



SACRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 1st October 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, Cllr A Page, Cllr D Robson, Cllr K Wilson, Cllr R Sharp, Cllr A-M Johnson, and Mrs C Dixon (Clerk)

Also, present was County Cllr T Robson

Apologies: Cllr D Robson, Cllr G Ludlow, Cllr D Forth, Cllr E Waldock 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 D Robson, Cllr G Ludlow, Cllr D Forth, Cllr E Waldock and County Cllr J Pickard.

2. Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED: No declarations were received.

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

There were no members of the public in attendance.

4. Approval of Minutes

RESOLVED: The minutes from the Meeting held on 3rd September 2025 were accepted and signed as a true record.

5. Police Matters

RESOLVED: The next meeting is being held tonight in The Fulforth Centre.

6. Planning Applications

RESOLVED: To **NOTE** there were no planning applications.

7. Growing Sacriston Together in Bloom

RESOLVED: To obtain costs for purchasing some planters and spring bulbs for around the pit tub. To consider asking the local schools to participate in planting the spring bulbs.

8. Parish Assets

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| 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. |

9. County Councillor Report

Cllr T Robson;

- Highways is looking at the junction of Plawsworth Road and John Street.
 - Liaising with Live Well North East regarding their next event.
 - Paint is worn from the zebra crossing.
 - Bus shelters have been smashed in various places.
 - Having a meeting with restorative justice to see if they can help in any areas of the village.
 - Lingey Close wasteland – to try to contact the owner.
 - 106 monies discussed.
 - Looking to get vacant industrial units tenanted.
 - Reported damage to Jubilee Park.
 - Contacted public health regarding rubbish bags lying around.
- RESOLVED:** The verbal report was noted.

Cllr Sharp raised issues she is experiencing with the footpath beside the development at Daisy Hill and requested the help of the County Cllr.

Cllr Hopkins requested that the woodland behind the old Church be inspected for fly-tipping and cleared.

Cllr Page requested that the metal fencing be removed from the new development at Graham Court.

Cllr Wray requested that another waste bin be provided for the area next to the pit wheel.

RESOLVED: County Cllr Robson will investigate the above.

10. Parish Council Noticeboard

RESOLVED: to **APPROVE** the clerk to obtain costs for a new noticeboard. It was discussed that the old board could be relocated to Daisy Hill allotments.

11. Unmetered Electricity Usage for the Festive Lights

RESOLVED: to **APPROVE** the 3-year contract with Valda for the unmetered electricity supply.

12. Reports from Group Representatives

- a. **Fulforth Centre** – no report as meetings not until next week.
- b. **HR and Finance Panel** – no report as meetings not until next week.
- c. **Parish Allotment Association** – no report as meetings not until next week.

13. Finance Report

a. Invoices to be paid

RESOLVED: Invoices agreed to be paid and were signed by the Chair.

b. HMRC tax and NIC contributions to be paid monthly by direct debit

RESOLVED: to **APPROVE** for the payment to be made by direct debit and the clerk to be delegated to sign this.

14. Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)

RESOLVED: to **RECEIVE** the final audit report, and to note that the clerk has displayed it on the website.

15. Grant Applications

RESOLVED: No applications to consider.

16. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 12th November 2025, at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 19.25 pm.

Agreed and signed by Chair of Sacriston Parish Council

Date