

SACRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

49 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors B Gibson, H Dixon, R Shotton & D Shotton.

50 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 1 JUNE 2016

It was noted that contrary to the printed minutes, Councillors R & D Shotton had submitted their apologies for the 1 June meeting.

RESOLVED: "That the minutes of the proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 1 June 2016, as amended, be confirmed as a correct record".

The Chairman proceeded to sign the minutes.

In relation to minute no. 33, the Chairman advised that the petrol mower had been purchased and that the local residents had done an excellent job.

51 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

52 ISSUES/QUESTIONS – GENERAL PUBLIC

Councillor Wilson took the opportunity to advise of a letter he had received from local residents regarding the ongoing issues at the Plawsworth Road School site. The issues were duly noted however the case remained that the Parish Council had done all it could in relation to the matter.

53 POLICE MATTERS

PC N Turnbull was in attendance and gave an update in relation to policing matters relevant to the local area. A copy of the latest PACT report was also circulated for information.

54 GRANT AWARDING POLICY

Further to discussions at the previous meeting and the agreed course of action detailed at minute no.31, the Clerk circulated for consideration an amended version of the Council's Grant Awarding Policy which incorporated all suggested amendments from Councillors. All those in attendance welcomed the updated version and as such it was signed off by the Chairman.

Resolved:- "That the updated version of the Grant Awarding Policy be adopted and utilised with immediate effect".

55 GROWING SACRISTON TOGETHER/IN BLOOM

The Chairman advised that In Bloom would be getting judged the following Tuesday morning and 4 people were permitted to accompany the judges.

56 CHRISTMAS TREE/LIGHTING

The Chairman recapped that since the June meeting of the Council he had been in discussions with Durham County Council in relation to Christmas tree works. It had been planned that works in Sacriston would take place in May, however it had since transpired that those planned works had to be put back to a later date and as of yet, no further progress had happened. The Clerk had liaised with Hazeldene Fencing and the Chairman had liaised with AMR and quotes were awaited. Furthermore enquiries were being made with other possible firms to dismantle the lights and relocate the electrics.

57 DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Councillor Waldock gave an update in relation to the Development Group, advising that the AGM would be held the following Wednesday.

58 FULFORTH CENTRE

It was reported that work to the CCTV was to be done the following Wednesday. In relation to Party In The Park, Councillors were advised there would be a pre-meeting on 26 July at 6pm, the actual event would then be held from 11:15 on 30 July 2016.

59 ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Councillor Smith advised that although the new fencing at Cross Lanes looked fantastic, it would have looked better had it been continued a short distance further. This point was reiterated by Councillor Liddle who had received a complaint from a local resident. A number of Councillors would inspect and report back.

60 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillor H Liddle provided a report regarding County Council matters which related to the local area. In relation to Christmas Lighting, it was reported that unfortunately Gateshead Borough Council were unable to carry out the works for financial reasons. Furthermore no progress had been made with DCC Events Team. She had emailed Stanley Events who would provide a quote for installation and switch on. Alternatively the Parish could opt to go with the Lighting Team at DCC however this would mean the lights would be erected in October. A few options would be explored over the summer.

Councillor Liddle was heavily involved with In Bloom and had been working on preparations for the forthcoming visit from judges.

An update was provided in relation to whether Fyndoune was to become an Academy Status establishment.

Issues were discussed regarding the spreading of manure locally and it was reported that EHCP had said they could only get involved if the issue had a detrimental effect on public health.

61 HUMAN & FINANCIAL RESOURCES PANEL

Councillor McLoughlin provided an update in relation to the recent meeting of the Human and Financial Resources Panel. The Panel had written to the Fulforth Centre to seek clarity in relation to its funding bids and related fee's, and had received a response which the Clerk read out to the Council. It was agreed that they should be thanked for their response and the matter should then be left until the Council came to set its precept again, when the level of funding provided to the Centre could once again be considered.

62 QUALITY STATUS

Councillor McLoughlin had prepared a table to be completed by the Clerk, which would detail accurately how the Council currently fared in relation to achieving the Foundation Award. Furthermore there was general consensus that an up to date website was paramount in fulfilling successfully all necessary criteria. As

such over the summer Councillor McLoughlin and the Clerk would explore various options for website providers. A meeting of the Human and Financial Resources Panel would then be held on 10 August 2016.

63 ACCOUNTS

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

D Scott - £410.00 – Party in the Park
Rock It - £450.00– Party in the Park
Kiddies Playbus - £300.00 – Party in the Park
James Fletcher - £817.74 – Party in the Park
Sacriston Community Association - £200.00 – Room Hire
NPower - £41.27 – Energy Bill
Hazeldene Fencing - £5772.00 – Allotment Fencing
L Gladders - £150.00 – Internal Audit
J Lawton - £412.60 – Salary
HMRC - £103.15 – PAYE Deductions”

64 PLANNING

There were no planning applications to consider.

Signed _____ Chairman