



**SACRISTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 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 D Forth, Cllr A Page, Cllr K Wilson, Cllr S Wilson and Claire Wilson (Parish Clerk)

**Apologies:** Apologies received from Cllr L Claughan, Cllr R Harrison and Cllr L Burn

**Item No:**

1.	<b>Introductions and Apologies for Absence</b>	The Chair opened the meeting at 6.30pm and welcomed everyone.  Apologies received and accepted from Cllr L Claughan, Cllr R Harrison and Cllr L Burn
2.	<b>Disclosure of Interest from Members</b>	Cllr S Wilson – Planning applications.
3.	<b>Questions from the public</b>	(Questions & Comments from the public in attendance – max 5 mins per item/individual)  Kieron Young attended the meeting and discussed the Heritage 100 Project. Kieron is hoping to set up a working group as he would like to include a walk within the village and would like to hear comments and views from the local community.
4.	<b>Previous meeting minutes</b>	Previous minutes from 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2022 were accepted and signed as a true record.
5.	<b>Police Matters</b>	No PACT report received this month.  Concerns have been raised regarding the serious incident on the Front Street. Cllr S Wilson advised that this has now been dealt with.  Concerns raised regarding no feedback being received from the Police about ongoing incidents in the area. Cllr S Wilson is waiting for a catch up with the local PCSO.  <b><u>RESOLVED</u></b> It was agreed that correspondence be sent to the Chief Constable, Police Crime and Commissioner and Kevan Jones MP to inform them of the dissatisfaction of the Parish Council regarding communication from the Police.
6.	<b>Clerks Report</b>	<b><u>Planning Application</u></b> 31/32 John Street - of No 32 John Street from commercial to residential, subdivision, including loft conversion with rooflights, of

property to create 2 residential dwellings, single storey extensions to rear and elevational changes to 31 & 32 John Street.

DM/22/02900/FPA - 45A Front Street, Sacriston, Durham, DH7 6JS  
Change of use from first floor flat to storage area associated with business below.

**RESOLVED**

No objections to planning applications.

**Marquee Insurance**

Unfortunately, The Fulforth Centre insurance policy only covers the marquee for fire, lightning, explosion and aircraft. It doesn't offer any insurance for theft or damage due to other things e.g., wind etc. So, we will have to pay for the insurance offered by the company.

**DCC tree grant available**

There are a couple of grants available for planting of trees.

A grant of up to £250 is available to parish councils, community groups, schools and individuals wishing to undertake tree planting projects this winter.

Projects can include fruit trees, commemorative trees, field, and hedgerow trees along with planting up field corners and copses.

Grants for the Planting and Care of Trees, Hedges & Orchards (UK)  
The Tree Council has re-opened its Branching Out fund. Grants of between £200 and £2,000 to get communities and young people up to the age of 21 involved in planting and caring for trees, hedges and orchards. The funding will cover the cost of trees, hedges and fruit trees; reasonable costs of non-plastic protection and supports, as well as peat-free compost and/or soil improvers. The closing date for applications is the 4th December 2022.

**RESOLVED**

Agreed to apply for both grants.

**Finance and Budget Training**

Clerk attended finance and budget training which was informative and has the presentation slides if anyone would like to take a look.

**NIB**

Received invitation for next year.

		<p><b><u>RESOLVED</u></b> As agreed at the previous meeting, we will no longer be entering into the competition.</p> <p><b><u>Bus Shelter quote</u></b> Quote received from DCC in the sum of £1883.77 to replace Perspex panels.</p> <p><b><u>RESOLVED</u></b> Agreed to proceed with the quote.</p> <p><b><u>Festive Lights</u></b> Festive light agreement ends after Christmas - spoke to David Murphy at LITE, he is keen to speak to us in the New year. A further company have also been in contact who are keen to provide us with some ideas/quote.</p> <p><b><u>Pension</u></b> Clerk has emailed contact at DCC regarding pensions. Awaiting response.</p>
7.	<b>Sacriston in Bloom</b>	Nothing to report.
8.	<b>Village Schools</b>	<p><b><u>Fyndoune</u></b> Cllr S Wilson confirmed that the condition survey has been completed and they are waiting for the full report to be finalised. He has been attempting to contact Claire Hanson, but she has been on holiday and has received no further updates.</p> <p>Concerns about when work by the green and clean team will get started on the site.</p>
9.	<b>Parish Assets</b>	<p>Bus Shelters – advised in clerk’s report.</p> <p>Village Clock – nothing to report.</p> <p>Parish Building – nothing to report.</p> <p>War Memorial – Remembrance Sunday service taking place on 13<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p>Pit Wheel – nothing to report.</p>

