

SACRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Fulforth Centre on Wednesday 3 February 2016 at 7:00pm.

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

153 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor L Claugan.

154 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 13 JANUARY 2016

RESOLVED: "That the minutes of the proceedings at the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 January 2016, be confirmed as a correct record".

The Chairman proceeded to sign the minutes.

155 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Wilson declared an interest in relation to any planning items that may be discussed during the meeting.

156 ISSUES/QUESTIONS – GENERAL PUBLIC

There were no members of the public in attendance.

157 POLICE MATTERS

PC Turnbull was in attendance and presented Council with an update in relation to planning matters affecting the village.

158 BUDGET REQUIREMENTS 2016/17

Consideration was given to budget allocation requirements for the financial year 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017. Members had previously received a report from the Clerk giving a detailed financial projection and estimated requirements.

Council agreed to create a new budget allocation for the Mutual Gain Project with an agreed allocation of £3000.00.

159 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING ARRANGEMENTS

Councillor Liddle provided an overview of progress made in relation to the Christmas Lighting arrangements for 2016/17. Gateshead Council were in the process of preparing an estimate for works and it was reported that they had thoroughly enjoyed undertaking the Sacriston works in 2015/16 and were keen to work with the Parish Council this coming year.

Concerns were raised regarding the condition of the Christmas Tree, it was agreed that arrangements would be made to have a meeting on site with a relevant representative from Durham County Council to see what options were available.

160 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

A request for financial assistance from The Childrens Foundation, was submitted and received.

161 GROWING SACRISTON TOGETHER

An itemised breakdown of costings for potential future projects, was presented to the Council.

The Council **RESOLVED** to pay £1601.00 to undertake works at the Village Inn and £500.00 for the Community Pride Day on 14 February.

162 QUEENS 90th BIRTHDAY BEACONS

Correspondence had been received regarding communities and local groups getting involved in the Queens 90TH Birthday Beacons Event on 21 April 2016. The Clerk would explore further as to what was involved.

163 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

A request for financial assistance had been received from Sacriston CVFC. It was agreed that they be requested to complete a Grant Application Form.

164 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

A request for financial assistance had been received from Sacriston Colliery Cricket Club. It was agreed that they be requested to complete a Grant Application Form.

165 DEVELOPMENT GROUP

There was nothing to report.

166 FULFORTH CENTRE

There was nothing to report.

167 ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

In relation to the fence repairs required at Cross Lanes Allotments, the Clerk would chase the Allotment Association to see what progress had been made in relation to obtaining quotes. Furthermore, a quote would be obtained for erecting steel fencing as opposed to wood.

168 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillor Liddle provided an update in relation to business which affected the village including an update in relation to Plawsworth School site, the Co-op Building and issues regarding the carriageway in Front Street.

169 HUMAN & FINANCIAL RESOURCES PANEL

Councillor McLoughlin presented an update in relation to the Human and Financial Resources Panel. At a recent meeting the Panel had drawn up a draft Terms of Reference. It was agreed that the Clerk would seek approval for the TOR from SLCC and that the Panel would convene again on 17 February.

170 ACCOUNTS

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

Sacriston Community Association - £244.00– replacement cheque for Extravaganza Expenses

Durham County Council - £1200.00 – Extravaganza Expenses

Sacriston Development Group - £2101 – Growing Sacriston Together

J Lawton - £412.60 – Salary

HMRC - £103.15 – PAYE Deductions"

171 PLANNING

Consideration was given to 2 planning applications as follows:-

- Mr & Mrs D Showler, application for the erection of a single storey extension at 45 Deneside

- Mr R Scott, application for erection aof a steel storage building at Barrass Hall Farm

Members had no comments to make in relation to both applications.

Signed _____ Chairman