



SACRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2nd February 2022 at 6.30pm
In The Fulforth Centre**

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

Apologies: Cllr S Wilson and Cllr J Wright

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1.	Introductions and Apologies for Absence	The Chair opened the meeting at 6.30pm and welcomed everyone. Cllr S Wilson and Cllr J Wright
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) Nothing to report.
4.	Previous meeting minutes	Previous minutes from 5 th January 2022 were accepted and signed as a true record.
5.	Police Matters	No PACT report received this month. Meeting with Police conducted regarding the damage to the memorial and setting a fire to one of the picnic benches. Two people have been identified. One of the people attended the community centre and apologised for their behaviour and will be carrying out community hours in and around the Fulforth Centre. The other person has not been in contact, so we are awaiting to see what happens with this. <u>Apology</u> Apology has been received from one of the people who was involved in damaging the remembrance soldier and planters. The apology was read to members.
6.	Clerks Report	<u>Planning Applications</u> DM/22/00079/FPA - Mr Foster - 18 Acorn Close, Sacriston, Durham, DH7 6AQ - Proposed two storey side extension

DM/22/00141/FPA - Mr Graeme Hodgson - 26 Penshaw View, Sacriston, Durham, DH7 6UX - Single storey lean-to front extension to existing garage to allow conversion of some garage space into habitable room accommodation. Minor alterations to window/door opening

Email from Witton Gilbert Parish Council

Emailed Witton Gilbert Parish Council re: Zoom call in connection with Sniperley Development and received no reply.

Daisy Hill Fence

Emailed solicitor asking for Persimmon Homes to supply their topographical plan or boundary plan in connection with the matter.

Website

Following a post on Facebook requesting photographs of the village, we had received only a few and were to have a look and update the website with one of those.

Durham Federation LA Governor Vacancy

The position of LA Governor on the Governing Body of the above Federation has recently become vacant owing to the resignation.

Personal safety webinars for councillors

The Local Government Association is holding a series of webinars to help to support councillors' personal safety. It will take place on 16 February 2022 from 18.00 to 19.30 via zoom.

Wireless Cameras

Following damage around the Fulforth Centre a quote has been obtained for two CCTV cameras, these will be located on the top of the clock to point at the memorial and one to point at the pit wheel.

Quote received from TP Electrical supplies and fitting Ltd for the supply of two wireless cameras total £843.78 of which £140.63 is VAT.

It was also discussed that we erect signs to inform members of the public that the cameras are there.

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It was agreed to proceed however, members enquired as to how much the fitting was. Clerk to confirm this.

7.	Sacriston in Bloom	As some of the planters were damaged, they will have to be repaired and also the tubs inside have been damaged and new ones will be required to be purchased.
8.	Village Schools	<p><u>Fyndoune</u> Cllr E Waldock confirmed that a meeting is trying to be arranged in connection with safeguarding issues. DCBC's contract should end by 31st March 2022.</p>
9.	Parish Assets	<p>Bus Shelters – Nothing mentioned regarding bus shelter at Ennerdale.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> Cllr E Waldock will chase this.</p> <p>Village Clock – nothing to report.</p> <p>Parish Building – Nothing to report.</p> <p>War Memorial – it was noted that the lettering was coming off and areas of the top stone have chipped away. It was suggested that we need to look at repairing.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> Cllr G Ludlow is to speak to someone regarding the cost of repairing.</p>
10.	County Councillor's Reports	<p>Cllr E Waldock;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Bottom estate – need to get someone out to address this. 2) Catholic Club – there has been no planning application, and nothing has been done as of yet. 3) Street signage – several places where signs have disappeared or fallen off. 4) Organising a village wide litter pick – trying to organise this for after Easter. We may wish to look at purchasing of equipment although DCC can supply this. A suggestion of teas and coffee for volunteers in the Fulforth Centre afterwards. 5) Fencing at Cross Lane allotments – have not heard anything back regarding this. 6) Mental Health Day – idea was to be of mixture of workshops/drop-in sessions etc and linking with outside agencies. To look at funding towards room hire, leaflets etc. <p>Cllr S Wilson;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Crossleas Light - this is now with higher management following getting police etc involved and requesting a meeting.

