



SACRISTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd February 2021
Via Zoom at 6.30pm

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

Apologies: Cllrs H. Dixon (Chair), R. Sharp

Item No.	Subject	Discussion and Decision	Lead Cllr (s)	Action/ Timescale
1.	Introductions and Apologies for Absence	In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair opened the meeting @ 6.30pm and welcomed everyone. Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs H. Dixon (Chair), R. Sharp Resignation received and accepted from Cllr E Metcalfe.	EW	
2.	Disclosure of Interest from Members	Cllr S Wilson – planning	SW	
3.	Public Questions	(Questions & Comments from the public in attendance – max 5 mins per item/individual) Email received from a member of public regarding the amount of litter in the village. It was agreed that this was an issue. RESOLVED Member of the public to be invited to next meeting to discuss this.	CW SW	

		Cllr S Wilson will contact the Green and Clean team and ask them to carry out a litter pick. He will also contact SYP and Karbon Homes to ask if there would be any volunteers or equipment available for a volunteer group to carry out a litter pick of the village.		
4.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	Council meeting held on 6th January 2021. Minutes were then accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.	EW	
5.	Police Matters	PACT Report • Officers are appealing for information following a robbery at the Sacriston News and Booze store on 19th January 2021. A male entered the store armed with a hammer and demanded cash before fleeing empty handed. The shop worker was unharmed. The male was described as a large build male, with a distinctive limp and a local accent. • A vehicle was reported stolen from a business in Sacriston. The vehicle was recovered by officers a short time later. The investigation is ongoing. • Robbery: 1 (0 last month) • Drugs: 1 (0 last month) • Theft: 1 (1 last month) Theft of property other than burglary. • Criminal damage: 3 (2 last month) Damage caused to property. • Vehicle crime: 1 (2 last month) Damage caused to vehicle. • Road related offences: 3 (4 last month) This includes manner of driving. • Malicious communications: 1 (0 last month) • RTC: 1 (0 last month) • Concerns for safety: 7 (4 last month) • Concerns raised for persons safety. • ASB personal: 3 (6 last month) This involves individuals feeling targeted. • ASB nuisance: 7 (1 last month) This includes youth nuisance, alcohol related incidents and Covid related calls. • ASB environmental: 2 (1 last month) These include off-road vehicles, vehicle nuisance house parties. • Domestic crime: 9 (9 last month) Domestic related incidents including arguing, violence and threats. • Missing person: 2 (3 last month) • Person reported missing to police.	CW	

		Suspicious activity: 19 (7 last month)		
6.	Clerks Report	<u>Approved Planning Applications</u> - DM/20/02313/FPA AMR (NE)Ltd - Amerikana LLP, Suite 4 AMR Building Sacriston Industrial Estate Plawsworth Road, Sacriston, Durham, DH7 6JX - Creation of 6 no. workshops (Class B2/B8) and external alterations including access doors and 3 new parking spaces. - DM/20/02612/FPA - Mr Andrew Moralee - 17A Front Street, Sacriston, Durham, DH7 6LD - New Shop Front to Existing Retail Unit (A1). - DM/20/02814/FPA Sacriston Enterprise workshops - Unit 4 Cooperative Workshops Plawsworth Road, Sacriston, Durham, DH7 6HJ - Proposed change of use and conversion of units 4 & 5 to accommodate sport and fitness facilities, to include reconfiguration of internal layouts, replacement of first floor and associated external alterations to existing fenestration and parking. - DM/20/03110/FPA R Harold Properties Limited - Unit 1, Block 1, Acorn Close Lane, Sacriston, Durham, DH7 6AN - Change of use of 3 no. grassed areas outside of industrial estate to provide 19 no. staff/customer parking spaces to include installation of dropped kerbs. - DM/20/03165/FPA Mr John Smith - 17 Church Street, Sacriston, Durham DH7 6JL - Single Storey Side and Rear Extension <u>Planning Applications</u> - Mr Philip Murphy- 85 Daleside, Sacriston, Durham, DH7 6DH - Single storey rear extension - DM/21/00098/FPA - The Management Committee - Sacriston Cricket Club, Front Street, Sacriston, Durham, DH7 6JT - Render front elevation, replace entrance doors and canopy to rear.	CW	

