



SACRISTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday 3rd June 2020
Via Zoom at 6.30pm

Present: Cllrs H. Dixon (Chair), E. Waldock (Vice Chair), S. Wilson, R. Harrison, G. Ludlow, K. Wilson, E. Metcalfe, R. Sharp, D. Robson, F. Morrell, H. Hubber, C. Waggott and C. Wilson (Parish Clerk)

Apologies: None

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1.	Introductions	Chair opened the meeting @ 6.30pm and welcomed everyone. No apologies received.	HD	
2.	Disclosure of Interest from Members	None		
3.	Public Questions	(Questions & Comments from the public in attendance – max 5 mins per item/individual) None		
4.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	Council meeting held on 4th March 2020 Minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.	HD	
5.	Police Matters	No PACT report received. Cllrs were concerned about a post which had appeared on social media surrounding an individual who had previous convictions and was now living in the village.	CW SW	

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		RESOLVED Cllr Wilson is to speak to the local police regarding the matter.		
6.	Clerks Report	Planning Applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr David Graham - 10 Edgewood Court, Sacriston 2 storey extension to rear with a single storey extension to rear and side. Extend driveway to front and replace garage door with window. Mr Vishu Anand - 59 - 61 Front Street, Sacriston Replacement of windows and covered area to rear <p>Mr Mark Appleby - 9 Brookside, Sacriston Erection of rear extension to garage and kitchen. First floor extension over existing garage</p> Roadworks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Front Street, Crossleas, Sacriston – Demolition of the Village Inn - 3-way lights (7.30am - 5pm) from 26th May - 5th June 2020 	CW	
7.	In Bloom	Due to the current pandemic, the competition entry money which had been paid for this year has been rolled over to next year's entry.	HD	
8.	Village Schools	Cllr Wilson informed the meeting that due to the Covid-19 pandemic everything was on hold regarding Fyndoune School. It was confirmed that we have still not received a response to previous correspondence which was sent to Cllr Gunn. <p>It was also mentioned that as lockdown is easing, we may be able to arrange a meeting with Cllr Simon Henig, if not in person then via Zoom.</p> RESOLVED Cllr Wilson is to email Cllr Gunn for a response. CW is to email Cllr Henig to see if a meeting can be arranged.	DR SW CW	

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9.	Parish Assets	<p>Bus Shelters – nothing has been received from David Bainbridge in relation to the repairing of the damaged bus shelters.</p> <p>Village Clock – Nothing to report</p> <p>Parish Building – The final electricity account has been received in the sum of £0.53 and has been paid.</p>	<p>CW</p> <p>HD</p>	
10.	County Councillor's Reports	<p>Cllr Simon Wilson Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benches – on hold due to pandemic. • Persimmon Homes is currently under an enforcement case due to dust being on the road at Cross Lane. The roads have not been cleaned correctly, and this is now being monitored and he is awaiting further updates. • Bus Services are now restarting again after previously stopping due to the pandemic. There seems to have been no issues with any key workers being able to travel to work due to the limited bus service. • Unison – have advised they would consider a grant request regarding the community work being carried out with meals for vulnerable people in the community. Cllr Wilson is to forward contact details to CW. • PPE – still trying to find suppliers of PPE. • The parish should keep an eye on unemployment in the community and the vulnerable people following the pandemic. It was noted that the free meal service which is currently being offered will run for as long as the grant money can enable it to. • Graham Court – awaiting an update. <p>Cllr Heather Liddle Report</p>	SW	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Village Inn has finally been demolished. After nearly 7 years of working with the council to try and have something done with the building, it was a torrential storm that forced progression. The site will be grassed over with a bird mouth fence around it. Based on the number of complaints I have received from residents over the years about patients parking outside Sacriston Medical Centre, Wesley Close and the Methodist Church car park I have asked the council to consider funding some parking on the site, however due to the cost it is unlikely this will be agreed. • Shop Front Improvement Scheme – The update from the team is that one completed grant application has been received from Bespoke. They continue to work with other businesses to complete applications, however the lockdown and business closures has caused some delays. The gap site between E-clips and Pizza Top has been proposed as a new car park to accommodate the customers to new businesses at the top end of the front street. Thanks to the popularity of Bespoke and Hunt butchers the top end of the street has become more popular, and if the 24 hour gym ever opens, it should attract a high number of users from outside the area who will probably travel by car. • Planning for the Children's home was approved, and the purchase of the property has now been completed. • Ripley Court – the flats are becoming an increasing concern to local residents who are witnessing ASB in the vicinity. The police and neighbourhood protection team are currently dealing with the complaints • There have been several deliberate fires around the Fulforth Loop and woods near the pit estate. The most recent being last night where the fire service attended a fire at the Fulforth Dene. There have also been complaints of ASB behind the Fulforth Centre, the police have been patrolling the area. • There have been several complaints received about Friends barbers who have allegedly continued to trade throughout the lock down. DCC Licencing team attended the owners home address in South Tyneside and served a Prohibition notice. 		
11.	Reports from Group Representatives	Fulforth Centre Committee Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report as no meeting held 		

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		<p>Sacrison Community Development Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report as no meeting held <p>Sacrison Parish Allotment Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report as no meeting held <p>New Hill Allotments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report. <p>HR & Finance Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report. <p>It was discussed that the local community had been providing feedback to Cllr's about how fantastic the meals are. They also passed on their thanks to SPC, The Fulforth Centre and Bespoke for their continued work with the project.</p> <p>CDALC are asking local councils to come forward with their stories about what the local councils are doing during the pandemic. It was confirmed that HD had attended a Zoom meeting with CDALC and informed them of such.</p> <p>It was discussed if there would be any issues with volunteers providing the free meals service once everyone starts returning to work. HD advised that at this moment he was unaware of any issues arising.</p>	<p>HH DR</p> <p>RH HD</p> <p>RS HD</p>	
12.	Budget & Grant Applications	<p>As at the 3rd June 2020 there was £102,012.25 in the bank.</p> <p>Outstanding monies: - £14.39 for subscription to Zoom</p> <p>CW has contacted HMRC twice regarding the tax refund of £3145.32 and is still awaiting monies.</p> <p>It was discussed that now we have online banking; Cllr's would appreciate a copy of the monthly bank statement emailed to them.</p> <p>RESOLVED CW to write a further letter to HMRC asking for the refund.</p>	<p>CW</p> <p>CW</p>	

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		<p><u>Grant Applications</u></p> <p>The Camera Club and Ben Todd - Active to Learn CIC applications are currently on hold.</p>	HD	
13.	AOB	<p>The fence line at Cross Lane was in the process of being cleared and should be completed shortly for Deerness to commence their works.</p> <p>Following on from Cllr Liddle report – it was discussed that it would be more beneficial for the Village Inn site to be turned into a car park. There is also a query regarding the cellar and ensuring it has been correctly closed to avoid any potential health and safety issues.</p> <p>RESOLVED Cllr Wilson will enquire about the cellar.</p> <p>CDALC would usually nominate Cllrs for vice president however, this has now been moved to March 2021 and potentially could change again to September 2021, the AGM is also being rescheduled.</p> <p>CDALC are also offering free training for Zoom.</p>	HD SW RH	
14.	Date & Time of Next Meeting	<p>Next meeting to be confirmed.</p> <p>Chair thanked everyone for their attendance</p> <p>Meeting Closed @ 7.25pm</p> <p>Signed Chairperson</p> <p>Date/...../.....</p>	HD	