes but unfortunately the drivers were not identified.

The Police had undertaken two speed watches on Seaton Lane during August. During both visits six drivers triggered safety cameras. No drivers fell within the Process level (court action), no drivers fell within the Conditional Offer level (fine and points) and six fell within the Speed Awareness level.

Members reiterated the problems of speeding on the B1404 and felt that the introduction of the traffic lights had exacerbated the problem. They felt that the location of the speed watch needed to be above the new traffic lights.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

7 PLANNING APPLICATION

DM/25/02712/TPO – Elm (T1) Crown lift to provide 4m clearance, remove deadwood and crown thin by 15% at Burnbrae, The Village, Seaton SR7 0NA

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

8 CLERKS REPORT

(1) Christmas Tree

The Clerk reported that Seaham Town Council were unable to supply the Parish Council with a Christmas Tree this year. They had advised that the Town Council had taken the decision to no longer purchase real trees and would be purchasing prelit flagpole Christmas trees.

Members were advised that the Clerk had contacted Horns Garden Centre to obtain a quotation for the supply and delivery of a 20ft Christmas Tree. They had advised that it was too early, and they would be able to provide a quotation early November.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(2) Feeder Pillar

The Clerk reported that arrangements would be made with E.ON Next to have the Feeder Pillar re-energised for the Christmas lights.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(3) Christmas Carol Singing – Salvation Army

The Clerk reported that the annual carol singing with the Salvation Army would be held on 10 December 2025 at 7pm followed by refreshments in the Community Centre. The December meeting of the Parish Council would be held on the same date at the earlier time of 6pm.

It was suggested that a donation of £200 be made to the Salvation Army from the Section 137 Budget.

RESOLVED that a donation of £200 be made to the Salvation Army from the Section 137 Budget and the December meeting of the Parish Council be held on 10 December 2025 at 6pm.

(4) Christmas Sweets

The Clerk reported that the Chair had purchased 26 selection boxes, to be given to children at the carol singing, at a cost of £37.19.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(5) Remembrance Sunday – 9 November 2025

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had purchased 2 poppy wreaths to be displayed in the village on Remembrance Sunday following which they would be laid on the 2 war graves in St Mary's Church, Seaham.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(6) Bleed Kit

The Clerk reported that County Councillor A Harrison had a bleed kit for the Seaton parish area. He had suggested that it be located next to the Defibrillator at the Seaton Lane Inn and was seeking

the views of the Parish Council on this location.

Members were happy with the suggested location. It was suggested that Councillor Harrison approach the Seaton Lane Inn direct to ask if they would be willing to have it installed on their building.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(7) Overgrown Trees

The Clerk reported that trees that were overhanging the footpath on the B1404 were reported to Durham County Council. The County Council had advised that the trees would be cut back in November 2025.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(8) PACT Meeting

The Clerk reported that the next PACT meeting would be held on 27 November 2025 in Seaton Community Centre at 6pm.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

9 MEMBER ISSUES

There were no issues reported.

10 PAYMENTS

RESOLVED that the following schedule of payments be approved.

CHQ NO	PAYMENT TO	DETAIL	COST	VAT	TOTAL
100920	HMRC	PAYE - October 2025	253.11		253.11
100921	Payroll	Wages - October 2025	721.34		721.34
100922	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services - October 2025	12.50	2.50	15.00
100923	A Slater	Reimbursement - Selection Boxes	30.99	6.20	37.19
100924	E.ON Next	Re-Energise Feeder Pillar	76.33	15.27	91.60
Sheet 182	HSBC	Bank Charges	2.00		2.00
		TOTAL	1,096.27	23.97	1,120.24

11 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on 19 November 2025 at 6.45pm.

.....Signed

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