



SACRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5th January 2023 at 6.30pm In The Fulforth Centre

Present: Cllr H. Dixon (Chair), Cllr G Ludlow (Vice Chair), Cllr E Waldock, Cllr D Robson, Cllr F Morrell, Cllr J Barrett, Cllr A Page, Cllr K Wilson, Cllr R Sharp Miss C Wilson (Clerk)

Apologies: Apologies received from Cllr R Harrison, Cllr S Wilson, Cllr L Claughan and Cllr D Forth

Item No:

1.	Introductions and Apologies for Absence	<p>The Chair opened the meeting at 6.30pm and welcomed everyone.</p> <p>Apologies received and accepted from Cllr R Harrison, Cllr S Wilson, Cllr L Claughan and Cllr D Forth.</p> <p>It was advised that Cllr Ludlow and Cllr Burn would be late to the meeting and gave their apologies.</p> <p>Cllr Ludlow attended late; however, Cllr Burn did not attend.</p>
2.	Disclosure of Interest from Members	<p>Nothing to report.</p>
3.	Questions from the public	<p>(Questions & Comments from the public in attendance – max 5 mins per item/individual)</p> <p>Major Ann-Marie Johnson attended the meeting as she would like to apply for the vacant parish councillor position. She provided the meeting with an introduction and some brief information about herself and her background.</p>
4.	Previous meeting minutes	<p>Previous minutes from 7th December 2022 were accepted and signed as a true record.</p>
5.	Police Matters	<p>Chair had received a supporting letter from Kevan Jones MP in regards to the letter sent to the Chief Constable of Durham re ASB in the village and, the lack of Police response. Kevan had also sent a letter to the Chief Constable and had received a reply.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> Clerk was provided with the letter, which is to be filed.</p>
6.	Clerks Report	<p><u>Andy Hill</u> Invited to meeting. Andy was unable to attend due to work commitments but will send a report.</p>

RESOLVED

Discussed that Andy should attend the next meeting and forward his report in the interim.

Email received from Home Valley Parish Council

Unfortunately, the Parish Council do not want to enter into any twinning arrangements and have advised that we should contact the community association of Hade Edge, who they can put us in touch with.

RESOLVED

To speak to Hade Edge Band at the Miners Gala this year to see how to progress.

Royal Garden Party

An email was sent to everyone regarding the Royal Garden Party. CDALC usually get 2 tickets for the garden party so are asking if anyone would like to be nominated for the tickets.

RESOLVED

No nominations for the garden party.

106 monies available

DM/19/02097/FPA- Residential Development comprising 19no. 2b3p bungalow dwellings. Land At Lavender Gardens and, Uphill Drive, Sacriston, DH7 6PP. Open Space/Recreation/Sports - £35,793.27.

RESOLVED

The Crossroads project was discussed to use the 106 monies.

Sacriston Newsletter

A member of the public has asked if there will be a newsletter.

RESOLVED

CLlr Waldock is to set up a working group. She will confirm a date and let people know for anyone who wants to attend.

Peoples Pension

Clerk has signed up. The Parish Council were made aware via email, which was agreed that there was a £600 set up fee. The setup fee must be paid by direct debit, as monthly contributions are taken this way.

		<p><u>Email from Peterlee Town Council</u></p> <p>Peterlee Town Council have had a request for an event to be held 'History through the ages' which was held in Sacriston a few years ago and have asked for confirmation as to how the event went.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u></p> <p>Clerk to respond however, there is nothing that can be confirmed as the PC were not involved.</p>
7.	Sacriston in Bloom	<p>Proposed projects for this year are at Daisy Hill and the Crossroads. Chair asked if there are there any other projects that we could look at to improve village.</p> <p>Cllr Robson proposed some further trees. Clerk advised that there are grants available, which we have previously looked at, however, we need to know the exact details of where we would like the trees to be planted and what kind of trees we require as this needs to be detailed on a map.</p> <p>Cllr Robson queried the grounds maintenance agreement with DCC. Clerk advised that this is usually sent in approximately March.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u></p> <p>Clerk to contact the PDW as a dream tree was set up at the Christmas Extravaganza and this could help indicate what the community would like to see in the village for proposed projects.</p>
8.	Village Schools	<p><u>Fyndoune</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing further to report. • Discussion regarding schools within County Durham receiving money for upgrading works.
9.	Parish Assets	<p>Bus Shelters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crossroads has been booked with DCC to repair and waiting for this to be carried out. • Plawsworth Road – this has been knocked down by someone over the Christmas period. <p><u>RESOLVED</u></p> <p>Clerk to contact the Police to obtain some further information, and report to the insurance company to make a claim from the person who caused the damage.</p> <p>Village Clock – nothing to report.</p> <p>Parish Building – Police have contacted Chair regarding land at the rear of the building. Chair queried this with members. Cllr Morrell confirmed it was DCC land.</p>

		<p>War Memorial</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Ludlow is trying to obtain a quote. <p>Pit Wheel – nothing to report.</p>
10.	County Councillor's Reports	<p>Report received from Cllr S Wilson;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In respect of Fyndoune, having seen that DCBC had Health and Safety works done I am going to continue to put pressure on Assets to do something about bringing Fyndoune up to scratch. • Due to Christmas etc getting a hold of people has been tricky so I am going to request a meeting with the parish and assets again, and to find out when the report is being published/signed off. <p>Cllr E Waldock;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NW are carrying out emergency works at Fyndoune which started 29th December and can take up to maximum of 21 days. • Can we get some ideas of dates/times for availability for inspecting the CCTV cameras. • The representee at DCC that was dealing with the bus shelter at Lingley close has now moved departments so trying to progress the matter, and then will be dealing with the shelter at Ennerdale Close. • There is an issue with litter at present, trying to put a plan together. Litter pick has been arranged previously but not a good response from the community. • To set a date regarding the working group for the newsletter.
11.	Group Representative Reports	<p>Fulforth Centre Committee Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting has taken place. <p>New Hill Allotments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meetings have taken place <p>HR & Finance Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meetings have taken place. <p>CDALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report given
12.	Budget & Grant Applications	<p>ACCOUNTS</p> <p>As at 4th January 2023 the balance in the account was £72,241.11</p>

		<p><u>Invoices paid</u> Clerks Wages - £739.67 HMRC - £122.40 All other invoices previously agreed.</p> <p><u>Invoices</u> HP Instant ink subscription - £4.49 Smarty mobile phone contract - £6.00 Stationary - £6.50 MCafee Virus Protection software renewal fee for 1 year - £84.99 LITE (final invoice) - £1710 (VAT £285) Harry Robson (grass cutting) - £1800</p> <p>RESOLVED – Agreed for invoices to be paid</p> <p><u>Durham Community Association</u> Clerk informed the meeting of correspondence received from Linda regarding the salary of the Project Development Worker. Funding for 2022/23 requires payment in January 2023 and a request for funding in the sum of £10,248 for 10 hours per week has been received for 23/24.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> It was agreed that the project development worker salary should be discussed at the HR and Finance meeting which is taking place on 9th January.</p>
13.	Parish Council Vacancy	<p>Major Ann-Marie Johnson has been co-opted to fill the vacancy as councillor.</p> <p>Clerk has provided Ann-Marie with a declaration form which has been signed, and a register of interests form for completion.</p>
14.	Date and time of next meeting	<p>Next meeting to be held Wednesday 1st February 2023 at 6.30pm</p> <p>Meeting closed at 7.29pm</p>

Agreed and signed by Chair of Sacriston Parish Council Date