		- DM/21/00099/AD- The Management Committee - Sacriston Cricket Club, Front Street, Sacriston, Durham, DH7 6JT - New signage to the Club House front elevation, Crest to match size and appearance of existing. Welcome to Sacriston Colliery Cricket Club sign as below in raised lettering with overhead illumination. Sign adjacent front entrance doors indicating Club rules. <u>Roadworks</u> - B6532 - Redhouse Farm, Sacriston - Demolish and rebuild 4 x carriageway boxes - 2-way lights from 13th -21st January 2021 - British Telecom - Urgent temporary road closure due to defective NWL sewer - a 30 metre length of Kirkwood, Sacriston from the junction with Charlaw Terrace and Errington Bungalows at the northern side of closure in a southerly direction. The maximum duration of the closure under this Notice is 5 days. It is anticipated that the closure will be effective for a period of 5 days (daily 8.30 am – 4.00 pm). <u>Consultations</u> - Three Spatial Policy Consultations between the 15th of January and the 26th of February 2021. - Minerals and Waste Development Plan Document - Parking and Accessibility Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) - Proposed Article 4 Direction - Speed humps and speed cushion proposal for Cross Lane. If you have any comments or wish to raise an objection to any of the proposed changes, this should be no later than 11/2/2021. - The Health and Wellbeing Board have begun a consultation on how they will improve health and wellbeing across County Durham. The closing date for comments is 5pm on Sunday 21 February 2021. - Consultation on making County Durham a safer place. The closing date for comments is 5.00pm on Sunday 21 February 2021.		
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8.	Village Schools	Cllr S Wilson advised that concerns had been raised at a previous meeting which was held on 21 st January 2021. Cabinet are to hold a meeting on 10 th February 2021, and SW would forward the documentation regarding this.	SW	
9.	Parish Assets	Bus Shelters – Nothing to report. Village Clock – Nothing to report Parish Building – Nothing to report	CW	
10.	County Councillor's Reports	Cllr Simon Wilson Report • Development Site - The Council is now trying to contact Homes England as the site has been passed to them given the money they had put into the site. This is taken a long time to get through. • White Lines – this is to be increased to 4 x car lengths • Grit Bins - I have been requesting these be checked and filled, if anyone knows of any that haven't can you let me know. I am also asking for an estate to be assessed for one. • Fyndoune - meeting held with Schools and Leisure - verbal update to follow and best for discussion as parish also in attendance. • I have been working with a lot of individuals and businesses regarding COVID grants. If anyone knows of anyone, please can they forward them on, and I can see if I can help. Cllr Heather Liddle Report; • Sacrison Targeted Business Improvement Scheme (25th January 2021 Update) The team are working with 11 businesses to improve shop fronts Number completed 1 Number submitted planning applications 2 Number currently working on the application 4 Number withdrawn/on hold due to financial restrictions 4 • <u>Sacrison Bus Shelters</u> 2 bus shelters identified for repair and/or replacement.	SW	

		• <i>Shelter 1</i> – Opposite Heron Foods. 7 replacement perspex sheets and clean-up work (rust removal, general cleaning) to take place by end of January. • <i>Shelter 2</i> – Domed double front-entry shelter opposite the former Village Inn site. Complete replacement requested by MK. Parish-owned so Connor from Strategic Traffic getting permission and then ordering the shelter. Will also be double front entry and visually will be very similar to existing one and will fit on the same concrete pad. Expected to arrive late February/early March. • <u>New Car Park Adjacent Santino's</u> Designs are completed. Report on re-appropriation of land has been completed. Planning application drafted awaiting Legal advice before submitting. • <u>Lighting Columns</u> Painting of lighting columns identified on Front Street order has been placed for the works, weather permitting. • <u>Soft & Hard Landscaping</u> Landscaping throughout Front Street, undertaken on our behalf by Clean & Green Team now completed. • <u>Bollards</u> Specification for Parish Crest sent to Broxap on Friday. Likely to be 6 weeks including production and delivery. 11 bollards to be used for replacements, 4 new bollards to be installed to prevent parking on pavement • <u>Robbery Inside Sacriston News and Booze</u> I received an update from the investigating officer at CID who provided the following information. One person has been arrested in relation to the Robbery and released without further action. Whilst CCTV footage from the store was useful in identifying investigative leads we were unable to positively identify the offender. There was insufficient forensic evidence recovered to identify a suspect either therefore hampering any realistic prospect of prosecution. Regretfully the investigation will now be closed pending new evidence coming to light. I am however confident in saying this appeared to be an isolated and opportunistic crime with no similar reported crimes of this type around the time of this offence. There is no current identified threat to the people of Sacriston.		
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		He also confirmed that CCTV at the crossroads was active and being monitored, however it was zoomed in too far and did not cover the shop at that time. <u>Sacrison Welfare Football Pitch</u> – Sacrison Victoria's Football Club To prevent damage to the pitch and to prevent dog fouling the club is working with DCC and has now obtained three quotes for replacement fencing and funding applications are being completed for the works. The replacement fence project will also include the boundary fence at Coldingham Court where there has been repeated fires and youth nuisance over the past few summers. <u>Sacrison Youth Project/Food for Thought</u> A volunteer rota has been created to allow the youth hub to be open longer on Tuesdays and Thursdays for food parcel collections and to allow the community shelves to be out longer. The youth project's Christmas Appeal in Partnership with The Salvation Army helped a total of 306 children between Sacrison and Langley Moor. The Salvation Army also provided emergency assistance/care packages to 43 families The youth project received grants to purchase two laptops which have been loaned out to two families to support with remote learning. The new Family Wellbeing Coordinator has received a number of referrals from local schools and has been holding one to one sessions with parents. She also runs an online weekly Family Forum, which also has a private Facebook group for SYP parents. In two months, the demand has proven that this was a huge provision gap in the Sacrison division. Later this month the youth project will be launching weekly snack packs to families which will supply everything needed to provide between two and three snacks per day. <u>Community Orchard</u> A follow up meeting was held in January. DCC have submitted a pre planning application to determine if the site can be used as a community orchard. A groundworks survey will also be undertaken. <u>Miscellaneous</u> The neighbourhood warden has been dealing with a number of fly tipping and untidy garden complaints. Notices were served on landlords and properties have now been tidied.		
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13.	Events and Information	The clerk is attending an online training course on 9 th February 2021 to gain some further knowledge regarding elections.	EW, CW	
14.	Date & Time of Next Meeting	Next meeting – 3rd March 2021 @ 6.30pm Chair thanked everyone for their attendance. Meeting Closed @ 20.02pm Signed Date/...../..... Chairperson	EW	