<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>County Councillor's Reports</b></p>	<p>Reports received from Cllr E Waldock and Cllr S Wilson;</p> <p>Cllr E Waldock;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting regarding funding from budgets have taken place Highlighted the Crossroads and further meetings are due to take place in the next couple of weeks, to get costings.</li> <li>• Further follow up items Simon has chased in relation to Fyndoune.</li> <li>• Issue last week along Front Street/Cross Leas and working with agencies to make sure things remain calm.</li> <li>• Case work continues as normal.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr S Wilson;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of crossing patrol at Sacriston Academy.</li> <li>• Crossleas light has finally been agreed</li> <li>• Incident at Ripley Court – Following this up with the police.</li> <li>• Crossroads – Cllr Waldock and I have had a call about funding so looking for prices to see what we can fund.</li> <li>• Fyndoune - still waiting responses regarding new contracts being put together. Always needing a copy of report that has been put together.</li> </ul> <p>Discussed using money in County Cllr budgets to carry out projects at Daisy Hill. Suggestion to put out a leaflet/online survey to residents to find out what they would like to see in that area.</p> <p>The camera at the Crossroads was discussed. The Parish would like to know and see what area the police camera covers, as the camera never seems to catch any incidents that happen. Cllr S Wilson is to follow this up to see if some members can go and view the camera.</p>
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b>Group Representative Reports</b></p>	<p><b>Fulforth Centre Committee Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Now classed as a warm space between 9am -12 noon Monday to Friday. Looking for ideas to get more people involved.</li> <li>• Community café meals discussed.</li> <li>• Bookings are being taken for a Christmas meal on 22<sup>nd</sup> December which is £10 per head, and £5 non-refundable deposit.</li> <li>• Discussed Christmas extravaganza and looking for volunteers.</li> <li>• Two meetings to take place for the Christmas Extravaganza – 15<sup>th</sup> November and 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 6.30pm.</li> <li>• Looking for volunteers for warm space.</li> </ul>

		<p><b><u>RESOLVED</u></b> Cllr S Wilson and Cllr K Wilson to volunteer for Christmas Extravaganza.</p> <p><b>Sacriston Community Development Group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting held.</li> </ul> <p><b>Sacriston Parish Allotment Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting to be held next week.</li> </ul> <p><b>New Hill Allotments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report.</li> </ul> <p><b>HR &amp; Finance Group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting to be held next week.</li> </ul> <p><b>CDALC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Harrison has been re-elected as one of three Vice Presidents and Chairman of the Executive Committee.</li> </ul>
12.	<b>Budget &amp; Grant Applications</b>	<p>As at the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 there was £83,825.78 in the bank.</p> <p><b><u>Invoices to pay – all agreed</u></b> Printer subscription September- £4.49 Mobile phone bill - £6 renewed automatically 20 bags post crete - £90 Screw Fix - £39.98 Tool box - £16.99 Clerks wages – £691.20 HMRC - £110.21 Santa - £210 Magic show - £130 LITE - £3420 Training courses - £20 Durham Miners gala brochure - £190</p> <p><b><u>VAT</u></b> VAT has been received in the sum of £2803.99.</p> <p><b><u>Financial Projection</u></b> Financial projection was sent to everyone via email. To date we have spent - £47,280.53. Will need to discuss the Precept at next month’s meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Grant Application</u></b> Salvation Army have requested grant funding of £1000 towards to the Christmas toy appeal.</p>

		<b><u>RESOLVED</u></b> Agreed to provide a grant of £500, same as in previous years.
<b>13.</b>	<b>Date and time of next meeting</b>	Next meeting to be held Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 6.30pm Meeting closed at 7.46pm

Agreed and signed by Chair of Sacriston Parish Council ..... Date .....