



SACRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6th March 2024 at 6.30 pm In The Fulforth Centre

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

Apologies: Cllr D Forth, Cllr A-M Johnson, Cllr L Claughan, Cllr J Barrett and Cllr R Sharp

Item No:

1.	Introductions and Apologies for Absence	The Chair opened the meeting at 6.30 pm and welcomed everyone. Cllr D Forth, Cllr A-M Johnson, Cllr L Claughan, Cllr J Barrett, and Cllr R Sharp
2.	Disclosure of Interest from Members	Cllr S Wilson left the room when the planning application was discussed.
3.	Questions from the public	(Questions & Comments from the public in attendance – max 5 mins per item/individual) Scott from the Skill Mill attended the meeting and informed members of the work they carry out. They would like to get involved in community projects within the village. <u>RESOLVED</u> To contact Scott in due course regarding any upcoming projects.
4.	Previous meeting minutes	Previous minutes from 7 th February 2024 were accepted and signed as a true record.
5.	Police Matters	Cllr S Wilson met with PCSO. There has been a rise in ASB within the village. Cllr Wilson is attempting to get selective licensing in place for the village. Discussion around the possibility of getting extra CCTV cameras. Cllr Dixon requested that another PACT meeting be arranged. Information has been provided that the Cricket Club has experienced some damage around the mesh panel fencing. <u>RESOLVED</u> Cllr Waldock to investigate getting an appointment to view the CCTV camera footage.

6.	Clerks Report	<u>Planning Application</u> Application No: DM/24/00190/AD Proposal: Non-illuminated aluminium composite panel fascia sign and illuminated neon 'Open' window sign (Retrospective) Address: 17 Front Street Sacriston Durham DH7 6LD <u>RESOLVED</u> No objections <u>Email received regarding Public Area near Alpha Hairdressing</u> Members were informed of the email. It is unsure whether the land is owned by the Parish or DCC. <u>RESOLVED</u> Cllr Waldock is to speak to DCC to gain some clarity on this matter.
7.	Sacriston in Bloom	No response has been received regarding the Crossroads Project. The bushes around the area have now been removed and a skip is required to remove all waste.
8.	Parish Assets	<u>Bus Shelters – Bus Shelter Graffiti</u> There have been 4 x bus shelters have now been cleaned. However, it was reported that the day after they were cleaned there was again, graffiti on one of the shelters. We have received the invoice for cleaning in the sum of £280. <u>RESOLVED</u> Members agreed to payment of the invoice. Village Clock –Nothing to report. Parish Building – Nothing to report. War Memorial – Work to be carried out in the warmer weather. Pit Wheel – Nothing to report.
9.	County Councillor's Reports	Reports received from Cllr S Wilson; • Bottom building site has now been fenced off. • Bollard up at Chawlaw Close. • Have been liaising with the street lining team about various road markings required. • Nothing to update regarding Fyndoune. • Still an ongoing issue at Fynway with parking. • Ongoing issues in the village with ASB.

		Cllr E Waldock; • Attended the opening of Graham Court. • Chasing waste bin for Lingey Close • Carried out a litter pick – Lingey Close to Heugh Edge and filled 3 x bags. • Chasing Karbon re: tub • Received comments from residents re: path at Coniston Drive • Multiple paths have been dug up whilst workmen laying fibre. They have left areas in the village a mess. • Trying to find out who is responsible for the school field – either DCC or St Bede's. • Dog fouling in the area is an issue at present.
10.	Group Representative Reports	Fulforth Centre Committee Meeting • Project Development Worker is going on maternity leave at Easter (last working day Wednesday 27th March) - Handover with Live Well NE planned w/c 18th March - Debra Forth to cover most aspects of the role, with Emma Pattison covering funding. • 50+ Project Worker handed her notice in as she has a new job - last day Friday 8th March; in the process of recruiting a replacement - interviews to be held on Monday 11th March. • Rides booked for Party in the Park on Saturday 1st June - first choice rides were no longer available when we went to book, so have booked Go Gater rollercoaster & two large inflatables instead. Will book Christmas Extravaganza rides at the start of April at the request of the Parish Council so they are paid for in the next financial year. • Door-drop leaflets started going out this week - will be delivered by Royal Mail w/c 4th March & 11th March (reports they are inside the Durham County News, so encourage people to look inside!) - we will then have copies available in the centre for anyone who hasn't received one. • The Fulforth Centre is booked as a Polling Station on Thursday 2nd May - all other activities/bookings will be cancelled that day Development Group • Letter received from the bank to inform they are closing the bank account. • Discussions have taken place regarding merging the Development Group with The Fulforth Centre group. HR & Finance Group • Bank balance is healthy.

		- Invoices were approved; however, further information is required for how many cuts of the grass have been carried out at Cross Lane this year. - No HR Issues. - Discussed Crossroads project. Allotment Association Meeting - AGM took place on 11th February 2024 and went well. - Rents have been set and should be paid no later than 31st March. - Current bank balance - £1,354.09 - Potential leak on the water meter - investigating. - Discussed Scribe allotment database package, Clerk has requested costs for this. - Waiting list - 10 Cross Lane, 1 Daisy Hill New Hill Allotments - Nothing to report.														
11.	Budget & Grant Applications	<u>ACCOUNTS</u> As of the 6th March 2024, the bank balance was £70,668.76. <u>Invoices paid in February</u> <table><tr><td>Sacriston National Women Against Pit Closures</td><td>£250.00</td></tr><tr><td>Employee Pay</td><td>£836.83</td></tr><tr><td>HMRC</td><td>£69.80</td></tr><tr><td>HP Ink Subscription</td><td>£9.99</td></tr><tr><td>Mint Management</td><td>£540.00</td></tr><tr><td>O'Briens</td><td>£800.00</td></tr><tr><td>J G Paxton</td><td>£73.56</td></tr></table> <u>Grant Application</u> Funding application was received from Durham Pride requesting £200 towards their annual Pride event which is taking place in May. <u>RESOLVED</u> The application was discussed and agreed.	Sacriston National Women Against Pit Closures	£250.00	Employee Pay	£836.83	HMRC	£69.80	HP Ink Subscription	£9.99	Mint Management	£540.00	O'Briens	£800.00	J G Paxton	£73.56
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12.	Date and time of next meeting	Next meeting is to be held Wednesday 3rd April 2024 at 6.30 pm. Meeting closed at 7.47 pm														

Agreed and signed by Chair of Sacriston Parish Council Date