



SACRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3rd November 2021 at 6.30pm
In The Fulforth Centre**

Present: Cllr H. Dixon (Chair), Cllr E Waldock, Cllr J Barrett, Cllr R Harrison, Cllr D Robson, Cllr F Morrell, Cllr R Sharp, Cllr L Claughan, Cllr K Wilson and Miss C. Wilson (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr G Ludlow (Vice Chair), Cllr, S Wilson, Cllr C Waggott and Cllr J Wright

Item No:

1.	Introductions and Apologies for Absence	The Chair opened the meeting at 6.30pm and welcomed everyone. Cllr G Ludlow (Vice Chair), Cllr S Wilson, Cllr C Waggott and Cllr J Wright.
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 6 th October 2021 were accepted and signed as a true record.
5.	Police Matters	PACT report received and discussed.
6.	Clerks Report	<u>Planning Application</u> DM/21/03496/FPA 5 Poplar Street, Sacriston, Durham, DH7 6HP Replacement retaining wall to rear of property <u>Roadworks</u> Completed - Cross Lane, Sacriston OMP / Speed <u>Queen's Platinum Jubilee</u> Lighting of the beacons on 2nd June 2022. <u>Daisy Hill Fence</u> Discussed correspondence received from solicitors. <u>Festive lights</u> Asked NPG if we can go through the Fulforth Centre's account for the unmetered supply, no reply yet. I have Informed LITE that the switch on date will be 29th November 2021.

		<u>Armed Forces Day</u> Grants available and this is usually held around 25th June. <u>Website accessibility</u> Emailed guide to Lee Vest - Lee confirmed the website still conforms and does not require anything further. RESOLVED It was agreed that we will not be participating in the Queens Jubilee event. It was agreed that we are to ask the solicitors to correspond with Persimmon Homes direct.
7.	Sacriston in Bloom	● Entry form received for 2022 competition. ● Portfolio for next year's competition has commenced. ● Have recorded St Bede's' School and Cross Lane allotments for next year's special award category ● Consideration for the pit wheel area to be included in the special award category. ● Buffet planned for tomorrow for those volunteers who helped the village get GOLD and for the Pit Wheel inauguration.
8.	Village Schools	Meeting was held with two County Councillors and Andy Hill regarding the layout of Fyndoune site. Plan was provided and discussed. DCC has been positive with the proposed plan. It was discussed that the Chair should be attending meetings with the two County Councillors as this is a Parish led project. Issues which were raised and discussed regarding the SLA 1) Who would be responsible for maintenance? 2) What the proposed rent would be? If/when DCC hand over the site to the Parish it should be handed over in an acceptable standard. Two County Cllrs and Andy Hill propose to have a meeting every week. It was queried as to what the costs would be in connection with solicitors and land registry. Cllr Waldock updated the meeting regarding correspondence received from Andy Hill. Andy Hill has asked if the Parish Council are happy for him to continue to drive the project forward and proposed to work on behalf of the Council as a consultant. This

		would be at a fixed fee of £4000 which is to be paid upfront and upon completion a further £2000. RESOLVED It was agreed by all that the Chair will attend future meetings. It was agreed by all that Andy Hill has put a substantial amount of work into the project so far and we would like him to continue however, this needs further discussion at the meeting between the two County Cllrs, the Chair and Andy Hill at their next meeting as we may need to obtain quotes from other companies.
9.	Parish Assets	Bus Shelters – Nothing to report Village Clock – Nothing to report Parish Building – Nothing to report
10.	County Councillor's Reports	● Crosslane Speedbumps - For info, these were funded by Persimmon Homes. If anyone questions the Parish, please direct them to me. I have asked about Front St, however as it is an emergency route nothing can be done. ● Tolent Site - Highways are chasing the developers as it is impinging on the roads. ● Framwellgate Moor/Hermitage Travel - where the school is the closest to their address and there is not a safe walking route, or the route is over 3 miles, children can apply for free school travel. There is a wider push on transport, including school transport about to be launched. ● Business Briefing – requested an update from Julie Anson. ● John Street - concerns about lighting raised, specifically the car park. This is in the hands of Business Durham as it is their land. ● ASB - serious concerns raised over the last month in connection with a property in the village. Resident now believed to have relocated however, the police and ASB have been working closely with the charity who owns the property.
11.	Group Representative Reports	Fulforth Centre Committee Meeting ● Linda has withdrawn her resignation as Chair of the centre but asks for extra help from volunteers to run the centre; ● Coffee morning held on behalf of Macmillan Fund raised £348. ● Xmas Extravaganza was discussed, we have received a grant of £5,000 to be used solely for village events such as Party in the Park and the Extravaganza. ● As we normally pay for this out of the Parish budget, I have suggested that Linda pays for the Extravaganza from the grant funding and then the Parish reimburse the centre