		<p>2) Fyndoune - Durham Federation due off the site at end of March, I have requested concrete info from Assets regarding plans after that. Education Dept still haven't given any idea around Schedule 1 and have simply said they are in negotiations. In terms of Incidents with Education Plus, there has been another one, and I have raised this. John Pearce has been incredibly dismissive, denying they were not meant to be in specific areas.</p> <p>3) ASB in Findon Avenue due to vacate at the end of February after exhaustive work, still bits of pieces going on with other properties.</p> <p>4) Pit Tub area (Crossroads) - still had no response and chasing this up.</p> <p>5) Queens Jubilee - have had contact from LWNE about what to do.</p> <p>6) Armed Forces Day - initial contact from Trevor Gray and aiming to arrange a meeting to sort out how to carry this out.</p> <p>It was discussed that one of the tree branches at the back of Cross Lane Allotment have fallen in the winds at the weekends. One of the hedges has also blown over onto the footpath. These are safety issues. Fly tipping has also been noticed in the trees down from Parkside on the allotment fence.</p> <p>RESOLVED Cllr E Waldock will report these and try and get someone to attend.</p>
11.	Group Representative Reports	<p>Fulforth Centre Committee Meeting Noting to report.</p> <p>Sacriston Community Development Group Discussed vandalism.</p> <p>Sacriston Parish Allotment Committee AGM taking place on Monday.</p> <p>Asbestos has been found on a plot in Daisy Hill. To investigate the matter and if needed to instruct a professional company to remove.</p> <p>New Hill Allotments Only item to report is storm damage.</p> <p>HR & Finance Group Scheduled for next week.</p>

		<p>CDALC Nothing to report.</p>
12.	Budget & Grant Applications	<p>As at the 2nd February 2022 there was £67,033.00 in the bank.</p> <p><u>Invoices to Pay</u> Printer ink subscription - £9.99</p> <p><u>Invoices Paid</u> Reimbursement The National Allotment Society - £30.00 Purchase of stamps - £20.40 Clerks Wages - £686.03 Income Tax - £80.60 Annual Contract payments 2 - £3420.00 Annual Contract £1710.00</p> <p>Debit cards have been received. Cllr H Dixon, Cllr D Robson and Claire Wilson (Parish Clerk) now hold debit cards for the purchasing of goods.</p> <p>Cllr G Ludlow had now purchased a reciprocator saw which was in the sum of £194.00.</p> <p>RESOLVED Agreed to reimburse Cllr Ludlow.</p> <p>Financial Projection To date we have spent £44,347.18. Estimated costs to carry into next financial year £55,000.00.</p> <p>Grant Application Grant application received from the Sacriston Community Association on behalf of the Camera Club. Request in the sum of £379.00 for the purchase of a laptop to assist for presentations etc.</p> <p>RESOLVED Agreed by all.</p> <p>Bank Charges Cllr E Waldock enquired if we had any communication from the bank re: bank charges for business accounts.</p>
13.	Policies and Procedures	<p>Financial Regulations were discussed, updated and agreed at the HR and Finance meeting.</p>

		<p>RESOLVED All agreed with the updated Financial Regulations. These were signed by the Chair and Clerk.</p>
14.	Events and Information	<p>LWNE has contacted to ask if anything is being arranged for the Queens Jubilee as they would like to volunteer. It was suggested to combine this event with Party in the Park and move Party in the Park to the Saturday 4th June. Funding has already been set aside for Party in the Park.</p> <p>RESOLVED To contact LWNE to discuss Party in the Park/Queens Jubilee.</p> <p>Cllr Wilson has raised the subject of an Armed Forces Day event which was held last year. This was proposed to be in June.</p> <p>RESOLVED It was agreed that this was more for Sacriston Community Association to be involved with rather than the Parish and we would be busy holding Party in the Park/Queens Jubilee. Cllr Waldock was to contact the organiser of this event to inform them.</p>
15.	Date and time of next meeting	<p>Next meeting to be held Wednesday 2nd March 2022 at 6.30pm</p> <p>Meeting closed at 7.39pm</p>

Agreed and signed by Chair of Sacriston Parish Council Date