



SACRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 7th May 2025 at 6.30 pm In The Fulforth Centre

Present: Cllr H. Dixon (Chair), Cllr D Robson, Cllr E Waldock, Cllr A Page, Cllr K Wilson, Cllr R Sharp, and Mrs C Dixon (Clerk)

Apologies: None

Members of the public in attendance: Graeme Ludlow, Lauren Burn, Ann-Marie Johnson, Ann Wray, Robert Mickle, Mark Morrell, Emyr Rhodri Hopkins

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 Debra Forth.
2.	Chair's Report	I am very impressed with what we, as a council have and continue to achieve. Our two annual events remain very popular bringing the village and wider community together. Later this month the crossroads project is due to start which will bring some colour back to an increased concrete and housing area. As Chair, I, and the Parish work closely with our local Police and Community Support Officers via PACT meetings in ensuring the reduction in ASB and other crime related incidents are investigated and dealt with. I would like to take this opportunity in thanking Emma and Simon for the work they have done as our local County Councillors and hope that the two newly elected councillors put as much work into the community as they have. I would also like to thank Andrew for putting himself forward as a County Councillor, unfortunately, neither he nor Emma were successful in the elections.

		The Fulforth Centre continues to go from strength to strength, Becca has returned from maternity leave whilst Sophie has just started her maternity leave. The centre is being managed by Debra and Emma from Live Well North East with myself as Chair overseeing change and direction. New funding initiatives remain ongoing with over £35,000.00 won over the last two weeks. The Community Centre is the hub of this village which we as a Parish, have adopted as our home and long may the relationship between us both continue to grow.
3.	Financial Report	During the past financial year, the parish council had forecasted a total expenditure of £92,170.00, while actual spending amounted to £69,091.56. This has resulted in an underspend of £23,078.44. At the end of the financial year, the parish council's bank account closed with a balance of £81,072.28. For the current financial year, we have now received the precept of £63,374.16, along with the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme (LCTRS) grant of £2,278.00. These funds will support the delivery of local services and planned projects over the coming year.
4.	Fulforth Centre Report	Included in the Chairs report.
5.	Police Matters	Nothing to report.
6.	Questions and Comments from Members of the Public	Question raised from member of the public regarding the plaque in Sacriston Woods. <u>RESOLVED</u> It was discussed that LC may know what the wording was on the previous plaque; however, if we are unable to obtain this information, it was suggested that we use wording of our own.
7.	Meeting Close	The meeting closed at 18.40pm.

Agreed and signed by Chair of Sacriston Parish Council

Date