



SACRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2nd July 2025 at 6.30 pm
In The Fulforth Centre**

Present: Cllr H. Dixon (Chair), Cllr A Wray, Cllr R Mickle, Cllr M Morrell, Cllr E Hopkins,
and Mrs C Dixon (Clerk)

Also present was County Cllr T Robson

Apologies: Cllr A-M Johnson, Cllr A Page, Cllr D Robson, Cllr G Ludlow, Cllr K Wilson and
County Cllr J Pickard

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 A-M Johnson, Cllr A Page, Cllr D Robson, Cllr G Ludlow, Cllr K Wilson and Cllr J Pickard.

2. Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED: No declarations were received.

3. Co-option of Parish Councillor

RESOLVED: Debra Forth was unable to attend the meeting and, therefore, this matter will be deferred until the meeting, which is to be held in September.

4. Public Participation - (Questions & Comments from the public in attendance – max 5 mins per item/individual)

There were no members of the public in attendance.

5. Approval of Minutes

RESOLVED: The minutes from the Meeting held on 4th June 2025 were accepted and signed as a true record.

6. Police Matters

RESOLVED: As Cllr Pickard was not in attendance, he provided Cllr Robson with a short report following his attendance at the PACT Meeting. The verbal report was noted. Cllr Robson asked that any ASB be reported directly to the Police.

7. Clerk's Report

RESOLVED: The clerk's report was noted.

8. Planning Applications

RESOLVED: There were no applications.

9. Growing Sacriston Together in Bloom

RESOLVED: Hanging baskets have been erected in the village. The containers are still to be put out, and this will be carried out before the Miners Gala. Work at the Crossroads is due to commence shortly.

10. Parish Assets

- a. **Bus Shelters** – **RESOLVED:** Nothing to report.
- b. **Village Clock** – **RESOLVED:** Nothing to report.
- c. **Parish Building** – **RESOLVED:** Nothing to report.
- d. **War Memorial** – **RESOLVED:** Nothing to report.
- e. **Pit Wheel** – **RESOLVED:** Nothing to report.

11. County Councillor Report

Cllr T Robson

- Training is ongoing at present.
- Has been appointed Vice Chair of the Police and Crime Panel and joined the Safe & Stronger Communities Panel.
- A dedicated police car presence is being proposed for Sacriston to help deter and respond to ASB.
- Ongoing issues noted with both speeding and bikes in the village.
- A range of concerns have been raised by residents and are being addressed.

RESOLVED: The verbal report was noted.

12. Reports from Group Representatives

- a. **Fulforth Centre** – the report provided by Cllr Dixon was noted.

The Christmas extravaganza was discussed during the report, and due to rising costs for hiring rides and staging, the existing budget may not be sufficient to cover this year's Christmas Extravaganza. It was proposed to increase the available funds for the Christmas event.

RESOLVED: Agreed that the budget for the Christmas Extravaganza be increased from £5,500 to £7,000 to accommodate higher anticipated costs.

With regards to the Project Development Workers (PDW) costs, the management team have been successful in procuring funding, which will partly pay for the PDW over the next two years.

Management costs are still to be found, and therefore, it was agreed that the council would provide £400.00 as a monthly contribution towards staffing costs.

Furthermore, the council agreed to provide their annual contribution of £1000.00 for room hire and use of facilities.

RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed to pay £1,000 room hire payment with a monthly contribution of £400, to be allocated towards staffing costs.

b. HR and Finance Panel – Next meeting on 7th July 2025.

c. Parish Allotment Association - Next meeting on 7th July 2025.

13. Finance

Bank Account

The bank balance as at 2nd July 2025 was £127,326.23

a. Invoices to be paid

Name	NET	VAT	TOTAL
Durham County Council	£ 7,506.92	£ 1,501.38	£ 9,008.30
Harry Robson	£ 370.00	£ -	£ 370.00
KG Greathead Landscaping and Groundworks	£ 2,590.00	£ -	£ 2,590.00

RESOLVED: Invoices agreed to be paid.

b. Financial Projection

RESOLVED: Members agreed on the financial projection; however, the clerk noted that when the projection was carried out, this was up until 23rd June 2025. There has been some further expenditure since then of £1,368.99, which would need to be allocated to the correct budget headings.

14. Grant Applications

Durham Miners Association has requested funding towards the costs for Hade Edge Band to attend the Durham Miners Gala.

RESOLVED: It was agreed to donate £2,500, which is to help towards the cost of the bus and other associated costs with the day.

15. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 3rd September 2025 at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 19.08pm.

Agreed and signed by Chair of Sacriston Parish Council

Date