



SACRISTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6th October 2021
The Fulforth Centre at 6.30pm

Present: Cllrs H. Dixon (Chair), G. Ludlow (Vice Chair), S. Wilson, K Wilson, D. Robson, L. Claughan, R. Harrison, R, Sharp, J Barrett, C Waggott, and C. Wilson (Parish Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs E Waldock, F Morrell and L Burn

Item No.	Subject	Discussion and Decision	Lead Cllr(s)
1.	Introductions and Apologies for Absence	The Chair opened the meeting @ 6.30pm and welcomed everyone. Apologies accepted from Cllrs E Waldock, F Morrell and L Burn.	HD
2.	Disclosure of Interest from Members	Nothing to report.	
3.	Public Questions	(Questions & Comments from the public in attendance – max 5 mins per item/individual) Tony Coils – New Hill Allotments attended meeting, he informed the meeting that a Annual General Meeting had been called for later in the month when it was hoped to select a new Treasurer and Chair, as Councillor Morrell who had originally raised the concerns with regards to New Hill was not available it was agreed that this should be discussed at the Parish meeting in November.	
4.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	Council meeting held on 1st September 2021. Extraordinary Meeting held on 15th September 2021. Minutes were then accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.	HD

5.	Police Matters	<u>PACT Report</u> Pact report has been emailed to all Cllrs for August and September. <u>Local PCSO</u> PCSO's Dean Regan and Mark Lumsden attended the meeting. They discussed problem areas in Sacriston and advised that they are patrolling these areas and asking the public to call 111 and report any incidents. Cllr Harrison discussed motorbikes/off road bikes that are a nuisance in Cross Lane and, the Womble Park area. Both PCSO's informed the meeting that there is very little that can be done however, advised members of the public should report dates and times that the bikes are present. PCSO's asked for a donation towards their Christmas event. They would like to attend the Fulforth Centre on a date to be set, with their van and will have a Santa Claus present and give out a small gift to the children. The money would go towards purchasing the gifts. Cllr Wilson discussed the possibility of the County Cllrs providing a donation of £100 also. <u>RESOLVED</u> It was agreed by all to donate £100.	CW RH ALL
6.	Clerks Report	<u>DCC Grounds Maintenance</u> It was queried as to how long was left on the contract - It was confirmed that this is a five-year contract which runs from 2019 – 2023. <u>Roadworks</u> 27/9/21 - maintenance road patching on the B6312 and Bollard Installation on the front street - completed <u>Course</u> Attended a free course managing risk using a risk register <u>Play area improvement</u> Discussed an email regarding the improvement of the play area and we are to wait for further communication on this matter as a meeting was to be arranged.	CW

		<u>Festive Light Application</u> LITE has now completed the inventory. It was discussed that the lights will be switched on on the 29th November 2021 and will be turned off approximately 7th January 2022 the hours of operation will be 4pm – midnight. The utility supplier in connection with the agreement was discussed. RESOLVED It was agreed that the clerk is to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Parish Council. It was agreed that we are to use NPower as the supplier. <u>ILCA</u> Course has now been successfully completed by the Clerk. <u>Local Heritage List</u> Email received today however, further details to follow and to be discussed at a later date. The funding and improvements that were proposed for the Front Street were briefly discussed. RESOLVED Cllr Wilson is to contact Julie Anson regarding the current situation with the improvements to the Front Street.	ALL SW
7.	In Bloom	Councillor's Dixon and Robson attended the NIB awards ceremony at the Lancastrian Suite. Sacriston has been awarded a Gold award for the hard work which has been carried out and were joint winners of the small-town category. There has been a lot of hard work done by a dedicated team of volunteers. Chair recommend that we hold a gathering and provide a buffet for the volunteers which includes DCC/Karbon Homes/Abel Construction to show appreciation for the work they have contributed. Chair asked if the Parish Council would be happy to donate some funds toward the buffet. RESOLVED It was agreed by all a donation will be paid towards a buffet. <u>Pit Wheel</u> Cllr Ludlow to carry out some decoration works to the pit wheel. Improvements to the pit wheel discussed. Information board and plaque discussed.	HD ALL LC

		RESOLVED New plaque agreed for the pit wheel.	
8.	Village Schools	On site meeting took place on 28 th September 2021 with Cllrs H Dixon, D Robson, DCC and DUSC. Full report regarding the meeting was read out.	HD
9.	Parish Assets	Bus Shelters – Nothing to report Village Clock – Nothing to report Parish Building – Nothing to report	HD
10.	County Councillor's Reports	Cllr Simon Wilson Report • School buses – Go North East and St Leonard's school have increased the size of the buses. I am on doing some work with the Education Dept, they are preparing a guide document about Fram/Hermitage pupils who could be entitled to free travel. • Towns and Villages funding - Cllr Waldock and I had a meeting. There is a significant pot available for 3 years and have been looking at a holistic approach that could improve the whole ward. Fyndoune is part of this, but with ongoing work on a football pitch in Nettlesworth at Ugly Lane, working on these two together (Nettlesworth Parish lease that pitch) could help bring a big funding package together - especially with playing pitch strategy. Cllr Waldock and I are waiting on a response and looking at calling a meeting between two parish clerks and chairs to discuss how to put this forward. • Lingey Close site - Highways are now chasing this and have found a contact so are trying to get a response regarding how to proceed. • Field between Ashford Drive and Womble Park - have had this cut back to improve walking routes and looking into how this can be spruced up with wildflowers. • Speed calming measures Crosslane - I am on trying to find out when these are to be implemented by Persimmon. • Fyndoune - I understand Cllr. Dixon has had a meeting regarding this. Cllr Waldock and I are prepared to put some funding we have into the site to see if we can support this coming into our use. Cllr Emma Waldock Report; • The wall at the library has been sorted.	SW

13.	Events and Information	Parish Councillor Vacancies Jonny Wright attended meeting and provided brief background information and advised why he would like to stand as Parish Councillor. RESOLVED Jonny Wright was co-opted by all present onto the Parish Council and has now been appointed Parish Councillor.	HD ALL
14.	Date & Time of Next Meeting	Next meeting – Wednesday 3rd November 2021 @ 6:30pm. Chair thanked everyone for their attendance. Meeting Closed @ 19.45pm Signed <i>Chairperson</i> Date/...../.....	HD