

SACRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Fulforth Centre on Wednesday 2 November 2016 at 6:30pm.

PRESENT: Councillors D Robson, L Claughan, Ms E Waldock, B Mulvey, P McLoughlin, Mrs B Smith, F Morrell, R Harrison and Mrs SJ Harrison, S Wilson, Mrs H Liddle, D Shotton, Mrs R Shotton and H Dixon.

98 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

The Chairman took the opportunity to announce that since the last meeting, he had received notice of resignation from the Council from Councillor Mrs B Gibson. It was with regret that the resignation was received and a letter of appreciation, recognition and well wishes would be sent to Mrs Gibson on behalf of the Council.

99 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 5 OCTOBER 2016

RESOLVED: "That the minutes of the proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5 October 2016, be confirmed as a correct record".

The Chairman proceeded to sign the minutes.

100 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Wilson declared an interest in any planning related items.

101 ISSUES/QUESTIONS – GENERAL PUBLIC

There were no members of the public in attendance.

102 POLICE MATTERS

There were no representatives from the Police in attendance however Councillor H Liddle presented the latest PACT report.

103 GROWING SACRISTON TOGETHER/IN BLOOM

Councillor Liddle took the opportunity to provide an update in relation to the Mutual Gain project. £20k had been up for bids at a community event and an update on the 4 successful projects was provided.

In relation to In Bloom it was reported that work was already underway in preparation for the 2017 judging.

104 CHRISTMAS TREE/LIGHTING

In relation to Christmas Lighting, the Chairman advised that lights had been put up earlier that day and some further decorations had been discovered which would hopefully be suitable to erect.

105 CHANGING LIVES

Correspondence was reported regarding a Conservation Open Day to be held at Changing Lives to which all Councillors were invited.

106 PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER

Members were advised of a consultation which was being run by Durham County Council regarding the possible introduction of a Public Space Protection Order which would provide greater enforcement powers in relation to dog ownership issues.

107 DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Councillor Waldock provided an update in relation to the Development Group.

108 FULFORTH CENTRE

Councillor Morrell provided an update in relation to the Fulforth Centre.

109 ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Councillor Dixon advised that following a site meeting, a local gentleman, Mr H Robson, had now cut the overgrown area at Cross Lane Allotments and a bill for £30.00 was now payable. Councillor Dixon advised that a complaint had been received that when the new fencing had been erected, old fencing had been left up as such he would personally remove it.

It was noted that a further strip of fencing would be beneficial at the top of the Cross Lanes site along with 2 new gates. Other fencing work was also discussed as such a site meeting would be arranged with Hazeldene Fencing.

Councillor Morrell provided an update in relation to the New Hill Allotment site.

110 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillors Liddle and Wilson provided updates in relation to County Council business which affected the village. Updates were given in relation to the billboard at the Tattoo Shop, other commercial premises in the village and the Sacriston Youth Project which was now a registered charity and had a new office premises in the Front Street. Further updates and information were given in relation to the Durham Needs Project, the Prayer Garden at St Bedes and the status of the hedges near the cemetery.

111 HUMAN & FINANCIAL RESOURCES PANEL

Councillor McLoughlin provided an update from the recent meeting of the Panel where a financial report had been circulated by the Clerk.

112 QUALITY STATUS

Mr Lee Vest, a local gentleman who worked in website design and maintenance, had attended the recent meeting of the Working Group and he had been tasked with setting up and designing a new website for the Council. It had been agreed that he would attend the next meeting of the full Council to provide a presentation.

113 FYNDOUNE COLLEGE

Councillor Mulvey advised that a new headteacher had been appointed at Fyndoune and as such it was agreed that they would be invited to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council.

114 CDALC

Councillor Harrison advised that thanks to the support of the Parish Council he had once again been elected as one of the Vice Presidents of CDALC. An update was provided on two motions which CDALC was hoping all local Councils would adopt.

115 ACCOUNTS/GRANT APPLICATIONS

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

Royal British Legion - £30.00 – Donation
A Morton - £150.00 – Newsletter Delivery
Budget Gardens - £30.00 – Grounds Maintenance at Allotments
WPS - £570.00 – Newsletter Printing
Hire Santa - £360.00 – Extravaganza
James Fletcher Marquees - £335.00 - Extravaganza

J Lawton - £412.60 – Salary
HMRC - £103.15 – PAYE Deductions”

116 PLANNING

Consideration was given to 3 planning applications. The Council had no comments to make in respect of 2 of them but would welcome some clarity in relation to vehicle access on the Cheviot application at St Cuthbert’s Drive area.

Signed_____Chairman