



SACRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19th February 2025 at 6.30 pm In The Fulforth Centre

Present: Cllr H. Dixon (Chair), Cllr G Ludlow (Vice Chair), Cllr K Wilson, Cllr E. Waldock, Cllr D. Robson, Cllr D. Forth, Cllr L Burn, Cllr A-M Johnson, Cllr F. Morrell, and Mrs C. Dixon (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr L. Claughan, Cllr S Wilson, Cllr R. Sharp, and Cllr A. Page

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 L. Claughan, Cllr S Wilson, Cllr R. Sharp, and Cllr A. Page
2.	Disclosure of Interest from Members	Nothing to report.
3.	Questions from the public	(Questions & Comments from the public in attendance – max 5 mins per item/individual) No members of the public were in attendance.
4.	Previous meeting minutes	Previous minutes from the meeting held on 8 th January 2025. A meeting has been arranged on 26 th February 2025 at 9 am with DCC, Matt Stevenson (DUFC), Parish Council and Cllr Waldock.
5.	Police Matters	The PACT meeting was held on February 14, 2025. During the meeting, the reported incidents from December 1, 2024, to February 12, 2025, were as follows: - 14 reports of anti-social behaviour (ASB) - 23 thefts (17 of which occurred at Tesco) - No burglaries - 9 cases of criminal damage - 1 car stolen - 1 car and 1 van set on fire Speeding was discussed as a concern. Additionally, dog fouling was identified as an issue, and the PCSO will report this to the wardens. Residents are encouraged to continue reporting all incidents.
6.	Clerks Report	<u>Planning Applications</u> DM/24/03032/FPA North Country Homes Limited Land To The West Of Fulforth Way

	Development of 78 residential dwellings with new access, landscaping, and infrastructure Application No: DM/25/00196/VOC Proposal: Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) pursuant of planning permission DM/19/03091/FPA to revise retaining structures to south-east and south-west site perimeter Application No: DM/25/00108/FPA Proposal: Replace the existing timber balcony walkway area with a hardcore and paving stone structure. Address: Sacriston Cricket Club Front Street <u>RESOLVED</u> No comments regarding the applications. <u>Roadworks</u> Location: Cross Roads, Sacriston Traffic Management: Multi-way signals in place Activity: Highway Repair and Maintenance Works Date: 24th February - 28th February Location: Front Street, Sacriston Traffic Management: Two-way signals in place Activity: Highway Repair and Maintenance Works Date: 20th February Road Closure Notice Location: Church Street - A diversion via Elm Court will be available. Activity: New gas supply and connection works Date: 19th February - 24th February Footpath closure Location: Rosewood Close, Sacriston Date: 25th February for approx. 5 days <u>RESOLVED</u> The above was noted. <u>Telephone Pole Erections</u> Openreach will be installing telegraph poles at: 39 Springside, Sacriston 23/25 Uphill Drive, Sacriston 14 Morningside, Sacriston <u>RESOLVED</u> The above was noted.
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		<u>Parish Councillor</u> Martin Hollingsworth is no longer able to commit to the role due to work commitments. <u>RESOLVED</u> No comments. <u>Electricity Supplier</u> An electricity supplier needs to be found for the unmetered consumption. The clerk has tried EON, but they have advised they are not taking on new customers. <u>RESOLVED</u> Cllr Burn has given the clerk contact information for an independent company that might be able to find a supplier. <u>Wear Rivers Trust email</u> Members have been informed of an email received from Wear River Trust, in which the charity requests the council to consider allocating environmental funds for the purchase of a new CCTV camera and for the prompt repair of the fence. <u>RESOLVED</u> Cllr Waldock is aware of this issue and is currently addressing it. We will await Cllr Waldock's guidance on this matter. <u>.gov.uk Domain Name</u> We discussed this in detail at the HR meeting, and it was noted that we are still under contract with Lee Vest until November. We should revisit this at a later date. <u>RESOLVED</u> All agreed. <u>Staff Costings: Fulforth Centre</u> The monthly cost for renewing the Fulforth staff contracts until funding is secured is approximately £5,136. This amount will decrease due to one staff member not renewing their contract. Additionally, this figure includes a 3% pay rise to account for inflation. <u>RESOLVED</u> Members agree to support The Fulforth Centre if funding isn't secured; however, The Fulforth Centre is confident funding will be received.
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7.	Sacriston in Bloom	Confirmation of the grant application, which included Terms and Conditions, has been received. <u>RESOLVED</u> The Chair signed the Terms and Conditions. A site meeting will be arranged with the contractor to clarify requirements and plan for ordering supplies. Cllr Ludlow will submit paperwork to register the lease with the land registry. He has confirmed that the cost will be £40.
8.	Parish Assets	Bus Shelters – The new bus shelter has been installed. Village Clock – Nothing to report. Parish Building – Nothing to report. War Memorial – Nothing to report. Pit Wheel – Nothing to report.
9.	County Councillor's Reports	Cllr S Wilson; • The Warden has been asked to check Charlaw Terrace property as previously discussed. • I haven't received any updates on the yellow lines, but I have inquired about them. • Funding for pitches will be conducted using 106 funds, involving the council, Durham United, and the company. • I was unable to attend the PACT meeting. Ongoing ASB issues involve a few individuals, and I am aware the police and ASB team are addressing these concerns. • The planning application for the bottom estate has confirmed that the access and egress will remain as previously agreed. It must go to committee due to its size. Cllr E Waldock; • The DVLA has been in the village. • Meeting has been requested with Karbon Homes.

		• A meeting was held with a new community group concerned about fly-tipping in the woods, who wish to tidy up the area. Cllr Ludlow informed members that there are currently no fields available at Fyndoune for the football teams to use. DCC has visited the field, removed the properly sized goals, replaced them with incorrectly sized goals, and left the pitch in a poor condition.
10.	Group Representative Reports	Fulforth Centre Committee Meeting Project Development Workers Report • Contract renewal costs have been forwarded to Parish Council for consideration. • Sophie starts her maternity leave on the 21st March 25; • Turners Funfair has been booked for rides for the Party in the Park on 7th June, inflatables are to be booked closer to the date. • Animal Farm is booked instead of Birds of Prey. • Virgin Media will be in attendance providing free ice cream, sweets, and popcorn. • Weekend community café has restarted. • Heating issues over the Christmas period have now been resolved Management Report • Staff contracts are being reviewed as and when they expire however, one staff member will not be continuing within their role. • LWNE contract is until March, total spend allocated was £14,080 with £3,485 if required. Used to date is £11,209. • PDW will return from maternity leave in April; however, she does not want any managerial responsibilities and is happy to continue in her PDW role. • We will be two staff short from when Sophie stops and Becca returns. • Looking to move to Xero accounting software from Sage, the monthly saving will be approximately £80. • We are looking to move accountancy firms. • Emma is looking at funding streams that could attract up to £92,500 for the running costs of the centre. • With regards to governance, the paperwork has been signed and posted to EMG, we have had no acknowledgment as yet however, once received it will be dated at which point the transfer is effective. The paperwork will then be sent to HM Land Registry for registration purposes so that they can update the title deeds.

		<u>RESOLVED</u> Members agreed to pay £250 towards the event.
12.	Date and time of next meeting	The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th March 2025 at 6.30 pm. The meeting closed at 7.30 pm

Agreed and signed by Chair of Sacriston Parish Council Date