

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SEATON WITH SLINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 JULY 2026**

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

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 The Minutes of the last meeting held on 17 June 2026, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved and signed by the Chair.

4 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The Chair welcomed S Johnson and D Marley who advised that they were present at the meeting to raise concerns related to vehicles parking on the corner of the junction at Hillrise Crescent and the B1404.

They advised that the vehicles parked at the junction were obstructing visibility for other vehicles leaving Hillrise Crescent and joining the B1404. They would like Durham County Council to consider installing double yellow lines at the junction to prevent the parking.

RESOLVED that the matter be raised with Durham County Council and the Police.

5 POLICE MATTERS

The Police reported that since the last meeting the following incidents had been reported.

- Concern related to a male on the A1018
- Concern related to a young male on the B1404
- Concern related to 3 girls on the A1018
- Road Traffic Collision on the A19 northbound
- Concern related to a young girl on the bridge at Seaton Lane
- Violence against a person on the A19/B1285
- Youths on bikes on the A19

Following the last meeting the Police were advised of the on-going speeding on the B1404 and the incident that had occurred at Cairnside. The Police had agreed to undertake a speed watch.

Members reiterated the problems related to speeding on the B1404 and suggested that a speed display sign would help reduce speeding at this location.

RESOLVED that the issues be raised with the Police.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

PACT Meeting

The Clerk reported that the next PACT meeting would be held on 14 August 2026 in Seaton Community Centre at 6pm.

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 Durham County Council had installed the new noticeboard on 10 July 2026.

A letter of thanks had been sent to County Councillors C Fairs and A Harrison following a grant of £250 from each of them towards the cost of the noticeboard.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(2) Corner opposite Community Centre

The Clerk reported that Durham County Council had provided a quotation of £695 to replant the corner opposite the Community Centre with low maintenance shrubs and bushes.

RESOLVED that Durham County Council be asked to provide a breakdown of the proposed work and planting.

(3) Re-Staining Work

The Clerk reported that following the last meeting S McAuliffe was asked, and agreed, to re-stain the seat on the corner opposite the Community Centre and the noticeboard on the wall of the Community Centre.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(4) Weedkiller – Village Green

The Clerk reported that Durham County Council had advised that Glyphosate was used to kill the weeds around the edge of the village green.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(5) JAC's Accountancy

The Clerk reported that JAC's Accountancy had advised that they were incurring charges from their bank to process cheques. They had asked if the Parish Council would consider paying for its payroll services once a quarter.

RESOLVED that JAC's Accountancy be advised that the Parish Council would pay quarterly for its payroll services.

9 MEMBER ISSUES

(1) Footpath over A19 Bridge

The Chair reported that the surface of the footpath running from the Seaton Lane Inn to the entrance of Haverley Drive was breaking up and in a poor state of repair.

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
100973	HMRC	PAYE - July 2026	252.91		252.91
100974	DESTROYED				
100975	Payroll	Wages - July 2026	721.54		721.54
100976	JACS Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services - July 2026	12.92	2.58	15.50
100977	J Thompson	Reimbursement - Stamps	21.84		21.84
Sheet 191	HSBC	Bank Charges	3.20		3.20
		TOTAL	1,012.41	2.58	1,014.99

11 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on 16 September 2026 at 6.45pm.

.....Signed

.....Dated