



SACRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5th January 2022 at 6.30pm
In The Fulforth Centre**

Present: Cllr H. Dixon (Chair), Cllr G Ludlow (Vice Chair), Cllr J Barrett, Cllr D Robson, Cllr F Morrell, Cllr K Wilson and Cllr S Wilson, Cllr L Burn and Miss C. Wilson (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr J Wright, Cllr E Waldock, Cllr R Harrison, Cllr C Waggott, Cllr L Claughan

Item No:

1.	Introductions and Apologies for Absence	The Chair opened the meeting at 6.30pm and welcomed everyone. Cllr J Wright, Cllr E Waldock, Cllr R Harrison, Cllr C Waggott, Cllr L Claughan
2.	Disclosure of Interest from Members	Nothing to report.
3.	Questions from the public	(Questions & Comments from the public in attendance – max 5 mins per item/individual) Nothing to report.
4.	Previous meeting minutes	Previous minutes from 1 st December 2021 were accepted and signed as a true record.
5.	Police Matters	No PACT report received this month.
6.	Clerks Report	<u>Planning Applications</u> DM/21/04012/FPA - Mr Mike Hall -1 Uphill Drive, Sacriston, Durham, DH7 6PN - First floor extension over existing dining/study to side of the property. DM/21/04056/FPA - Miss Susan Fordham - 36 Lavender Gardens Sacriston, Durham, DH7 6PR - Change of use of a constructed outside building to operate as a small beauty salon. <u>Approved Planning Application</u> DM/21/03496/FPA - Dr. Julian Happian-Smith - 5 Poplar Street Sacriston Durham DH7 6HP - Replacement retaining wall to rear of property <u>Email from Witton Gilbert Parish Council</u> Concerns raised from Witton Gilbert Council regarding the Sniperley development. This includes the effects on traffic and how

		it would affect the surrounding area and support services including schools and health services. A zoom meeting was suggested. <u>Daisy Hill Fence</u> Email correspondence received from solicitor. Persimmon have requested that the Parish Council retain the concrete posts to determine the fence line for future reference. A topographical plan was also suggested as Persimmon do not have one. The solicitor has also suggested a topographical plan to avoid any further dispute. Fees in connection with this matter: - currently 1 hour is chargeable at an hourly rate of £225 plus VAT. It was suggested that a further 3 to 3.5 hours of the solicitors time (£787.50) be agreed. <u>Service Level Agreement</u> Service Level Agreement received in connection with the HR Advisory Service. The charge for using the service will be £75 per hour, plus VAT. <u>Bullying and Harassment</u> A statement has now been posted on the website and the Facebook page. Clerk contacted the local PCSO regarding a post on Facebook. The police were aware of the post. They advised that they did not investigate the fires at the allotment as there was nothing to investigate. If any Facebook posts arise in the future, it was advised that should they be untrue we should be asking the admin of the page to remove the posts. <u>Festive Lights</u> Still chasing NPG for a certificate. <u>Training Sessions</u> Member Interests – Declaring them and dealing with them at Meetings Tues 18 Jan 2022, online, 6-8pm FREE Neighbourhood Planning Information Session Tues 1 Feb 2022 online 6-7.30pm FREE
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7.	Sacriston in Bloom	Entry has been submitted and entry fee of £125 has been paid.
8.	Village Schools	<u>Fyndoune</u> Update provided by Cllr Wilson. No response received from Sacriston Academy in connection with correspondence sent from Cllr Dixon to the Head teacher.
9.	Parish Assets	Bus Shelters – Bus shelter to be erected at the bottom of Lingley Close. Village Clock – nothing to report. Parish Building – Nothing to report. War Memorial – Nothing to report.
10.	County Councillor's Reports	Cllr E Waldoock; 1) Issues reported regarding fencing etc. in relation to site near bottom industrial estate.

		2) There appears to have been an increase dog muck and rubbish. This has been reported and we are at a looking at what else can be put in place to prevent this. 3) It has been reported that the replacement children's play will be started next month- should be completed by March. 4) Looking at possibility of activities/workshops for week or so leading up to World Mental Health Day in October, working with number of outside agencies. No costings at present, but wondering how the Parish would feel about providing some support of this? Cllr S Wilson; 1) Fyndoune - I am chasing Education for info around the Schedule 1, following no response prior to Christmas I am now going to involve the Chief Exec. I am raising safeguarding concerns at the site also. 2) Crossleas Light - have raised this again and I am working with the police now to strengthen our case. 3) ASB - following extensive work, there has been the closure of a house in Fynway (well publicised). 4) Karbon are trying to secure a further property in the village In Viola as it was not being used, and some individuals had been using it and causing ASB. 5) There are also other areas of concern in the village and police are aware. 6) Parked vehicles are causing obstruction opposite Sagittarian Embroidery and white lines are to be painted on the road. 7) Query regarding the fence surrounding Graham Court. 8) Discussed youths in the village, particularly noticeable around Christmas period who seem to be purchasing alcohol. 9) Discussed the proposal for the raised circle at the Crossroads which would include plants and shrubs around the central pit tub assembly. This project had previously been discussed with Graham Cozens and was to be funded by Julie Anson. RESLOVED Cllr Wilson is to organise some test purchasing in the village. Cllr Wilson to chase DCC regarding the raised circle The Council would like further information from Cllr Waldock about supporting activities for World Mental Health Day.
11.	Group Representative Reports	Fulforth Centre Committee Meeting No meeting.

		Sacriston Community Development Group No meeting. Sacriston Parish Allotment Committee Scheduled for next week. New Hill Allotment Group A car has crashed into a wall at the New Hill site and the wall has been demolished. The clerk asked Cllr Morrell if New Hill would like to be included in the quotes regarding the distribution of rat poison. Cllr Morrell advised that New Hill would not like to be included. HR & Finance Group Scheduled for next week. CDALC Nothing to report.
12.	Budget & Grant Applications	As at the 5th January 2022 there was £ £72,920.03 in the bank. <u>Invoices Paid</u> Sacriston Community Association – Christmas Extravaganza - £6,000 Cumbria Clock Company - £222.00 Northumbria in Bloom – Entry - £125.00 Andy Hill Consultancy fee - £4,000 Bespoke – Buffett - £150.00 Clerks Wages - £686.03 HMRC - £80.60 There has been a reclaim made for VAT in the sum of £2197.65. Precept request form has been sent. Debit card application has not been received by the bank and therefore requires completing again. RESOLVED Debit card form completed by Chair, Cllr Robson and clerk. Grant applications No grant applications received.
13.	Policies and Procedures	Anti-Bullying and Harassment Policy has been updated and agreed. Health and Safety Policy has been agreed.

14.	Events and Information	Nothing to report.
15.	Date and time of next meeting	Next meeting to be held Wednesday 2 nd February 2022 at 6.30pm Meeting closed at 7.35pm

Agreed and signed by Chair of Sacriston Parish Council Date