		from our budget which will put needed support back into the community centre; ● Two gas leaks had been reported within the building, gas engineers were called, and repairs were made; Sacriston Community Development Group ● This was a quarterly meeting as the majority of information from this meeting is repeated at the Fulforth Centre meeting. ● There is currently £29.32 in the bank. ● Discussed the pit wheel and the Inauguration which is taking place tomorrow. ● Raised planters moved to pit wheel site and refreshed with new plants. ● Discussed putting a resin path from the clock area to the pit wheel whilst also putting a metre resin border around the pit wheel site as well; ● We are looking at also purchasing 2 x seats depicting mining in line with similar seats at the cenotaph areas. These would have to be purchased by the Parish if agreement is met. ● Concerns raised again with regards to the junction at Cross Lane / Plawsworth Road, very poor visibility when pulling out. ● Still issues concerning drug dealing, prostitution and ASB at Fynway. Sacriston Parish Allotment Committee ● Public Liability Insurance money is still being collected; Those who don't pay will have to prove that they have their own PL insurance cover; Once all monies received, clerk to send this to the NAS along with proof of paperwork; ● Daisy Hill fence line was discussed after receipt of advice from DCC Legal section; ● All agreed that the Parish only required a simple agreement with Persimmon as to what would be required with the fence line once work starts on Phase 3 of their building programme; Many felt that we should just remove the fence and replace it at the original boundary; ● It was also felt that we should publicise the lack of support from Persimmon Homes with regards to a matter of between 5 and 12 inches on the boundary line; ● Discussions took place with regards to the purchase of a Power Tool Pack which could be used on all allotments including other areas within the Parish, this would make the workload easier, cost of this would be approximately £1,000 and the tools would be added to the Parish Asset Register;
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12.	Budget & Grant Applications	As at the 3rd November 2021 there was £87,034.03 in the bank. <u>Invoices Paid</u> Clerks Pay - £686.03 HMRC - £ 80.60 <u>Invoices to pay</u>

		Printer ink Subscription - £9.99 Recorded delivery - £2.25 Allotments Course – 5 x £30 - £150.00 Bedding plants DCC - £91.69 £1960.72 to claim in VAT Financial projection was discussed and agreed. Grant applications Salvation Army - Christmas Toy appeal requested £1500 Woodshop Workshop requested £10,000 RESOLVED All invoices agreed to be paid. It was agreed to donate £500 to the Salvation Army, which was the same amount as last year. It was agreed that we are unable to donate such funds towards the payment of salaries for the Woodshop Workshop. The Council are currently obtaining funding which is to be used to employ another member of staff and therefore not appropriate to make payment towards staff salaries.
13.	Policies and Procedures	Reviewed and agreed Equal Opportunities Policy and Training Policy. RESOLVED Both policies were agreed and signed at this meeting.
14.	Events and Information	Discussed during Clerks report.
15.	Date and time of next meeting	Next meeting to be held Wednesday 1st December 2021 at 6.30pm Meeting closed at 8.12pm

Agreed and signed by Chair of Sacriston Parish Council