



SACRISTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on the 3 July, 2019
Fulforth Centre, Sacriston

Present: Cllrs H. Dixon (Chair), E. Waldock, R. Harrison, B. Smith, G. Ludlow, F. Morrell, H. Hubber, K. Wilson, L. Claughan, E. Metcalfe, S. Wilson, C. Waggot, Clerk J. Evans

Apologies: L. Burn, D. Robson

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1	Introductions	Chair opened the meeting @ 6.30pm and welcomed everyone. Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Burn & Robson	HD	
2	Disclosure of Interest from Members	Cllr S. Wilson – any items regarding Planning, especially in relation to proposals received for land to the east of Davison Terrace.	SW	
3	Public Questions	(Questions & Comments from the public in attendance – max 5 mins per item/individual) A representative present from Live Well North East gave Members a presentation on her non-profit social fitness business. The business has an office in the old Co-op buildings but they deliver projects in schools around the Sacriston area. They work with Children & Young People to boost confidence through fitness. This includes referrals from CAMBs, NEETs etc and they have also started a Wellbeing Group for men RESOLVED Cllr Dixon thanked her for an interesting presentation and the valuable work that they are doing with local children		
4..	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	Council Meeting Held on 5 June 2019 - Following item 5 – EM confirmed that the Allotment rents had been collected to the value of £1,905 with only 2 people remaining to pay - Following item 8 – EW confirmed that the mural at St Bedes had been cancelled.	HD	

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		Stephen Ragg - The next CDALC Smaller Councils Forum meeting will be hosted by Spennymoor Town Council on the 25 July at 14:00. Refreshments prior to the meeting will be available. Any items for the agenda or any discussion items by the 15 July. - Notification from County Hall - From the 31st July 2019, registered charities and community groups can apply for grants of £500 - £20,000 to the Postcode Community Trust for projects to help people - ensuring they have the skills, opportunities and rights to improve their lives. To be eligible, projects should focus on: - The prevention of poverty. - Promotion of human rights - Combatting discrimination for some of society's most vulnerable groups. RESOLVED Received with thanks		
8.	In Bloom	- GH gave a verbal report on all the many improvements that were underway throughout the parish. - Noted that Karbon Homes had undertaken very little work outside of St Johns Court - HD confirmed that the Parish was still awaiting funding contributions from the local County Councillors - Volunteers were meeting at the Fulforth Centre 4 July @ 6.30pm and a request was made for loan equipment such as petrol lawn mowers, Strimmer's etc. - Photographs would be taken for the Parish News Letter - A number of positive reports had been received with regards to the new floral arrangements at the bottom of Uphill Drive RESOLVED HD thanked everyone for their continued support	HD	
9.	Village Schools	Nothing to report		
11.	Parish Assets	Bus Shelters – On going maintenance issues are reported regularly by HD Village Clock – Repaired Parish Building – Nothing to report Christmas Lights – nothing to report.	HD	

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		RESOLVED N/A		
12	Reports from Group Representatives	Development Group – No meetings in time period Fulforth Centre – No meetings in time period Allotments Group- Meeting to be held 10 July, 2019. JE note to Members that the Parish Website had been brought up to date with an Allotments page. FM – raised concerns over the management of the Allotments at New Hill and it might be the case that the Parish would have to take them under control along with the other 2 sites. Further discussions are to be had. HR & Finance Group – Meeting was cancelled, next one 10th July, 2019 County Councillor Reports: Cllr H Liddle – No report as Cllr Liddle is on A/L Cllr Wilson – provided a verbal report: - Confirmed that the Chester le Street Master Plan would be going to Cabinet for consideration - The damaged bin at Acorn Close belongs to Karbon Homes and they had not confirmed as yet whether they would replace it or not. - Reported that the Parking situation had improved at Coniston Drive and he had not had as many public reports. - There had been a rat infestation but it was reported to Environmental Health and no further problems had been reported. BS asked if the Hedge at 34 Gregson Street could be reported as it is blocking a public footpath. Concerns were raised over the lack of fencing around the housing development site (Old Pit Site) ...children were gaining entry and using it as a playground. The Parish Defibrillator had been installed on the wall outside of Bespoke. HD confirmed that Tesco would also be purchasing a Defibrillator and installing it externally to their premises. Also, concerns were raised that there was no waste bin located on the Gap site Development. RESOLVED - Cllr Wilson to enquire about the hedge - Cllr Wilson to approach development company re site security	DR SW SW	

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		• Cllr Dixon to make enquiries relating to the bin at the Gap Site as this was included in the project.	SW HD	
13	Budget & Grant Applications	Discussions centred around an invoice for payment with reference to the Gap Site which Members believed to have previously been paid. JE confirmed that the external audit arrangements had been made with MAZARS and details of the accounts had been posted on the Parish website as required LC reminded the Chair that a cheque was needed for £1,400 for the Miners Gala RESOLVED DR to discuss Gap site with the previous Development Worker. HD to provide payment in respect of the Gala	HD	
17	AOB	EM (Treasurer Allotment Group) asked for a nother signature for the Allotments bank account. • HH asked if when the new Clerk/RFO/Development Worker was appointed that Members would consider a Parish presence on Social Media to be administered by the new person in post This would raise the profile of the Parish by informing residents of everything that happens in the Council. • BS raised concerns over the property next to the Salvation Army Care & Share Shop...large numbers of youths hanging around and she had several residents approach her re incidents of alcohol/drugs etc. • Concerns raised once again over security issues with the dilapidated "Bottom House" building. Young people are gaining access and the building is unsafe. • EW made everyone aware that the Parish Newsletter deadline was the end of the week and so far, she had 8 pages. RESOLVED • GL to be 3rd signature for Allotments	HD	
17	Date & Time of Next Meeting	Next meeting Wednesday 7 August @ 6.30pm Chair thanked everyone for their attendance Meeting Closed @ 7.50 pm	HD	

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