

SACRISTON PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Fulforth Centre on Wednesday 7th June 2017.

PRESENT: Councillors: B Mulvey, H Dixon, D Robson, L Claughan, F Morrell, G Ludlow, Mrs B Smith, Mrs H Liddle, Mrs SJ Harrison, R Harrison, K Wilson, K Carter, G Holmes.

26. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Wilson, Mrs E Waldock, Mrs J Lawton (Clerk).

27. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 17th MAY 2017.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 17th May 2017, to be confirmed as a correct record.

The Chairman proceeded to sign the minutes however, noted the concerns from many of the Councillors with regards to the format of the minutes as some pages were missing and others not in numerical order.

In relation to the Christmas Lighting – Councillor Liddle reported that a meeting had been arranged for Thursday 22nd June 2017 at Meadowfield to discuss and finalise the lighting arrangements. Councillors Ludlow or K Wilson to possibly attend with Councillor Liddle.

In relation to Growing Sacriston Together project – Councillor Liddle informed the meeting that judging will take place on the 4th July 2017 not 27th July as stated in the minutes.

Churchyard Fencing – It was noted that the Clerk had still not provided a quote for the work to be done.

St. Bede's Development – Councillor Liddle reported that the clerk had not yet provided copies of submissions from the Parish Council therefor the complaint to planning had not progresses.

28. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received

29. POLICE MATTERS

Concerns raised with regards to Anti-Social Behaviour at a private rented property.

30. ISSUES / QUESTIONS – GENERAL PUBLIC

None raised

31. APPROVAL OF CURRENT FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Agreed and approved.

32. APPROVAL OF CURRENT STANDING ORDERS

Agreed and approved

33. APPROVAL OF DISCIPLINARY POLICY AND GRIEVANCE POLICY

Agreed and approved.

34. APPROVAL OF APPRAISAL DOCUMENT

Agreed and approved.

35. GROWING SACRISTON TOGETHER / IN BLOOM

As previously stated, judging will take place on the 4th July 2017, Councillor Liddle and Gemma O'Brien to liaise with the judges. Cheviot Homes, a new developer within the village have donated £500 to this project to carry out improvements on the Charlaw Estate.

Concerns were raised with regards to the standard of work carried out by a garden contractor at "The Shoes" public house site. Members agreed that the contractor would not be used again.

36. CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

As previously stated, a meeting is arranged for the 22nd June 2017 at Meadowfield.

37. CORRESPONDENCE

As the Parish Clerk was not in attendance, no correspondence was discussed

38. DEVELOPMENT GROUP

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

39. FULFORTH CENTRE

Councillor Morrell provide an update in relation to the Fulforth Centre. It had been agreed that as from the 6th June 2017 the meetings of the Trustees and Management Committees would now be combined, this would be for a trial period and reviewed again at the 2018 Annual General Meeting.

A further meeting is planned for the 13th June 2017 to discuss a volunteer rota system to oversee the opening and day to day management of the Centre when groups are running.

Two thefts of cash had occurred from the centre

40. ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Councillor Morrell informed the meeting that a new licensee had been agreed from New Hill to oversee and manage the purchase and distribution of the rat poison between all three allotment areas however an invoice payment needs to be made before the 22nd June 2017 to ensure compliance.

Councillor Dixon raised concerns once again with regards to the completion of gates and fence work at Cross Lanes allotment. This is the fourth meeting that this has been raised and no information received from the contractor.

41. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillor Liddle updated the meeting with county council business relating to Sacriston parish.

42. HUMAN AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES PANEL

Training opportunities for current and new Councillors was discussed. Mr Steve Ragg (CDALC) had been contacted and he made the panel aware of a two-hour training package which could be made available. Times would need to be agreed on how this would be presented.

43. QUALITYSTATUS WORKING GROUP

The group had asked for an update on the Clerks qualification status. They were made aware that she had failed one section however, this had been redone and she had re-submitted the section for verification, it will take up to ten weeks for the results to be known.

It was also agreed that to maintain continuity, the membership of the above two groups should remain the same.

44. C.D.A.L.C. EXECUTIVE MEETING

Councillor Harrison provided an update in relation to the CDALC Executive Meeting where a discussion had taken place with regards to Small / Medium Councils and their awareness and understanding of the Standing Orders thereof.

A new Code of Conduct has been discussed and every Council would receive them once they had been ratified at the Executive Annual General Meeting.

45. ACCOUNTS / GRANT APPLICATIONS

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

• G. Richardson	-	£400:00
• Tots 2 Teens	-	£420:00
• Dusk till Dawn Entertainment	-	£240:00
• O'Briens Funfair & Catering	-	£2300:00
• Paxtons	-	£623:90
• D.M.A. (Sacriston Lodge)	-	£1200:00

46. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None received

Signed _____
Chairman