



SACRISTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday 7th October 2020
Via Zoom at 6.30pm

Present: Cllrs H. Dixon (Chair), E. Waldock (Vice Chair), S. Wilson, R. Harrison, G. Ludlow, B. Smith, K Wilson, D. Robson, C Waggott and C. Wilson (Parish Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs E. Metcalfe, H. Hubber and L Claughan

Item No.	Subject	Discussion and Decision	Lead Cllr (s)	Action/ Timescale
1.	Introductions	Chair opened the meeting @ 6.30pm and welcomed everyone. Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs E. Metcalfe, H. Hubber, L Claughan	HD	
2.	Disclosure of Interest from Members	None		
3.	Public Questions	(Questions & Comments from the public in attendance – max 5 mins per item/individual) Andrew Hill – Durham United Football Club Andy informed the meeting that they have put forward a proposal to DCC to lease parts of Fyndoune Community College and grounds (part of the Durham Federation Schools) for the use of the football club. In the proposal they would also like to work with the wider community and current users. Andy will update the Parish further when he has more information from DCC.	HD	
4.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	Council meeting held on 2nd September 2020 Minutes were then accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.	HD	

5.	Police Matters	PACT Report Public order: 3 (4 last month) Burglary: 2 (0 last month) Unlawful entry of property with intent to steal. Violence against a person: 6 (11 last month) Report of assault or threats to assault, either with or without injury. Theft: 2 (3 last month) Theft of property other than burglary. Criminal damage: 3 (4 last month) Damage caused to property. Vehicle crime: 1 (3 last month) Damage caused to vehicle. Road related offences: 8 (9 last month) This includes manner of driving. Malicious communications: 1 (2 last month) Unlawful communications through phone, email, text or other. Harassment crime: 2 (6 last month) RTC injury: 2 (1 last month) Concerns for safety: 15 (16 last month) Concerns raised for persons safety. ASB personal: 2 (10 last month) This involve individuals feeling targeted. ASB nuisance: 9 (9 last month) This includes youth nuisance and alcohol related incidents. ASB environmental: 4 (9 last month) These include off-road vehicles, vehicle nuisance house parties. Domestic crime: 3 (15 last month) Domestic related incidents including arguing, violence and threats. Missing person: 1 (5 last month) Person reported missing to police. Suspicious activity: 20 (15 last month) RTC damage only: 2 (2 last month) Damage caused in RTC. Firearms/weapons incident: 1 (0 last month) Incidents involving weapons	CW	
6.	Clerks Report	<u>Planning Applications</u> Sacrison Youth Project - Durham Constabulary, Unit E, Old Co-Op Buildings, Plawsworth Road, Sacrison - Change of use of former police constabulary offices to education centre for the community with associated works.	CW	

		<u>Licensing Application</u> • Application for a new premises licence Applicant: Miss Lauren Rachel Burn Premises: Bespoke, Findon View, Witton Road, Sacriston, Durham DH7 6LE Sale of alcohol (on and off the premises) Monday to Sunday 9.00am to 10.00pm Date of Application – 24th September 2020 Last date for comments – 22nd October 2020 <u>Description of highways to be stopped up</u> • The highways to be stopped up are at Sacriston in the County of Durham, and are:- – An irregular shaped southern part width of Plawsworth Road comprising its highway verge. It commences 8 metres south west of the south western corner of Graham Court extending in a north easterly direction for a distance of 35.5 metres and having a maximum width of 6.5 metres. – A length of unnamed footpath. It commences 31 metres south west of the north eastern corner of Graham Court extending in a south easterly direction for a distance of 6 metres. <u>Roadworks</u> • B6312 - From Sacriston to A167, Tan Hills, Nettlesworth, Rebuild stop tap, 2 way lights from 12th -16th October - Northumbrian Water • Email with attached document regarding consultation the proposal merger of DCBC/Durham Federation School. • LITE – have asked if we are aware of who owns the land where the Christmas Tree is at the Fulforth Centre. Method Statement and Risk Assessment received regarding the installation of the Christmas lights.		
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		RESOLVED Cllr S Wilson thinks that the land is owned by DCC. • Clerk has registered for iLCA qualification which has been paid for and was £118.00. • SLCC membership is due for renewal by 1st November however, due to Covid they are extending the membership by two months so it will end 1st January 2020. The cost is £140. RESOLVED It was agreed that the clerk would make payment to renew the membership. • Email received enquiring if the Parish Council would like a copy of the revised up to date electoral register. RESOLVED It was agreed that the clerk is to obtain an up to date copy of the electoral register.	CW	
7.	In Bloom	Currently on hold.	HD	
8.	Village Schools	It was discussed that residents have enquired about what is happening with the farm land on the Durham Federation Site. The Parish Council would like to take control of this land for community use. It is believed that Education Plus have access to this land at present. RESOLVED Cllr S Wilson is to speak to DCC regarding this. The clerk shall place a post on Facebook informing residents of the proposal of the merger the schools.	DR SW CW	
9.	Parish Assets	Bus Shelters – David Bainbridge has been contacted regarding when the bus shelters will be repaired, and we are waiting for confirmation of this.	CW	

