



SACRISTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3rd March 2021
Virtually via Zoom at 6.30pm

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

Apologies: Cllr R Harrison

Item No.	Subject	Discussion and Decision	Lead Cllr (s)	Action/ Timescale
1.	Introductions and Apologies for Absence	The Chair opened the meeting @ 6.30pm and welcomed everyone. Apologies received and accepted from Cllr R Harrison.	HD	
2.	Disclosure of Interest from Members	Cllr S Wilson – planning and grant application	SW	
3.	Public Questions	(Questions & Comments from the public in attendance – max 5 mins per item/individual) Jane Waugh invited to attend meeting to discuss litter picking. Apologies received unable to attend. RESOLVED Parish clerk to contact Jane to invite her to volunteer for Northumbria in Bloom project	HD CW	
4.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	Council meeting held on 3rd February 2021. Minutes were then accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.	HD	

5.	Police Matters	PACT Report • Response officers attended a call of violence against a person. A male was arrested following a brief search and the victim was seen to by paramedics. • On Friday 26th officers were concerned for a male's safety. This resulted in a high volume of police presence in the village, including the police helicopter, dog section and traffic unit. The male was located by officers and is receiving the relevant support. • Public order: 1 (0 last month) • Violence against a person: 4 (0 last month) • Theft: 2 (3 last month) Theft of property other than burglary. • Criminal damage: 1 (3 last month) Damage caused to property. • Burglary- Business: 1 (0 last month) • Road related offences: 4 (3 last month) This includes manner of driving. • Malicious communications: 2 (1 last month) • Concerns for safety: 14 (7 last month) • Concerns raised for persons safety. • ASB personal: 3 (3 last month) This involves individuals feeling targeted. • ASB nuisance: 3 (7 last month) This includes youth nuisance, alcohol related incidents and Covid related calls. • ASB environmental: 3 (2 last month) These include off-road vehicles, vehicle nuisance house parties. • Domestic crime: 10 (9 last month) Domestic related incidents including arguing, violence and threats. • Suspicious activity: 14 (19 last month) This includes a wide variety of calls which required further investigation in order to establish circumstances.	CW	
6.	Clerks Report	<u>Planning Applications</u> • DM/21/00108/FPA - Mr Darren Jones of 11 Heugh Edge, Sacriston, DH7 6AU - Replace current prefab garage and driveway with a new larger garage and replace concrete driveway and replace decking with a patio. • DM/21/00494/VOC - Mr Jonny Abbass - Land to The East of Davison Terrace - Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) to reduce the scheme by 1 unit (to 7 units) and discharge conditions: 3 (Materials), 5 (levels), 6 (contamination phases 2-3), 7 (contamination phase 4), 8 (foul and surface water), 10 (coal) and 15 (knotweed control)	CW	

		- DM/21/00253/FPA - Mrs Jo Long - 65 Front Street, Sacriston, Durham, DH7 6JW - Proposed replacement of shop front window and second floor window from rotten wood to UPVC. New signage on the front of the shop above the main window to replace existing signage. <u>Roadworks</u> - Cross Lane, Sacriston - New electrical connection - 2-way lights - 10 - 23 February - Power on Connections - B6532 - Redhouse Farm, Sacriston - Replace telecom chambers - 2-way lights- 1st - 9th March 2021 - British Telecom - B6532 - Findon Hill, Sacriston - Telecom Mast Works - 2-way lights (as required) - 15th - 26th March 2021 - TMobile <u>Messages</u> - Luke Payne PCSO - Thank you for the kind words. I will certainly miss working within the community. It is a shame the lockdown has limited my interaction. Hopefully, I will be able to do a little bit more before I move on in May (lockdown pending). - Steve Ragg - Thanks for the condolences to you and your council, much appreciated at this sad time. <u>Elections</u> - Nomination papers are available online and paper copies can be requested from the clerk. The closing date for nominations on Thurs 8 April at 4pm. Anyone wanting a nomination form between 1–8 April would have to contact electoralservices@durham.gov.uk directly. All councillors must re-apply. <u>Vacancies</u> - The two vacancies should be advertised.		
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		<u>RESOLVED</u> - It was agreed that the vacancies should be advertised, and a notice will be erected on the noticeboard. <u>Training</u> - Attended social media training with CDALC – the training was informative and to engage with the public more the Facebook page needs more engaging content.		
7.	In Bloom	A meeting was held virtually on 25th February 2021. Projects have been identified. Discussed the cleaning of the area around Sacriston Park following Facebook post by member of the public. Cllr Wilson has informed the Green and Clean team of this. Meeting to be held with Graeme Couzens. Cllr Dixon has spoken to allotment holders at Cross Lane regarding a community orchard and the allotment holders are happy to contribute to this. Cllr Waldock is to collect the spare tyres in the village. Cllr Robson has spoken to the Camera Club and they are willing to take the photographs for the project. A donation to the camera club was discussed however, they have already registered a grant application which is currently on hold due to the pandemic.	HD, SW, EW, DR	
8.	Village Schools	Cllr Wilson has asked for a meeting with Cllr Marshall. Cllrs are concerned about information they have heard regarding the site. <u>RESOLVED</u> Cllr Dixon is to contact Cllr Marshall and include MP Kevan Jones in this correspondence.	SW, HD	
9.	Parish Assets	Bus Shelters – Nothing to Report. Village Clock – Nothing to report Parish Building – Nothing to report Graham Court Christmas Tree Lights – lights have been removed from a tree which has been cut down and then disposed of. Karbon Homes have apologised and will look to cover the cost of replacement. <u>RESOLVED</u> Clerk to contact LITE to establish the cost of the lights and how long they have been in situ.	CW CW	

