



SACRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3rd May 2023 at 6.30 pm
In The Fulforth Centre**

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

Apologies: Apologies received from Cllr L Claughan and Cllr A-M Johnson

Item No:

1.	Introductions and Apologies for Absence	The Chair opened the meeting at 6.30 pm and welcomed everyone. Apologies received and accepted from Cllr L Claughan and Cllr A-M Johnson.
2.	Disclosure of Interest from Members	Cllr S Wilson declared an interest regarding any planning applications and left the room when they were discussed during the clerk's report. Cllr Forth and Cllr S Wilson left the room when the funding request was discussed for Live Well North East.
3.	Questions from the public	(Questions & Comments from the public in attendance – max 5 mins per item/individual) No members of the public were in attendance.
4.	Previous meeting minutes	Previous minutes from 5 th April 2023 were accepted and signed as a true record.
5.	Police Matters	Local PCSO Samantha Stephenson and Sergeant for Pelton area, Laura Hood attended the meeting to introduce themselves as Dean Regan has now moved to another area. Samantha advised if there are any issues email them to her or call if important and she will try and respond ASAP.
6.	Clerks Report	<u>Planning Application</u> DM/23/00649/FPA - Land To the South Of Edgewood Court, Sacriston, DH7 6XH Erection of 1.8m high fence to replace existing low fencing with associated works to hedgerows/trees. <u>RESOLVED</u> The planning application was discussed. Concerns had been raised that works had already commenced on the hedgerows/trees.

		<p><u>Parish Councillor vacancy</u> Following Cllr Harrison’s resignation, there is a vacancy on the council.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> All agreed that the post should be advertised.</p> <p><u>LITE</u> Festive lighting quote received for the next 3 years. The total annual cost would be £9956.00 per year. Proposed visuals were shown.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> All agreed on the style and cost of the lights. Clerk to confirm with LITE that we are to proceed.</p> <p><u>Lights</u> Columns require stress testing again this year as it has been 3 years since it was carried out. Happy to approach Roch to carry this out again. Last time the price was £2100.</p> <p><u>Plastics – presentation</u> Anne Hitch of RECOUP has emailed and would like to attend a meeting to present to the Parish and provide information on recycling.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> Clerk to invite to next meeting.</p> <p><u>Grass Cutting at Daisy Hill</u> Harry Robson can cut grass at Daisy Hill for £50 per time, the same amount as cross lane so he said this would be 4 x per year. In total £200.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> Agreed that DH are to cut the grass themselves. Cllr Page has a spare lawnmower they can use.</p> <p><u>BHIB</u> Insurance renewal has come through. £1879.26 (VAT £198.67) £25 admin charge - last year £1779.43.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> All agreed to the insurance renewal.</p>
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7.	Sacriston in Bloom	<p>The Clerk has been contacted by Northumbria in Bloom to ask if we would like to enter for any stand-alone entries.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> All agreed that we are not to enter any stand-alone entries into the competition.</p> <p>To obtain a quote from Neil Kearton for a raised bed with a wall who carried out the work to the pit wheel for the project at the Crossroads.</p> <p>Cllr S Wilson to speak to DCC to see if this would be agreed. Advised that it may be a good idea to join with the other villages for projects.</p> <p>106 monies discussed.</p> <p>Cllr Sharp advised that Daisy Hill residents have spoken about having some more bulbs/flowers/shrubs in the area. Overgrown near the allotments so needs tidying up a little bit. Cllr S Wilson is going to do a land search on the area near the allotments.</p>
8.	Village Schools	<p>Fyndoune</p> <p>Cllr Waldock and Cllr S Wilson are to have a catch-up with Cllr Ludlow regarding where things are at present with the football club. Cllr S Wilson to speak to Jim Murray.</p> <p>Moving forward Fyndoune is to be removed as an item on the agenda and will be discussed in the County Councillor reports.</p> <p>The clerk has also emailed Andy Hill asking for a breakdown of his hours worked and has not received a reply.</p>
9.	Parish Assets	<p>Bus Shelters – Emailed DCC to get quotes for Cross Road and shelter on the main road after the Lingley Close turn.</p> <p>Plawsworth Road – the third party has admitted damage and currently just waiting on the third-party insurance company.</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 – Nothing to report.</p>

<p>10.</p>	<p>County Councillor's Reports</p>	<p>Reports received from Cllr S Wilson;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nana's Ladles - needles reported around this area so now locked up by wardens. • Gap site - jet washed, need a decision on the chair and replacing slat. • School - need a response from the Football Club about what is happening with it. • Path - meeting tomorrow regarding this. <p><u>RESOLVED</u></p> <p>Cllr S Wilson asked if the materials could be purchased to repair the seat.</p> <p>Cllr E Waldock;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaising with police and fire regarding any issues of criminal damage to cars which happened in the next village. • Chased again regarding bus stops • Issue regarding Go North East and buses being taken off- 8.05am was taken off several times last week with no notice and caused major issues for people getting to work/school. • To make people aware and post on social media - 10-week consultation started regarding the change in the county council electoral divisions. The proposal for our division is that Witton Gilbert would join the current division of Sacriston, Edmondsley, Nettlesworth, Plawsworth & Kimblesworth. <p>Cllr Burn asked if there were any updates on what is happening with some of the shop fronts. She has also received several complaints regarding Gym24.</p> <p>Cllr Ludlow raised an issue with the field being covered in dog faeces and also still issue with the horses.</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Group Representative Reports</p>	<p>Fulforth Centre Committee Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report provided by Becca (PDW). • Grants received towards development worker salary. • Looking for volunteers for the Coronation celebrations. • Party in the Park looking for volunteers. • Cllr Forth attended the partner's meeting. <p>Development Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting has been held.

		<p>HR & Finance Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting has been held. <p>Allotment Association Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting has been held. <p>New Hill Allotments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing further to report. <p>CDALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report. • Agreed to remove from agenda.
12.	Budget & Grant Applications	<p><u>ACCOUNTS</u> As of the 3rd May 2023 the bank balance was £120,314.95.</p> <p><u>Invoices Paid</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £23.94 pension • £44.99 – printer ink • £27.08 Stationery • £793.01 – Clerk’s Wages • £58.80 - HMRC • £680.06 – CDALC membership • £6.00 – mobile phone contract <p><u>To Pay</u> Printer ink subscription - £44.99 Insurance renewal BHIB - £1,879.26 VAT for unregistered councils training - £30.00</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> Payment for invoices agreed.</p> <p><u>VAT Return</u> Received on 20th April 2023 in the sum of £1,342.42.</p> <p><u>Request for funding</u> Request received from Live Well North East for the amount of £250 towards room hire and staff costs for May half term holiday provision.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> All agreed that Live Well North East provide a valuable service for working parents and children during the school holidays and this is much needed for the village. Request for funding approved.</p>

13.	Date and time of next meeting	Next meeting is to be held Wednesday 7 th June 2023 at 6.30 pm. Meeting closed at 7.52 pm
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Agreed and signed by Chair of Sacriston Parish Council Date