

SACRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Fulforth Centre on Wednesday 5 July 2017 at 6:30pm.

PRESENT: Councillors B Mulvey, D Robson, Ms E Waldock, R Harrison and Mrs SJ Harrison, Mrs H Liddle, G Ludlow, Mrs B Smith, S Wilson and H Dixon.

190 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were submitted by Councillors K Carter, L Claughan, F Morrell and K Wilson.

191 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 1 MARCH 2017

RESOLVED: "That the minutes of the proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 1 March 2017, be confirmed as a correct record".

The Chairman proceeded to sign the minutes.

In relation to Christmas Lighting, Councillor Liddle reported that she had received a price list for the wish list which had been submitted by the Parish Council, however it was agreed that the item should be discussed in more detail after Purdah.

In relation to minute 178, the Clerk would chase up the insurers to find out what was happening regarding the claim for repairs to the church fencing.

In relation to 171, it should have referred to Fulforth Way and not West Farm as was stated.

In relation to 180, there had been no update in relation to the clock, the Clerk would request an update.

In relation to the minutes in general, it should have reflected that Councillor Waldock left the meeting at the end of item 174 and returned at item 185.

192 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

193 ISSUES/QUESTIONS – GENERAL PUBLIC

There were no members of the public in attendance.

194 POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Wignall was in attendance and discussed the latest PACT report and other local crime issues with Members. A new area inspector had been appointed and would be invited to attend a future meeting.

195 GROWING SACRISTON TOGETHER/IN BLOOM

Councillor Liddle provided an update on progress with individual projects.

Judging had taken place the previous day.

It was reported that the Gap Site had now been done with the Parish Crest right at the centre of it. Councillor Liddle advised that the number of volunteers that were now involved with the projects was overwhelming and extremely pleasing.

Councillor Robson wished to express thanks to Councillor Liddle, Gemma O'Brien and all those involved for their hard work, efforts and commitment.

196 ANNUAL AUDIT

Notification had been received of the scheduled deadlines for submission of the Annual Return to the appointed auditors, BDO. It was agreed that the same internal auditor, Mrs Gladders, should be appointed ahead of submission of the Annual Return.

197 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

A request for financial assistance which had been received from Citizens Advice County Durham, was submitted and received.

198 DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Councillor Waldock provided an update in relation to the Development Group. Members were advised that Group meetings would now be held at 6pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month and that Mrs G. O'Brien was now Chairperson.

199 FULFORTH CENTRE

Councillor Robson provided an update in relation to the Fulforth Centre, which had met the previous evening.

200 ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Councillor Dixon advised that he had attended a meeting regarding Cross Lanes earlier in the week where issues such as fencing had been discussed. The Association had advised of improvements which had been made at the site such as improvements to the drainage of water, water supply to individual plots, security in general and the condition of footpaths. The Association had also discussed future improvement plans for the site. It was reported that there would be an AGM on 2nd May.

201 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillor Liddle provided updates in relation to County Council business which affected the village.

The roundabout at Rose Crescent was to be removed, 54 people had responded to the Womble Park consultation and their responses would be incorporated into future plans, Youth Workers would be employed in the village from the end of the week, and funding was awaited for the Business Development Scheme following which the scheme would be launched.

202 HUMAN & FINANCIAL RESOURCES PANEL/QUALITY STATUS WORKING GROUP

Councillor McLoughlin provided an update in relation to recent business considered by the Working Group and Panel. It would be necessary in due course for the Council to re-evaluate its action plan and also to look at developing a training programme for Councillors and the Clerk.

203 ST BEDE'S

Councillor Waldock reported that a new headteacher had now been appointed.

204 ACCOUNTS/GRANT APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED: "That authority be granted for payment of the following accounts:

DCC - £681.612 – Grounds Maintenance Contract
DCC - £7718.60 – Christmas Lights 2016
DCC - £142.24 – Testing of Christmas Decorations
NPOWER - £72.44 – Energy Bill
HMRC - £103.15 – PAYE Deductions
Sac Community Sports Trust - £16,000.00 – Donation
G O'Brien - £60.00 – In Bloom/GST
Pity Me Nursery - £428.00 – GST/In Bloom"

205 PLANNING

An application had been received regarding the Melbourne Villas area. However Councillor Liddle advised she had brought the application to Planning Dept attention as she was aware that there was a deed or covenant that prevented any development on the site in question.

206 DEPARTING COUNCILLORS

It was announced that Councillors D Shotton, Mrs R Shotton and P McLoughlin would not be returning to the Parish Council as they had not stood for the forthcoming elections. As such the Council thanked them all for their contributions and their time on the Council, they would all be missed and were wished well for the future.

Signed_____Chairman