



SACRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5th July 2023 at 6.30 pm In The Fulforth Centre

Present: Cllr H. Dixon (Chair), Cllr S Wilson, Cllr D Robson, Cllr J Barrett, Cllr E Waldock, Cllr A-M Johnson, Cllr R Sharp, Cllr L Claughan, Cllr Sharp, Cllr A Page, and Cllr F Morrell, Cllr L Burn, and Miss C Wilson (Clerk)

Apologies: Apologies received from Cllr G Ludlow (Vice Chair), Cllr K Wilson, and Cllr D Forth

Item No:

1.	Introductions and Apologies for Absence	The Chair opened the meeting at 6.30 pm and welcomed everyone. Apologies received and accepted from Cllr G Ludlow (Vice Chair), Cllr K Wilson, and Cllr D Forth.
2.	Disclosure of Interest from Members	Cllr S Wilson declared an interest regarding any planning applications and left the room when they were discussed.
3.	Questions from the public	(Questions & Comments from the public in attendance – max 5 mins per item/individual) No members of the public in attendance.
4.	Previous meeting minutes	Previous minutes from 5 th June 2023 were accepted and signed as a true record.
5.	Police Matters	Nothing to Report.
6.	Clerks Report	<u>Planning Application</u> Application No: DM/23/01847/FPA Proposal: Two storey extension to rear to provide additional 2-bedroom flat (Use Class C3) with vehicle access amended and associated parking to rear Address: 17 Front Street, Sacriston, Durham, DH7 6LD <u>RESOLVED</u> No comments received. <u>Roch</u> Spoke to Jon Hall he is aware we want the stress testing carried out and said that this would be best done in September. To contact him again nearer the time. <u>Andy Hill</u> Invited to the meeting and requested he send his address; no reply has been received.

		<u>RESOLVED</u> No comment from members. <u>Trevor Gray</u> Requested further information about the funding application. Have not yet received a reply.
7.	Sacriston in Bloom	Work has been carried out at the Pit Wheel site to keep it tidy. Plants have been purchased for all raised planters have been fully established within the Fulforth Centre garden ready to go out on Friday prior to the Miners Gala. Concerns were raised regarding the number of hanging baskets within the village, this is being confirmed with Ian Harland, the Clean and Green Team Manager. Cllr Sharp advised that it looks like grass cutters have driven into the bench at Daisy Hill and have broken the concrete. This has been logged with DCC. Request for a second bench at Daisy Hill. The bench that came from Graham Court can be used. The bench is still broken in the gap site between the shop and the Post Office. <u>RESOLVED</u> Cllr Ludlow was to repair. Concerns were raised over the shop with plywood on and the GF flat next to the Salvation Army shop. <u>RESOLVED</u> Cllr S Wilson to speak to the neighbourhood warden.
8.	Parish Assets	Bus Shelters – Received the quote and have forwarded it to the insurance company. Village Clock –Nothing to report. Parish Building – Nothing to report. War Memorial – Nothing to report. Pit Wheel – Nothing to report.

9.	County Councillor's Reports	Reports received from Cllr S Wilson; • Chasing the grass cutting that was to be carried out at Fyndoune. Cllr Robson commented that the grass is extremely deep. Residents are concerned. • Crossleas light is now at the design stage. • Has received a quote for the path for the cemetery which has been sent to members. • Issue with parking at Fynway and fines are being issued. • Still an open case ongoing with Persimmon Homes regarding planning breaches. • Meeting held regarding Sniperley Development. They are still trying to agree 106 monies. • Cinderstrip – checks on the land are being carried out. • Heard nothing back regarding the road advertisements. Chasing CPAL. Cllr E Waldock; • Lots of ongoing casework. • Temporary traffic lights should be gone tomorrow. • Power issue has been rectified. • There was a fire in the woods. Fire brigade aware. Cllr Johnson raised concerns about the bungalows at Lavender Gardens having no handrails outside. Furthermore, a request for an extra bus stop on Findon Hill near the bungalows. <u>RESOLVED</u> Cllr Wilson is to speak to Karbon regarding this and DCC regarding the bus stop.
10.	Group Representative Reports	Fulforth Centre Committee Meeting • The AGM took place. The treasurer's report was agreed upon and accepted. Election of Officials including Management Committee and Sports Trust. All volunteers were thanked. • Chair explained that it is intended to amalgamate the Community Association and, the Sports Trust and convert to a "Charitable Incorporated Organisation". • The trustees agreed to sign a new constitution and trustee declaration and then the new CIO will be registered with the Charity Commission • The centre is currently awaiting the outcome of six different funding applications – for the project

		development worker salary, refurbishing the IT suite, volunteer and older people projects and older people's exercise. • Charity fundraising event for MIND and Alzheimer's raised £600. • There is a Macmillan / Marie Curie coffee morning also being planned for later in July. • A new committee member was welcomed. • The Lunch Club is to be cancelled over the school holidays due to the Children's Holiday Club using the facilities. • Agreement was reached to purchase a battery-operated lawnmower and strimmer for the centre enabling volunteers to use. Development Group • No meeting has been held. HR & Finance Group • Nothing to report, no HR issues were raised. Allotment Association Meeting • There is still a concern over rats on both sites. • There are currently four plots undergoing some re-development at Cross Lanes which on completion of the work will be offered to the four people on the waiting list. • There are currently no plots vacant at Daisy Hill with one person on the waiting list. • Some concerns were raised regarding asbestos on some of the plots at Daisy Hill, this is being checked out for confirmation. New Hill Allotments • Tony Coils has been re-elected as Chair. • There is a rat issue also at the site. <u>RESOLVED</u> Clerk is to contact Beamish Pest Control and request a site visit and quote.
11.	Budget & Grant Applications	<u>ACCOUNTS</u> As of the 5th July 2023, the bank balance was £110,815.26. <u>Invoices paid in June</u> • Mobile phone contract - £6.00 • Peoples Pension - £59.82 • Internal Audit - £125.00

		• Shincliffe Nursery - £60.70 • Shincliffe Nursery - £66.00 • GCS Medical - £95.00 • Shincliffe Nursery - £132.00 • DJ (PIP) - £225.00 • Walworth Birds of Prey (PIP) - £450.00 • NBK Leisure (PIP) - £1,000.00 • Fuel Centre - £16.50 • Congburn Nurseries £28.00 • Printer ink - £44.99 • HMRC - £58.80 • Clerks Wages - £793.01 <u>To Pay</u> LITE - £4874.88 <u>RESOLVED</u> Payment of invoice agreed. <u>Request for funding</u> Sacriston Working Mens Football Club – looking for donations to help with annual costs. National Women Against Pit Closures – looking for a donation of £250 towards holding an event in Durham City on 2nd March 2024. <u>RESOLVED</u> It was agreed that £550 be paid to Sacriston Working Mens Football Club which will cover the cost of the annual pitch fees. It was agreed to pay National Women Against Pit Closures £250 towards the event.
13.	Date and time of next meeting	Next meeting is to be held Wednesday 6th September 2023 at 6.30 pm. Meeting closed at 7.30 pm

Agreed and signed by Chair of Sacriston Parish Council Date