



**SACRISTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021**  
**Virtually via Zoom at 6.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs H. Dixon (Chair), K Wilson, D. Robson, G. Ludlow, L. Claughan, Cllr R Harrison, F Morrell, R Sharp, and C. Wilson (Parish Clerk)  
**Apologies:** Cllrs E. Waldock (Vice Chair), S. Wilson

Item No.	Subject	Discussion and Decision	Lead Cllr(s)
1.	<b>Introductions and Apologies for Absence</b>	The Chair opened the meeting @ 6.30pm and welcomed everyone.  Apologies received from Cllrs E. Waldock (Vice Chair), S. Wilson	HD  CW
2.	<b>Disclosure of Interest from Members</b>	Nothing to report.	
3.	<b>Public Questions</b>	(Questions & Comments from the public in attendance – max 5 mins per item/individual)	
4.	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b>	<b>Council meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021.</b>  Minutes were then accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.	HD
5.	<b>Police Matters</b>	<b>PACT Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In March, Sacriston has seen an increase in youth related disorder and criminal activity. Local NPT officers have been investigating these offences and have since arrested two youths in connection to several offences, including burglary, racially aggravated public order, public order, criminal damage and malicious communications. The case has been put forward to the Crown prosecution service for charging decision.</li> </ul>	CW

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Update from PCSO Luke Payne:</b> I have been working as a Police Community Support Officer at Chester-Le-Street for just over 2 &amp; half years now. Throughout this time, I have been the local Beat PCSO for the area of Sacriston and surrounding <i>villages</i>. On the 27<sup>th</sup> April I will no longer work for Durham Constabulary as a PCSO. As of the 17<sup>th</sup> May I will be re-joining the force as a Police Constable. I have really enjoyed working with the community of Sacriston and wider areas, engaging with the community, solving problems that matter to you and tackling crime. I hope to return to this part of the county in my future career.</li> <li>• <b>Public order:</b> 2 (1 last month)</li> <li>• <b>Suspicious activity:</b> 8 (14 last month) This includes a wide variety of calls which required further investigation in order to establish circumstances.</li> <li>• <b>Violence against a person:</b> 2 (4 last month)</li> <li>• <b>Theft:</b> 2 (2 last month) Theft of property other than burglary.</li> <li>• <b>Criminal damage:</b> 2 (1 last month) Damage caused to property.</li> <li>• <b>Road related offences:</b> 2 (4 last month) This includes manner of driving.</li> <li>• <b>Malicious communications:</b> 2 (2 last month)</li> <li>• <b>Domestic crime:</b> 8 (10 last month) Domestic related incidents including arguing, violence and threats.</li> <li>• <b>Concerns for safety:</b> 10 (14 last month) Concerns raised for persons safety.</li> <li>• <b>ASB personal:</b> 5 (3 last month) This involves individuals feeling targeted.</li> <li>• <b>ASB nuisance:</b> 2 (3 last month) This includes youth nuisance, alcohol related incidents and Covid related calls.</li> <li>• <b>ASB environmental:</b> 1 (3 last month) These include off-road vehicles, vehicle nuisance house parties.</li> </ul>	
6.	Clerks Report	<p><b><u>Planning Applications</u></b></p> <p>DM/21/01171/FPA -Han Lai - 79 Front Street, Sacriston, Durham, DH7 6JW - New shop front to include a render finish, renew existing fascia and replacement of the shop entrance door and window and rendering of attached residential property.</p> <p><b><u>Roadworks</u></b></p> <p>B6532 - Front Street, Sacriston - Replace telecom chamber and cover - 2 way lights - 1st - 3 June 2021 - BT</p>	CW

