SACRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Fulforth Centre on Wednesday 7 December 2016 at 6:30pm.

PRESENT: Councillors D Robson, Ms E Waldock, B Mulvey, P McLoughlin, Mrs B Smith, F Morrell, R Harrison and Mrs SJ Harrison, S Wilson, Mrs H Liddle, D Shotton, Mrs R Shotton and H Dixon.

117 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor L Claughan.

118 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 2 NOVEMBER 2016

RESOLVED: "That the minutes of the proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 2 November 2016, be confirmed as a correct record".

The Chairman proceeded to sign the minutes.

In relation to minute number 98, the Clerk advised that following advice from Durham County Council, the Council was in a position to proceed with co-opting to the current vacancy as an election had not been called. As such it was agreed that the same co-option procedure should be followed as that which was used earlier in the year. An advertisement wuld be posted requesting any expressions of interest to be submitted to the Clerk within a designated timescale sollowing which personal statmenets would be requested from all inrerestyed parties.

119 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

120 ISSUES/QUESTIONS – GENERAL PUBLIC

There were no members of the public in attendance.

121 POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Wignall was in attendance and reported on local policing matters.

122 GROWING SACRISTON TOGETHER/IN BLOOM

Councillor Liddle reported that the entry fee was now due for In Bloom 2017, Council agreed to the payment being made and the Clerk would submit the entry form as a matter of priority.

It was further reported that Changing Lives had recently won a Volunteer of the Year Award.

123 CHRISTMAS TREE/LIGHTING/EXTRAVAGANZA

It was reported that the Extravaganza event had been a great success, footfall had been tremendous and all those who contributed to the event had done an excellent job.

In relation to Christmas lighting, there had been some issues with arrangements and so it was agreed that the Clerk would contact all Parish and Town Councils around the County to explore their arrangements for the installing and switching on of Christmas Lights.

124 PRECEPT/BUDGET REQUIREMENTS 2017/18

The Clerk advised Members that the precept for the forthcoming financial year needed to be agreed as a demand would need to be served on the County Council by the end of January 2017. As such it was agreed that the item should be deferred until the January meeting.

125 ROYAL GARDEN PARTIES 2017

Correspondence had been received from CDALC seeking nominations from local Councils for Members to send to the Royal Garden Parties in 2017. All nominations would be entered into a draw. Following discussions it was agreed that Councillors Mulvey and Smith should be put forward from Sacriston Parish Council.

126 WAR MEMORIAL

The Clerk reported that she had received confirmation from Historic England that Sacriston War Memorial had been awarded Listed Building Status and was now recognised as a Grade 2 listed Memorial.

127 DEVELOPMENT GROUP

There was nothing to report.

128 FULFORTH CENTRE

There was nothing to report.

129 ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Councillor Dixon reported a complaint he had received in relation to Crosss Lane allotments which suggested that more fencing was required as strong winds had collapsed an area of it. It was agreed that the works should be instructed as a a matter of priority and the Clerk would arrange a site meeting between Hazeldene Fencing and Councillor Dixon.

130 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillors Liddle and Wilson provided updates in relation to County Council business which affected the village. Councillor Wilson was looking into running an employment project from the Fulforth Centre and Members were advised that the West Farm development was due to be considered by the County Councils Planning Committee in February.

131 HUMAN & FINANCIAL RESOURCES PANEL/QUALITY STATUS WORKING GROUP

Councillor Waldock provided an update from the recent meetings of both groups (for copy see file of Minutes).

Mr L Vest had met with the Council ahead of the current meeting and provided Members with an overview of the website so far. A further meeting was to be held with Mr Vest on Wednesday 1st February 2017 at 6pm ahead of the Parish Council meeting.

The Clerk would have her annual appraisal in January with a meeting to be arranged for 18th January 2017.

132 WITTON GILBERT EDUCATION TRUST

Councillors Morrell and Wilson had both attended a recent meeting where 2 schools from Sacriston had both successfully received grant awards from the Education Trust.

133 ACCOUNTS/GRANT APPLICATIONS

Consideration was given to a Grant Application which had been submitted by the Salvation Army. The application sought £1200.00 to cover the cost of Room Hire charges, thus allowing Gateway Northeast to operate a project over the festive season from the Salvation Army Hall. Councillor Liddle provided information in relation to the work carried out by Gateway Northeast.

Councillor Wilson proposed that a grant of £600.00 be awarded on the basis that the project did go ahead and following a vote the proposal was agreed.

RESOLVED: "That authority be granted for payment of the following accounts:

Salvation Army - £600.00 – Donation
Mrs G O'Brien - £59.95 – Extravaganza
Sonia Curry - £54.00 – Extravaganza
Durham County Council - £805.86 – Planters 2016/17
Jamie Clark Events - £120.00 – Extravaganza
Sacrsiton Community Association - £92.00 – Extravaganza
NPOWER - £66.13 – Energy Supply
In Bloom - £125.00 – Entry Fee for 2017
Budget Gardens - £30.00 – Grounds Maintenance at Allotments
J Lawton - £412.60 – Salary
HMRC - £103.15 – PAYE Deductions"

134 PLANNING

There were no planning applications to consider.

It was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held at 7pm on Wednesday 11th January 2017.

Signed_____ Chairman