

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SEATON WITH SLINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2026**

**Present: Councillor A Slater (Chair)
Councillors S Faulkner, G Fuller,
S McAuliffe, A Taylor, A Vila, S Williams**

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Blacklock and D Temple.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 The Minutes of the last meeting held on 21 January 2026, 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

There was no Police report.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Request for Financial Assistance

The Clerk reported the receipt of a request for financial assistance from Durham Hospitals Radio.

RESOLVED that no donation be made.

(2) Royal Garden Party 2026

The Clerk reported that the County Durham Association of Local Councils (CDALC) had advised that Chilton Town Council and Burnhope Parish Council had been nominated to attend a Royal Garden Party in 2026.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(3) PACT Meeting

The Clerk reported that the next PACT meeting would be held on 19 February 2026 in Seaton Community Centre at 6pm.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(4) Eastern Green Link (EGL1) Project

The Clerk reported the receipt of correspondence from the Eastern Green Link (EGL1) Project advising of a temporary closure to a section of bridleway as part of construction works for the EGL1

project.

Members were advised that Seaham Bridleway 1, located north of Seaham and adjacent to the roundabout near the A1018, would be closed for a six-month period between 9 February and 8 August 2026. A bridleway diversion route would be in place for members of the public, utilising the National Cycle Network 1 North Sea Cycle Route.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

- (5) The County Council of Durham (Seaham) (Parking & Waiting Restrictions) Consolidation No 1 Order 2015 (Amendment No 1) Order 2025

The Clerk reported the receipt of correspondence from Durham County Council which gave details of The County Council of Durham (Seaham) (Parking & Waiting Restrictions) Consolidation No 1 Order 2015 (Amendment No 1) Order 2025.

Members were advised that The Order, which came into effect on 19 February 2026, would introduce “No Waiting At Any Time“ restrictions at St Johns Terrace, details of which were outlined.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

7 PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning matters.

8 CLERKS REPORT

- (1) Parish Noticeboard

The Clerk reported that following the last meeting Durham County Council were contacted regarding the installation of a parish noticeboard to be located somewhere between Seaton Supply stores and the new traffic lights on the B1404.

Members were advised that the most suitable location was the grassed areas on the right-hand side at the entrance to Seaton Crescent, either side of the footpath. The noticeboard could be positioned facing the footpath which would require minimal groundwork and additional paving.

The Clerk had contacted Durham County Councils Planning Section to ask if planning permission was required. The County Council had advised that the Parish Council and Durham County Council had permitted development rights that would cover such installations without the need for planning permission, so long as it was erected by or on behalf of the County Council or Parish Council, and on land owned or maintained by them.

Following discussion with Durham County Council it was suggested that the Parish Council purchase the noticeboard and Durham County Council would install it.

With regard to financing the purchase and installation costs of the noticeboard it was suggested that the County Councillors representing the parish be asked if they would support the project with a financial contribution from their Councillors Grant.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted and the Clerk contact the County Councillors representing the parish to ask if they would consider supporting the project with a financial contribution.

- (2) Litter/Dog Bin

The Clerk reported the receipt of a request from a resident for a bin to be installed at the bottom

of the steps, coming down from the walkway, leading to The Meadows.

The resident had advised that he was continually picking up dog bags, left by dog walkers, at the rear of his property.

Members were advised that the Clerk had contacted Durham County Council to ask if a bin could be mounted on the public footpath sign pole located adjacent the footpath at The Meadows.

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

(3) Update – Damaged Footpath

The Clerk reported that at the last meeting Members expressed concern that the footpath on the corner of Haverley Drive and Eppleton Hall Close was badly damaged and in a poor state of repair.

Members were advised that the damaged footpath was reported to Durham County Council.

The County Council had advised that following an investigation the footpath was not considered to be hazardous or dangerous, but they would keep a record of this for potential inclusion in a future schedule of work.

All requests for work were reviewed annually, and a works programme was determined on a priority basis. This was in accordance with their highway safety maintenance regime which follows national guidelines. They would continue to monitor the highway through routine safety inspections, and any repairs would be made if deemed necessary.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

9 MEMBER ISSUES

(1) Dog Fouling - Hall Close

Members reported a noticeable increase in dog fouling on the grassed area at Hall Close. Guests staying at the Seaton Lane Inn were regularly seen allowing their dogs to foul on the grassed area adjacent to the pub at Hall Close and not clean up after their dogs.

It was suggested that additional signage in this location would encourage dog owners to pick up, and it was also suggested that the Seaton Lane Inn be contacted with a request that guests staying at the pub be reminded of the need to clean up after their dogs.

RESOLVED that the dog fouling be reported to Durham County Council and a letter be forwarded to the Seaton Lane Inn asking that all guests be reminded of the need to clean up after their dogs.

(2) Litter - A19 Slip Road

Members reported litter along the entire length of the slip road leaving the A19 heading north towards the roundabout on the A1018 between Seaham and Ryhope.

RESOLVED that the litter be reported to Durham County Council.

10 PAYMENTS

RESOLVED that the following schedule of payments be approved.

Seaton with Slingley Parish Council – 18 February 2026

CHQ NO	PAYMENT TO	DETAIL	COST	VAT	TOTAL
100947	HMRC	PAYE - February 2026	253.11		253.11
100948	Payroll	Wages - February 2026	721.34		721.34
100949	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services - February 2026	12.50	2.50	15.00
100950	Madhouse Media	Website Hosting and Support	400.00	80.00	480.00
100951	J Thompson	Reimbursement - Stamps	20.88		20.88
Sheet 186	HSBC	Bank Charges	2.00		2.00
		TOTAL	1,409.83	82.50	1,492.33

11 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on **18 March 2026** at **6.45pm**.

.....Signed

.....Dated