		Cllr Wilson is to contact Karbon to see if the Parish can have the wooden seats from around the area and also contact Julie Anson regarding the seats where they are putting the new car park. Pit Wheel – Karbon have confirmed they are still not at the stage to move this yet.	SW	
10.	County Councillor's Reports	Cllr Simon Wilson Report • Woods by water treatment plant - knife was found by member of the public. Details passed to police and it has been added to areas to be watched by police and wardens. • Crossleas light - having real issues with this. Department has reneged on agreement and I am now working with Kevan Jones and the leader of the council to try and move this forward. • Litter picks - requests were made to SYP and Claire included in this. • Fyndoune - have been asking Carl Marshall for meeting to be held ASAP. A fence along the bridle path has come down and requests in to fix this. • Civic pride team at the council is my next stop regarding litter picking equipment to loan. • Building site - government H and S inspectors have been out. Electric box has been sealed off and electric to be turned off. Fencing to be repaired also. • Cross Lane – There is no wheel washers on the site. To follow this up. • Fencing down between Fyndoune and Abbey Mews. RESOLVED Member of the public details passed to Green and Clean team and Cllr H Liddle to liaise regarding litter picks. Cllr Heather Liddle Report; • No report received – Apologies received on behalf of Cllr H Liddle from Cllr B Smith.	SW	
11.	Reports from Group Representatives	Fulforth Centre Committee Meeting • Nothing to report - no meeting held. Sacrison Community Development Group • Nothing to report - no meeting held.	BS	

		Sacriston Parish Allotment Committee • Meeting held on Monday 1st February 2021. – Prospective date for this year's AGM which would include this year's rent payments. – Daisy Hill boundary fence line was discussed and agreed that a site meeting should be arranged between ourselves, Persimmon Homes and Deerness Fencing to resolve this problem; – We had received a high increase in Northumbrian water rates bill: - The problem was identified where a large number of allotment holders had "Td" off from the main water supply to put an individual feed into their gardens, these will be removed, and all members warned of any future behaviour; – We were also made aware of an individual allotment holder had left the water running within his pigeon loft and water had overflowed and was draining from the base of his loft, we believe this had a major reason why the bills have been high; – The committee agreed that a letter is sent to all allotment holders with regards to the above; – We discussed that we need to look at configuring Cross Lane allotments as we no longer have horses stabled on this land and, the stable blocks could now be split into extra allotment plots reducing the number of people on our current waiting list; – There had also been damage done to an allotment where a lock had been broken off a shed and greenhouse compost had been removed; – A deputation of councillors were going to visit the allotments this Saturday to look at alleviating some of these concerns; – We were also made aware that non-allotment holders had been entering the site which was a contravention of Government and Allotment Association Covid rules and regulations; – As part of this year's Northumbria in Bloom project we are looking at creating an Allotment Community Garden within Cross Lanes and has the support of many. New Hill Allotments • Nothing to report. HR & Finance Group • Nothing to report.	HD	
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		CDALC Nothing to report.		
12.	Budget & Grant Applications	As at the 3rd of March 2021 there was £45,440.39 in the bank. VAT Return completed as previous VAT return not been received from HMRC. The total return was £7882.26. <u>Invoices to be paid.</u> Zoom March - £14.39 Printer ink subscription February - £9.99 A4 Paper - £5 Social Media training - £10 A4 Folder to be purchased for audit paperwork <u>Budget</u> The budget was discussed, and figures agreed for 2021-2022 budget. <u>Grant application</u> Live Well North East – requesting funds to support during the current pandemic. RESOLVED It was agreed by all, Live Well North East carry out some wonderful work in the village and contribute greatly. It was agreed that £300 would be given. Clerk to contact Steve Ragg to ask if he would still carry out the internal audit this year. Clerk to contact the bank to be included as a signatory on the account.	CW ALL ALL ALL CW	
13.	Events and Information	Nothing to report.		
14.	Date & Time of Next Meeting	Next meeting – 7th April 2021 @ 6.30pm Chair thanked everyone for their attendance. Meeting Closed @ 19.55pm Signed Chairperson Date/...../.....	HD	