		<p>B6532 - Redhouse Farm, Sacriston- Replace Telecom Chambers - 27th April - 6th May - BT</p> <p>B6312 - Front Street, Witton Road - Street Lighting Works - 4 way lights 9am - 3pm - 18th May - 20th May - DCC</p> <p><b><u>Thank you</u></b> Card and letter received from Live well North East and Hade Edge Band.</p> <p><b><u>Insurance Renewal</u></b> BHIB renewal amount = £1609.44 in comparison to last year = £1592.20</p> <p><b><u>Community Broadband Project</u></b> Cllr Wilson, Cllr Harrison and the Clerk attended a meeting with Digital Durham and Rymote regarding the project. The project is aimed at rural areas who have poor connection speeds. Residents can be eligible for vouchers towards the upgrade. These can then be pledged to Rymote (utility provider) who will carry out the installation works. Residents must then sign up a 12-month subscription with Rymote. They would like our involvement in getting the message out to residents.</p> <p><b><u>Forms</u></b> Register of interest form and Declaration of Office Form requires completion.</p> <p><b><u>Certificate</u></b> Received regarding The Community award which The Parish Council, The Fulforth Centre and Bespoke were highly commended for.</p> <p><b><u>Local Council Award Scheme</u></b> The Local Council Award Scheme (LCAS) has been designed to celebrate the successes of the very best local councils and to provide a framework to support all local councils to improve and develop to meet their full potential. To look at this further as we may be able to apply for foundation award. Costs are involved.</p>	
7.	<b>In Bloom</b>	Further volunteers requested and post to go out on Facebook. Cllr Waldock and Cllr K Wilson have requested items be purchased for work being carried out at St Bedes School. Cllr Dixon is to speak to Graeme Cozens regarding these items.	KW, HD

8.	<b>Village Schools</b>	No further information.	
9.	<b>Parish Assets</b>	Bus Shelters – Nothing to Report.  Village Clock – Nothing to report  Parish Building – Nothing to report	
10.	<b>County Councillor's Reports</b>	<p>Cllr Simon Wilson Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pitwheel - I am trying to get a hold of the right person in asset management to arrange this being ok'd with DCC.</li> <li>• Old Chillis - have not been able to get a landowner, Parish May have to pay for a search to be done.</li> <li>• Fyndoune incident - I have had word back from education dept but not happy with their findings so have requested to see them and the findings of education plus. The individual involved has been moved to another site.</li> <li>• Veterans Day at Fyndoune - working with insurers to get an event for Veterans Care held on football pitches at Fyndoune.</li> <li>• Broadband - attended a meeting regarding potential upgrade of broadband in Sacriston. What is needed is to look at how we as a Parish can foster community engagement.</li> </ul> <p>The incident was discussed, and Cllrs raised concerns over school. No further forward regarding what the school site is to be used for.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> Cllr Dixon is to send correspondence to Cllr Marshall which will include Kevan Jones MP and Cllr Olwyn Gunn.</p> <p>Cllr Heather Liddle Report;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report received.</li> </ul>	<p>CW</p> <p>DR, HD</p> <p>HD</p>
11.	<b>Reports from Group Representatives</b>	<p><b>Fulforth Centre Committee Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report - no meeting held.</li> </ul> <p><b>Sacriston Community Development Group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report - no meeting held.</li> </ul> <p><b>Sacriston Parish Allotment Committee</b></p>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allotment meeting which was to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 was postponed until we could meet face to face in the Fulforth Centre. <b>RESOLVED</b> Meeting rescheduled for Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021. AGM scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021.</li> <li>Fence has now been erected for the community garden.</li> <li>Request for the parish to purchase two picnic tables made by one of the members at £90 each. <b>RESOLVED</b> Agreed to purchase picnic tables</li> </ul> <p><b>New Hill Allotments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AGM to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021.</li> </ul> <p><b>HR &amp; Finance Group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nothing to report.</li> </ul> <p><b>CDALC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nothing to report.</li> </ul>	<p>HD</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>
12.	<b>Budget &amp; Grant Applications</b>	<p>As at the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021 there was £111,633.05 in the bank.</p> <p><b><u>Invoices to be paid</u></b> Zoom subscription- £14.39 Printer subscription - 9.99 BHIB Insurance Renewal - £1609.44 Stamps - £40.80 – not purchased yet but agreed to pay</p> <p>Accounts for 2020 – 2021 completed and will be sent to the internal auditor.</p> <p><b>HMRC</b> Clerk to contact regarding overpayment of PAYE</p>	CW
13.	<b>Events and Information</b>	<p>AGM will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021. @ 6:15</p> <p>Parish Councillor vacancies will be discussed at the AGM.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>HD</p>

14.	<b>Date &amp; Time of Next Meeting</b>	<p>Next meeting – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021 @ 6:30 following on from the AGM</p> <p>Chair thanked everyone for their attendance.</p> <p>Meeting Closed @ 19.30pm</p> <p>Signed ..... Date ...../...../.....</p> <p><i>Chairperson</i></p>	HD
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