

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRE-BUDGET MEETING  
HELD ON 14 OCTOBER 2019**

Present: Councillor L Morton (Chair)  
Councillors M Burn, W S Day, J Lee, A Lumsden, T Murray and A Robson

Staff: Mrs G M Crute (Parish Clerk) and Mrs K Hall (Admin Assistant)

Also in Attendance:

EVPC 19/20/140 **Apologies for Absence**  
Apologies were RECEIVED and APPROVED FOR Councillor J Andrews and J Smith

EVPC 19/20/141 **Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**  
There were no declarations of interest.  
**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 19/20/142 **Public Participation**  
There were no members of the public registered to speak under public participation.  
**RESOLVED** that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 19/20/143 **Budget Considerations**  
The Clerk advised members that prior to preparation of the budget potential schemes for 2020/21 would need to be costed prior to consideration for inclusion.

The following suggestions were made:-

Wildflowers planted at the entrance to the Village along Thorpe Road - The Clerk advised that as this was not Parish Council land permission would need to be sought prior to the scheme being undertaken. She would make the necessary enquiries and obtain costings for the wildflower seeds.

Limewashing of Seaton Holme – Members agreed that advice be sought from the Conservation Team at Durham County Council as to whether an alternative to limewash could be used. The Clerk advised that the Parish Council had earmarked reserves for works at Seaton Holme. Members felt investigations should be undertaken with regards to suitability and costs for limewashing and to ascertain whether there were any alternatives that would be allowed by English Heritage. It was also suggested that the Clerk determine the availability of appropriate funding sources. This would be a longer term project for the Parish Council.

Brickwork to the eastern side of Seaton Holme to be investigated for potential repair works.

Sundial – Historically there was a sundial at Seaton Holme and Members thought that it would be a scheme to consider for the future if funding could be secured.

**RESOLVED:** that

- 1 The Clerk contact Durham County Council to seek permission for wildflowers to be planted and to obtain costs for wildflower seeds.
- 2 Enquiries be made into limewashing costs for Seaton Holme and any alternatives that would be allowed
- 3 The Clerk obtain advice on the condition of the eastern end of Seaton Holme
- 4 The Clerk obtain pictures of the sundial for further consideration by the Parish Council

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Chairman .....

Date .....