		Village Clock – Nothing to report Parish Building – Nothing to report		
10.	County Councillor's Reports	Cllr Simon Wilson Report • Speeding - This has been a massive concern across the Parish this month. Speed survey at Findon Hill has been completed and the data is being compiled to see what the results say. Initial indications from Dave Battensby have correlated some speeding in the times raised by residents, however this needs to be verified and exact numbers worked out. I have also requested a speed survey on Plawsworth Road or some sort of police action. I understand the police have got a new method of dealing with speeding and one of the main areas identified is Daisy Hill. • Crosslane - have been told informally that designs for speed measures there will be speed bumps (due to vision displays etc) and therefore this will be looking to be moved forward, Persimmons Homes will be paying for this. • Bottom building site, is still an ongoing issue and trying to work out exactly what is going on with it, COVID situation not helping either. • LA Governor – to confirm if councillors Smith and Ludlow have heard anything? • Raised concerns about noise at Lavender Gardens and the development there. • Updated COVID restrictions - obviously, everything is all over at the minute. However, I am still continuing to check if there are any vulnerable individuals who may not have support bubbles or people to do their shopping etc. Any further info is much obliged. • White Lines at Fulforth - was told they would be done by end of September but had no confirmation so asking our officers again. Cllr Heather Liddle Report • Demolition of Unit 2 is scheduled to take place after the 12th October once Northern Power Grid remove a power box. Sacriston Youth Project have submitted a planning application for the old police station for change of use and associated building works. Live Well North East are ploughing ahead and are way	SW	

		ahead of the other tenants following a successful bid of approx. £100K from Sport England which they submitted last summer with support from Gemma O'Brien. They have already transformed one of their units into The Den which looks amazing and the Sport England grant will transform their other units into amazing spaces too. All works that take place on site have to be agreed by DCC Assets team in advance and strict rules have to be followed when appointing contractors. DCC officers from a range of departments (assets, planning, town and villages regeneration, Transformation and Partnerships etc) continue to hold bi-weekly meetings with the four anchor tenants and SEW CIC directors to ensure the restoration project is delivered within the terms and conditions of the lease. Targeted Business Improvement Scheme • No update Food for Thought • The foodbank store has outgrown its current base and will be temporarily moving to Nettlesworth Community Centre. This will not have any impact on the people who receive the packages as they are delivered or can still be collected from the SYP building. The hot meals are now being cooked from The Fells on a Tuesday and Nettlesworth Community Centre on a Thursday. 12 of the men who live in the accommodation at The Fells attended a full day Food Safety level 2 accredited course and will now have the option of progressing to start a catering qualification. Thank you to Cool Blue Consultancy for their support to deliver this training for me. Housing Acquisitions • DCC Buy to Lease scheme and Local Lettings Agency to DCC are proposing to take over flats in Ripley Court, Reeth Court and Ripon Court to offer the tenants increased support. The info they have provided is "The clients we house would receive 5 hours per week Housing Management Support from our officers as well as continuing to work with any other support services they may already be working with and would be signposted to any other services where a need is identified for additional support. This means that we will be able to assist them to develop their tenancy skills until they are ready to live independently. Providing this level of management also means that any issues arising can be quickly addressed"		
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		There have been ongoing issues with some tenants at these addresses so increased support should benefit the tenants and the community. School Benevolent Fund The aim of this fund is to provide financial assistance to families in need to purchase shoes and coats for school children. Thank you to everyone who is volunteering their time to support residents in the Sacriston Division. The time you give is greatly appreciated.		
11.	Reports from Group Representatives	Fulforth Centre Committee Meeting - Nothing to report - no meeting held Sacriston Community Development Group - Nothing to report - no meeting held Sacriston Parish Allotment Committee - An allotment inspection was carried out on 3rd October 2020, there were some allotments that require Notice to Improve and the clerk is in the process of sending this correspondence to them. - The invoice has been received regarding the purchase of the rat poison; this was in the sum of £639.37. In previous years this has been paid for by the Parish Council. - The perimeter fence at Daisy Hill still requires addressing. Persimmon Homes have contacted us to inform that they would like the fence moved back to its original position. RESOLVED It was agreed the invoice for rat poison would be paid by the Parish. It was agreed, the clerk would arrange a meeting between Cllrs, Persimmon Homes and Deerness Fencing. New Hill Allotments - Nothing to report.	HD CW CW	

		HR & Finance Group Nothing to report.		
12.	Budget & Grant Applications	As at the 6th October 2020 there was £71,967.97 in the bank. <u>Invoices to be paid</u> - Zoom Subscription – July, August, September, October - £14.39 monthly = £57.56 - Printer Ink Subscription – July - £7.99, August - £1.99, September - £1.99 = £11.97 - ALV IT Solutions – Annual hosting and support = £365.00 <u>Audit</u> The completed audit has now been received and the Parish Council are extremely happy with the outcome. The clerk has been working alongside Cllr Dixon since taking up post however, it was agreed that the clerk will now take full responsibility of being RFO. Cllrs thanked Cllr Dixon for his efforts regarding the accounts over the past year and thanked the clerk also. DCC released information regarding a new pay rate. It was agreed that in line with the information the clerk would be given a pay rise, taking into account she is also clerk for the Allotment Association, her pay rate will increase to £13ph and would be backdated from April.	CW CW ALL ALL	
13.	AOB	It is still unsure as to what will be happening with Remembrance Sunday however, Cllr Smith will keep us updated regarding the British Legion plans.	BS	
14.	Date & Time of Next Meeting	Next meeting – 4th November 2020 Chair thanked everyone for their attendance Meeting Closed @ 7.48pm Signed Chairperson Date/...../.....		

