



SACRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6th July 2022 at 6.30pm
In The Fulforth Centre**

Present: Cllr H. Dixon (Chair), Cllr G Ludlow (Vice Chair), Cllr D Robson, Cllr F Morrell, Cllr L Claughan, Cllr R Harrison, Cllr J Barrett, Cllr D Forth, Cllr A Page, Cllr L Burn, Cllr R Sharp and Miss C. Wilson (Clerk)

Apologies: Apologies received from Cllr S Wilson and Cllr K Wilson

Item No:

1.	Introductions and Apologies for Absence	The Chair opened the meeting at 6.30pm and welcomed everyone. Apologies received and accepted from Cllr S Wilson and Cllr K Wilson.
2.	Disclosure of Interest from Members	Nothing to report.
3.	Questions from the public	(Questions & Comments from the public in attendance – max 5 mins per item/individual) No members of the public in attendance. Cllr Burn raised a question from a member of the public who had contacted her regarding the bungalows in Sacriston. She has had her name on the housing list and does not seem to have been offered a bungalow and has noticed that others have been offered them above her, she has asked for advice and help. <u>RESOLVED</u> Cllr Burn to pass information to Cllr S Wilson who may be able to give more advice, and also to advise to make an appointment with Kevan Jones MP.
4.	Previous meeting minutes	Previous minutes from 1 st June 2022 were accepted and signed as a true record. Update from meeting 1st June 2022 Cameras have now been installed. Cllr Dixon has the software to view the cameras on his phone. Letter received from Kevan Jones MP regarding Persimmon Homes.
5.	Police Matters	No PACT report received this month. Cllr Dixon and Cllr Robson had a positive conversation with the local PCSO yesterday. He has carried out walk around the village and has visited the local schools, SYP and Kimblesworth and

		Plawsworth, and has been discussing crime and ASB with them. Local PCSO advised shortage of Police vehicles.
6.	Clerks Report	<p>Planning Application</p> <p>DM/22/01514/FPA - 1 Craigland Villas, Durham Road, Sacriston, Durham, DH7 6LX</p> <p>Removal of an existing single storey flat roof extension and the addition of a new two storey hipped roof extension to match the main house. Additionally, a single storey kitchen extension.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> No objections raised.</p> <p><u>Persimmon Agreement</u> Agreement received.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> Cllr Ludlow will now register the agreement with Land Registry.</p> <p><u>Rural Villages Group</u> Explained about the RVG. This is free for the first six month then the fee would be £90 plus VAT per annum.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> Agreed not to sign up to be a part of the RVG.</p> <p><u>Miners Gala</u> Queries received from families regarding timings for the day.</p> <p>Cllr Claughan confirmed that the band would be here on Saturday 9th July at approximately 7.30am. They would most likely start playing about 8am, at that time the banner will be making its way up to the Cross Roads and then down Plawsworth Road where the bus will take people to Duham. Collection from Durham will be at 4.15pm and ETA in Sacriston will be 4.45pm. The bus will drop off at Findon Hill so the banner can be marched back down the Front Street.</p> <p><u>Thank you</u> Thank you card received from Marie Curie Durham Rapid Response Service.</p> <p><u>Neighbourhood Warden</u> John Smith the new Neighbourhood warden is very keen to become involved in any litter picks, tree planting, environment</p>

