

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.

47 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

48 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 7 JUNE 2017

Thanks were expressed to Councillor Dixon for writing the minutes of the previous meeting. Councillor Liddle had made a slight amendment to minute 35.

RESOLVED: "That the minutes of the proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 7 June 2017, be confirmed as a correct record".

The Chairman proceeded to sign the minutes.

In relation to minute 35, Members expressed disappointment that no brackets had been received and as such there were no hanging baskets on lampposts. Councillor Liddle explained that despite a correct order, the wrong size bracket had been issued.

49 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

50 ISSUES/QUESTIONS – GENERAL PUBLIC

There were no members of the public in attendance.

51 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.

52 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.

53 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

Councillor Liddle provided an update as several quotes had now been received. Both she and Councillor S Wilson had met with the County Council and had looked over various options following which a tender process had proceeded and 3 companies had since responded with quotes. Members were briefed on the quotes and a further meeting was to be held for Council to discuss in more detail on 11 July at 7:30pm.

54 CILCA

The Clerk was pleased to advise that she had received confirmation that she had successfully completed the CILCA qualification and circulated a copy of her certificate to the Council.

55 INSURANCE

The Clerk reported that the renewal pack for the Councils insurance policy had been received from AON Ltd. The Clerk was satisfied with the schedule of insurance for the forthcoming year.

RESOLVED: "That the Council Insurance Policy with AON Ltd be renewed accordingly."

56 LLOYDS BANK

The Clerk reported a response she had received from Lloyds Bank further to concerns the Council had raised in relation to the now vacant premises in the village. The property was on the open market and issues regarding vandalism would be looked into.

57 TRAINING SESSIONS

The Clerk reported forthcoming training sessions which were being hosted by CDALC entitled Good Councillors Training Session. Both Councillors Waldock and Liddle wished to attend, places to be reserved accordingly.

58 DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Councillor Waldock provided an update in relation to the Development Group which now would meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6pm.

59 FULFORTH CENTRE

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

60 ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Councillor Dixon provided an update in relation to Cross Lanes Allotments. Members were advised of a complaint from a nearby resident regarding the gates being locked at all times. It was unclear whether the path was actually a right of way and so clarification would be sought.

61 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

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

There was a major issue with working people struggling to make ends meet financially, particularly regarding transport costs to get to and from work etc.

There had been a request to fit in dropped kerbs to make it easier for disabled residents to cross roads. The County Council would pay £2000 for one to be installed at the back of the Front Street, however it was very costly to build out the path in another area, as such the Parish Council was asked to consider paying for necessary works. Following discussions it was agreed that more details would be required before the matter could be considered further.

Councillor Wilson advised that work was being done to look at setting up a Food Bank or Food Bank Plus in the village.

Members were also advised that a fly tipping investigation was ongoing.

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62 HUMAN & FINANCIAL RESOURCES PANEL/QUALITY STATUS WORKING GROUP

A meeting needed to be arranged.

63 CDALC

Councillor R Harrison provided an update in relation to CDALC.

64 SPEEDING

Councillor Ludlow raised an issue regarding the speed of vehicles coming down the bank into the village. A Speedwatch would need to be set up in conjunction with the Police.

65 GALA

Councillor Robson reminded Councillors that the Durham Miners Gala was to be held on Saturday morning.

66 ACCOUNTS/GRANT APPLICATIONS

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

L Vest - £750.00 (to replace previous cheque) – Website
Hazeldene - £2376.00 – Fencing
A Kelly- £150.00 – Newsletter Delivery
NPOWER - £47.80 – Energy Bill
J Lawton - £200.00 – Annual Home Working Allowance
J Lawton - £412.60 – Salary
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HMRC - £103.15 – PAYE Deductions
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67 PLANNING

Members were advised that the West Farm development had been approved by the Planning Committee the previous day.

Signed _____ Chairman