



SACRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2nd October 2024 at 6.30 pm In The Fulforth Centre

Present: Cllr H. Dixon (Chair), Cllr G. Ludlow (Vice Chair), Cllr E. Waldock, Cllr S. Wilson, Cllr D. Robson, Cllr K. Wilson, Cllr A. Page, Cllr D. Forth, Cllr A.M Johnson, Cllr M Hollingsworth and Mrs C. Dixon (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr F. Morrell, Cllr R. Sharp, Cllr L. Burn, and Cllr L. Claughan

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 F. Morrell, Cllr R. Sharp, Cllr L. Burn, and Cllr L. Claughan.
2.	Disclosure of Interest from Members	Cllr S Wilson declared an interest regarding any planning applications.
3.	Questions from the public	(Questions & Comments from the public in attendance – max 5 mins per item/individual) Residents from Charlaw Close were in attendance. The Chair brought up a persistent problem that residents are having with rats entering their properties. Residents feel that the County Council has not done enough to address this issue, it has been ongoing for many years, and they are requesting assistance from the Parish Council. Due to the properties being terraced, rats are getting inside and appear to be running from one to another. Pest control has responded to reports that have been submitted on multiple occasions but to no avail. Various residents informed the meeting of what was happening within their property and where they thought the rats were, however, no one is sure how the rats were getting in. <u>RESOLVED</u> Cllr S Wilson and Cllr Waldock asked for information to be sent to them regarding all the reports that have been logged with DCC so they can further investigate the matter. They asked residents if they were able to pass on their contact details and all residents agreed. They also informed residents of the following actions they will take: - - Make sure that the bin areas near The Fulforth Centre and any bins in the area are clear of rubbish. - To ask the warden to visit the farm to see if there is anything in the area that could be attracting the rats.

		- To check for littering around the football pitch. Cllr S Wilson and Cllr Waldock left the meeting for approx. 10 minutes with the residents to obtain their contact details.
4.	Previous meeting minutes	Previous minutes from the meeting held on 4 th September 2024 were accepted and signed as a true record by the Chair.
5.	Police Matters	The warden had been looking into the litter problem at Jubilee Park. Suspecting underage drinking, he planned to focus on specific times to deter those responsible. Cllr Waldock informed that there is a new police sergeant, Simon Hogg. She advised that he is pushing engagement on social media and has dedicated staff for retail theft. They are further looking into when the next PACT meeting can be held.
6.	Clerks Report	<u>Planning Application</u> DM/24/02396/VOC Karbon Homes Development Site At Graham Court, Sacriston, DH7 6LW Variation of condition 2 of planning approval DM/19/03091/FPA relating to design changes on Plots 12 - 15. Application No: DM/24/02550/FPA Proposal: Two storey side extension with juliet balcony at rear Address: 36 Lavender Gardens Sacriston Durham DH7 6PR <u>Annual General Meeting of CDALC</u> 78th Annual General Meeting Sat 12th October 2024 at 10am Shildon Town Council, Civic Hall, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham, DL4 1AH. There are spaces for two appointed representatives to attend? <u>RESOLVED</u> No members can attend. <u>Gov.uk email addresses</u> Following on from the previous meeting the clerk has signed up for an online session to obtain more information. <u>Latest Budget Consultation</u> Details have been forwarded via email - does anyone have any comments they would like to make? <u>RESOLVED</u> No comment.

		<u>Crossroads Project</u> Neil Kearton has reviewed his quote. The revised quote was sent to Laura Sloan at Chester le Street AAP. <u>Query raised by member of the public</u> The bench and fence in Sacriston Woods have been badly burnt - do we know who they belong to? <u>RESOLVED</u> Members informed the clerk that these belonged to DCC. <u>Freedom of Information Act</u> Request regarding wheelie bin replacement. <u>RESOLVED</u> This needs to be sent to Durham County Council.
7.	Sacriston in Bloom	Two of the planters near to the pet shop/doctor's surgery have gone missing. Consideration has been given to taking the three-tier planters out and moving them to the Fulforth Centre.
8.	Parish Assets	Bus Shelters – The clerk forwarded the email again to members from DCC which informed them that the bus shelter was damaged and should be replaced. <u>RESOLVED</u> It was agreed that the shelter should be replaced, and the clerk is to obtain quotes for this. Village Clock – Nothing to report. Parish Building – Nothing to report. War Memorial – Cllr Ludlow informed that this should hopefully be completed within the next month. Pit Wheel – Nothing to report.
9.	County Councillor's Reports	Cllr S Wilson; - Land administrators are erecting a new fence at the bottom site. - There is still ongoing work required at Fyndoune due to the discovery of molehills on the football pitches. - The yellow lines have been requested again as the previous officer has been replaced. - The yellow lines at the rear of Bespoke are no longer required. - Shoplifting is still ongoing in the village.

		- Mafeking Terrace parking is still ongoing with the warden. He had patrolled the area but found no parking issues at that time. He is to reinspect later. Cllr E Waldock; - Mental health awareness week Cllr Johnson noted that the markings for the zebra crossing have not yet been completed and requested that this be followed up. Cllr Dixon mentioned that the road markings were also not fully completed after the resurfacing on Plawsworth Road, which needs to be addressed. Additionally, he suggested that Springside should be assessed for potential road markings near the entrance to the estate. The road is narrow, and parked cars on the side are making it difficult for vehicles to pass.																
10.	Group Representative Reports	Fulforth Centre Committee Meeting • Staffing and hours were discussed. • The roof is being repaired again tomorrow following a further leak. • Possible funding opportunities are being reviewed. • Plans are being put into place for Becca’s return. HR & Finance Group • Nothing to report as meetings are being held next week. Allotment Association Meeting • Nothing to report as meetings are being held next week. New Hill Allotments • Nothing to report.																
11.	Budget & Grant Applications	<u>Bank Account</u> As of the 2nd October 2024, the bank balance was £98,577.13. <u>Invoices paid in September</u> <table><tr><td>Maxwells</td><td>£30.00</td></tr><tr><td>Maxwells</td><td>£10.00</td></tr><tr><td>Magden</td><td>£72.90</td></tr><tr><td>Harry Robson</td><td>£370.00</td></tr><tr><td>EJH Electrical Services</td><td>£145.00</td></tr><tr><td>Employee Pay</td><td>£725.43</td></tr><tr><td>HMRC</td><td>£181.20</td></tr><tr><td>HP</td><td>£11.99</td></tr></table>	Maxwells	£30.00	Maxwells	£10.00	Magden	£72.90	Harry Robson	£370.00	EJH Electrical Services	£145.00	Employee Pay	£725.43	HMRC	£181.20	HP	£11.99
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12.	Date and time of next meeting	Next meeting is to be held Wednesday 6 th November 2024 at 6.30pm. Meeting closed at 7.27 pm														

Agreed and signed by Chair of Sacriston Parish Council Date