



SACRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10th July 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 A.M Johnson, Cllr D. Forth

Apologies: Cllr F. Morrell, Cllr L. Claughan, Cllr K. Wilson, Cllr A. Page, Cllr L. Burn and Mrs C. Dixon (Clerk)

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 L. Claughan, Cllr K. Wilson, Cllr A. Page, Cllr L. Burn and Mrs C. Dixon (Clerk)
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	A.G.M. held on 8 th May - The Chair gave a recount of the meeting, there was nothing raised. The minutes were accepted as a true record. Annual Meeting held on 8 th May - There was nothing raised. The minutes were accepted as a true record. Extraordinary Meeting held on the 5th June. The chair gave a summation of the meeting. The minutes were accepted as a true record.
5.	Police Matters	Nothing to raise.
6.	Clerks Report	Nothing to raise due to Purdah.
7.	Sacriston in Bloom	Heads of Terms Lease regarding the Crossroads project was discussed. Councillors raised frustration regarding the length of time the process is taking however, it was agreed for the Chair to sign in agreement. Cllr Waldock agreed to hand this into Durham County Council the following day. A lot of work has been done regarding the flower arrangements for the village in preparation for the Durham Miners Gala. We had spent approximately £600 on bedding and perennials, however, the perennials can be saved and re-planted for next year's

		event.
8.	Parish Assets	Bus Shelters – The clerk is to pay the cost of repair to the shelter however, she is still awaiting an invoice from DCC. Village Clock – Nothing to report. Parish Building – Nothing to report. War Memorial – Red Begonias have been placed around the memorial. Pit Wheel – Raised flower planters in place ready for Saturday's Annual Miners Gala.
9.	County Councillor's Reports	Reports received from Cllr S Wilson; • Durham County Council are going to clear all the fencing at the old pit head bath site after the fencing has been knocked down. This is due to a child being injured when they fell on damaged fencing. If the fence is taken away this will give people the opportunity of fly- tipping on the land. There is a rumour that building work could re-commence on the site in January 2025. • We have requested road safety and improvement measures for the village community in line with what has been done at Framwellgate Moor, however, a freedom of information request may have to be submitted. Cllr E Waldock; • Path plans requested for Coniston Drive progressing. • There are several paths within the area having overgrown shrubbery, this has been reported to DCC. • There is to be a further litter pick in late July / August.
10.	Group Representative Reports	Fulforth Centre Committee Meeting • There was a good turnout at the luncheon club to present Linda with her retirement gifts. Debs and Emma are working alongside Linda, Hughie and Graham and Sophie to coordinate the handover. • Sophie attended a volunteer fayre with DCC and is arranging a volunteer fayre at The Fulforth Centre on 20th September and will be sharing this with all partners. • Gav's Holidays were successfully covered - thank you to everyone who helped out! • Christmas Extravaganza - Monday 25th November - Action plan has been taken from last year - aiming to book some things sooner this year to ensure availability. A suggestion of having a separate 'Christmas Market' event has been made to ease up space inside the hall in case of bad weather and to

		host two events, the Extravaganza and then a separate market. Do the committee have any thoughts? • We are starting to get more requests for the centre to be hired on a Sunday, some potentially longer term. The issue we are stumbling upon is opening and closing as Gav is off on a Sunday. So far, we have been able to work the team however as the summer progresses this is becoming more difficult - any thoughts on opening/closing? • Key Code safety/Insurance - In the past groups such as church groups have been given the key code but after a few weeks stopped using the hall - since then the code hasn't been changed. For some of the enquiries we have had for longer term bookings it's been suggested that in the past we just gave the key to groups I'm unsure if there is an agreement for key holders and of course the risk is we hand over the key code to new groups and worst case scenario of the centre not being locked properly or if the centre was to be entered/broken into insurance potentially would be void. • Private hire - Amending booking sheet . We are proposing to add in a bold section of when the centre is used for things such as birthday parties it is made clear the venue must be left the way it was received and to leave out bin bags and the floor sweeper. • East Durham College volunteered in the garden - this was very successful! • All activities and sessions going well, toddler group have been planting in the garden and having a mini sports day soon. • Fashion show booked 13th September 1pm • WhatsApp Group Fulforth Staff are in a group it's working well for communication. We welcome thoughts on a potential group for the committee or where email communication is preferred, the larger a group the harder it can be to manage. Development Group • A letter has been sent to Lloyds Bank to close down the account as the group is to be disbanded. HR & Finance Group • Nothing to report. Parish accounts as of the meeting stood at £110,870:09. Allotment Association Meeting • Discussed the current waiting list on both sites. It may be necessary to split P.19 plot at Cross Lanes as this is too big. Four plots are still being repaired at Cross Lanes. New Hill Allotments • Nothing to report.
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11.	Budget & Grant Applications	<u>Bank Account</u> As of the 10th July the bank balance was £110,870.09. <u>Invoices paid in June</u> <table><tr><td>Shincliffe Mill Nursery</td><td>£ 96.90</td></tr><tr><td>Shincliffe Mill Nursery</td><td>£ 77.60</td></tr><tr><td>Pity Me Nursery</td><td>£ 36.00</td></tr><tr><td>Durham Fuel Centre</td><td>£ 30.00</td></tr><tr><td>Congburn Nursery</td><td>£ 3.00</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><tr><td>H Robson</td><td>£ 200.00</td></tr><tr><td>Shincliffe Mill Nursery</td><td>£ 79.30</td></tr><tr><td>Shincliffe Mill Nursery</td><td>£ 66.59</td></tr><tr><td>Shincliffe Mill Nursery</td><td>£ 59.96</td></tr><tr><td>Durham Pride UK</td><td>£ 200.00</td></tr><tr><td>Walworth Birds of Prey</td><td>£ 500.00</td></tr><tr><td>Peoples Partnership</td><td>£ 40.97</td></tr><tr><td>Scribe</td><td>£ 21.60</td></tr><tr><td>Smarty</td><td>£ 6.00</td></tr></table> Application received from “Live Well North East” to hold a Community Fun Day on Saturday 28th September. RESOLVED To give £500 towards the event.	Shincliffe Mill Nursery	£ 96.90	Shincliffe Mill Nursery	£ 77.60	Pity Me Nursery	£ 36.00	Durham Fuel Centre	£ 30.00	Congburn Nursery	£ 3.00	Employee Pay	£ 725.43	HMRC	£ 181.20	HP	£ 11.99	H Robson	£ 200.00	Shincliffe Mill Nursery	£ 79.30	Shincliffe Mill Nursery	£ 66.59	Shincliffe Mill Nursery	£ 59.96	Durham Pride UK	£ 200.00	Walworth Birds of Prey	£ 500.00	Peoples Partnership	£ 40.97	Scribe	£ 21.60	Smarty	£ 6.00
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12.	Date and time of next meeting	Next meeting is to be held Wednesday 4 th September 2024 at 6.30 pm. Meeting closed at 7.34 pm
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Agreed and signed by Chair of Sacriston Parish Council Date