		groups. He also mentioned he would be happy to do a walkaround the day prior to the NIB judging and do a clear up of any litter etc.
7.	Sacriston in Bloom	<p>Grass has been cut around the pit wheel and raised planters are now in place. The hanging baskets are still to be put out but are looking lovely. The three crooks which were up at Graham Court are going to be put on the other side of the road at Dunelm. DCC hanging baskets should be arriving on Monday. Pavements around pit wheel/ Fulforth Centre to be jet washed on 22nd July. Always looking for volunteers.</p> <p>Concern raised regarding the two volunteers who cut the grass at the cemetery (St Peters) and were stopped from cutting the grass due to complaints made from the noise of the grass cutting and the volunteers have had a visit from the Police.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> Chair to send a letter to the Diocese to raise concern. Chair will put this to the Parish for approval before being sent.</p>
8.	Village Schools	<p><u>Fyndoune</u> Waiting for a meeting to be arranged following the submission of the business plan.</p>
9.	Parish Assets	<p>Bus Shelters – nothing to report.</p> <p>Village Clock – nothing to report.</p> <p>Parish Building – nothing to report.</p> <p>War Memorial – nothing to report.</p> <p>Pit Wheel – discussed resin pathway. Cllr Ludlow met with DCC and they have emailed to inform that they have no issues with the proposal for the resin pathway and has requested photographs of completed works for their records.</p> <p>Cllr Ludlow has spoken with a second company about carrying out the works as failed to receive any communication from the original company. This company can carry out the works for £13,340.00. This quote is higher than the original as this company would be carrying out extra decorative work to the pathway. They have proposed to put names in the pathway relating to the colliery.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> Although the quote is at an increased cost, it was agreed that as the Council is spending a considerable amount of money on the pathway, therefore would like to make sure it looks good as it is to hopefully last a long time.</p>

<p>10.</p>	<p>County Councillor's Reports</p>	<p>No reports received from Cllr E Waldock and Cllr S Wilson;</p> <p>Members were disappointed that no reports had been received. They would like to ensure that reports are received in the absence of County Councillors and would like both Councillors to send a written report to the clerk every month regardless of attendance.</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Group Representative Reports</p>	<p>Fulforth Centre Committee Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three new members. Funding for a new cooker has been received. • Cllr Dixon has now resigned as Trustee, however, is still a member of the committee as representation for the Parish Council. • The development worker is due to commence work in August. <p>Sacriston Community Development Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting not taking place until next week. • Cllr Dixon has now resigned as Treasurer. <p>Sacriston Parish Allotment Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed an issue which had arisen at Daisy Hill with a plot holder falling over in the grass. It was agreed that Harry Robson is to be asked to cut the grass on a regular basis at Daisy Hill also. <p>New Hill Allotments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No information still regarding an AGM. • There has been a rent collection date. • The rubbish is still in situ. <p>HR & Finance Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed and agreed two policies which will be brought to the meeting next month. • Hade Edge band discussed. The band attends Sacriston every year and it was suggested that due to increasing costs the donation was increased to £2,000. This will be reviewed again next year. <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>The payment of £2,000.00 was agreed.</p>

		<p><u>CDALC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working Group was cancelled, new date pending. • Smaller Medium Councils meeting taking place. Cllr Harrison is unable to attend. If anyone would like to attend, please let Audrey (CDALC) know. • DLI association – there are some videos on Youtube.
12.	Budget & Grant Applications	<p>As at the 6th July 2022 there was £117,212.46 in the bank.</p> <p><u>Invoices to pay</u> £9.99 - printer ink subscription £2,000 Hade Edge Band £250 – Woodshed Workshop £150.00 Help for heroes Clerk’s wages plus 3 hours overtime</p> <p><u>VAT return</u> VAT has now been paid in the sum of £289.10.</p> <p><u>Grant Application</u> Hade Edge Band – agreed donation as above - £2,000.00.</p> <p>Help for Heroes - £150.00. Steve Ragg completed the internal audit however, does not request payment for this. Previously donations are made to Help for Heroes. Active2Learn - request for £250.00 to deliver workshop hop, skip and jump.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> Active2 Learn agreed for £250.00 Help for Heroes - £150. 00</p> <p><u>Financial Projection</u> Discussed and agreed at HR & Finance meeting. Clerk forwarded a copy via email to all members. To date we have spent £11,061.91. A couple of points to note is that the project worker and Party in the Park has been funded. No comments raised.</p>
13.	Policies and Procedures	<p>The Risk Assessment was discussed. It was agreed that we are to change the Public Liability Insurance risk from a medium risk to a low risk. This is because all plot holders are now signed up The National Allotment Membership scheme.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> The Chair and the Clerk signed and dated the Risk Assessment.</p>

14.	Date and time of next meeting	Next meeting to be held Wednesday 7 th September 2022 at 6.30pm Meeting closed at 19.32pm
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Agreed and signed by Chair of Sacriston Parish Council Date