



SACRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1st December 2021 at 6.30pm In The Fulforth Centre

Present: Cllr H. Dixon (Chair), Cllr G Ludlow (Vice Chair) Cllr E Waldock, Cllr J Barrett, Cllr R Harrison, Cllr D Robson, Cllr F Morrell, Cllr R Sharp, Cllr C Waggott, Cllr L Claughan, Cllr K Wilson and Cllr S Wilson

Apologies: Cllr J Wright and Miss C. Wilson (Clerk)

Item No:

1.	Introductions and Apologies for Absence	The Chair opened the meeting at 6.30pm and welcomed everyone. Cllr J Wright and Miss C. Wilson (Clerk)
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 3 rd November 2021 were accepted and signed as a true record.
5.	Police Matters	No PACT report received this month. Cllrs S Wilson and E Waldock gave updates regarding ongoing issues in particular addresses in the village regarding antisocial behaviour. Police, Karbon Homes are meeting with local residents and working to address issues. RH suggested a meeting with adjoining parish areas to discuss speeding, antisocial behaviour and other common issues and consider meeting with IPCC in future- agreed. SW to coordinate.
6.	Clerks Report	<u>Planning Application</u> Purchase land adjacent to 25 Newtown Villas (emailed) - no objections Consultation on master plans for settlement areas and land at Sniperley Park within Durham 29th November - 14th January 2022 <u>Durham County Council Commercial Services Event</u> DCC Commercial Services event scheduled for 5th May 2022 at

		Excel Centre Newton Aycliffe - includes information on procurement and services available for parish councils and organisations. <u>NALC</u> The Civility and Respect Working Group of NALC have published their first newsletter as part of regular communications. This includes information on abuse and intimidation of councillors and a bullying and harassment statement. Suggestion councillors may want to include info on their website to state intimidation, bullying and harassment will not be tolerated, which includes in person and online forms. CW was going to raise the issue regarding abuse towards HD, to be raised at the next meeting. Recent events were discussed among the group, it was agreed to post information on social media and website regarding zero tolerance of abuse towards councillors. Threats of violence have been made towards HD. Councillors discussed and agreed there is a need to report threats and harassment to the police. <u>Daisy Hill Fence</u> No further correspondence from solicitors <u>Festive lights</u> Clerk has spoken to a utility company who are able to provide a quote for the lights once we provide a certificate following the lights being switched on. <u>Welcome Back Fund</u> Contact made from the fund, seeking a survey response from the Parish Council. The fund is around improving front street areas to encourage return of use of town and village high streets. <u>Heritage Fund</u> Local Heritage Listing Project is running to compile a list of unprotected heritage assets such as structures, landscapes, buildings, street signs etc. The project is being launched in pilot areas, with Sacriston being included. Councillors, organisations and members of the public are encouraged to nominate heritage assets. To be discussed further at the January meeting.
7.	Sacriston in Bloom	Entry to be submitted shortly ahead of the January submission deadline.

8.	Village Schools	<u>Fyndoune</u> Scheduled Teams meeting was postponed until tomorrow 2nd December. HD has been in discussion with Mark Ede DCC Senior Asset Strategy Officer who wants to arrange a site meeting with those involved, date to be agreed between those attending. Invoice has been received from Andy Hill for Consultancy work. EW has been provided with one other quote and has sought one further quote but not had a response from the company. It was discussed and the group is satisfied that Andy Hill is the best option for the work due to the quote received and his extensive knowledge and involvement in the work previously. <u>St Bedes</u> Samantha Clark will take up the permanent post of Head Teacher from January.
9.	Parish Assets	Bus Shelters – Nothing to report Village Clock – costings for service circulated and agreed by members Parish Building – Nothing to report
10.	County Councillor's Reports	EW - Warden has been off on annual leave, any outstanding items can be forwarded to EW to be followed up. SW - Street lighting has been an issue behind the front street, previously discussed. There has been an issue that when Karbon homes completed the development it was not picked up that lighting had not been put in place before DCC signed off the development. It was discussed whether the parish would fund the lighting but agreed DCC should be pushed to provide lighting in the area. The refused planning decision within Edmondsley Parish for 200 houses is being appealed. If approved this would significantly impact services and travel routes within Sacriston. There have been residents contacting Councillors for support on assessments of housing priority bandings for Karbon Housing, many have been overturned on appeal. Members encouraged to contact SW if they know of any residents needing care packages for furniture, heating etc through DCC.

		DR queried any progress with Julie Anson regarding funding for a circular planted border near the pit tub at the Crossroads. No further information. No further communication received - EW / SW to chase and clarify whether this funding pot has finished or continues into 2022. Cross Lanes speed bumps are now in place paid for by S106 money from Persimmon. The majority of feedback has been positive, and that speeding has reduced along the road. EW asked for the War Memorial to be added onto the agenda for the next meeting.
11.	Group Representative Reports	Fulforth Centre Committee Meeting The Christmas Extravaganza was held on Monday and was a very successful event. Total takings were £1521. There was £530.67 in expenses meaning £990.33 in profit. There is a large amount of food left over which has been frozen and will be used towards a function later in the month. Thanks were given to those involved in the organisation and running of the event for the community. Sacriston Community Development Group Scheduled for next week. It has been discussed at both meetings the possibility of a resin footpath and lighting around the relocated Pit Wheel outside of the Fulforth Centre to prevent antisocial behaviour, enhance the look of the area and also allow for the band to play on Gala day. This is being considered as a project for Northumbria in Bloom as a special category. GL requested a quote for the resin path from Graham Cozens at DCC. A grant application has been completed seeking £9000 funding for 50% of a project worker salary, with the other 50% to be funded by the Parish Council. Sacriston Parish Allotment Committee Meeting scheduled for next week A report has been received from a resident bordering the Cross Lane site about a fallen fence following the recent storm. Members believe the fence does not belong to the allotment site and was erected by the builder some time ago. HD to query

		this with others on site who may know who is responsible. A housing order is in place now for captive birds due to Avian Flu. Notices are to be posted at Cross Lane and Daisy Hill and notices given to FM to post at New Hill site. New Hill Allotment Group No further meetings. HR & Finance Group Scheduled for next week. CDALC RH stated the meeting has been discussing local parish councils being consulted regarding new street names in areas. Witton Gilbert Education Trust Three individuals and the youth group received funding towards projects presented to the trust. Two of the individuals were from Sacriston.
12.	Budget & Grant Applications	As at the 1st December 2021 there was £85,279.22 in the bank. <u>Invoices Paid</u> Bernie Glasper - £123.33 Royal British Legion for Wreath - £30 Clerk's wages - £686.03 HMRC - £80.60 National Allotment Society insurance - £232 - to be reclaimed from the Allotment Association. <u>Invoices to pay</u> Printer ink Subscription - £10.99 Village clock - £185 + vat Tools purchased - £1084.57 There is one further tool that the parish are seeking to purchase which will help with projects at the allotment sites and for general parish improvements and maintenance.
12.1	Precept	Projected to be £65,958.41 at the current level. Financial projection was discussed and agreed. Grant applications No grant applications received.

13.	Policies and Procedures	None discussed
14.	Events and Information	None to discuss
15.	Date and time of next meeting	Next meeting to be held Wednesday 5 th January 2022 at 6.30pm Meeting closed at 7.50pm

Agreed and signed by Chair of Sacriston Parish Council