



SACRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3rd January 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 J Barrett, 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, and Cllr L Claughan

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, and Cllr L Claughan
2.	Disclosure of Interest from Members	Cllr S Wilson left the room when the planning application and funding for The Project Development Worker was discussed.
3.	Questions from the public	(Questions & Comments from the public in attendance – max 5 mins per item/individual) Becca, The Fulforth Centre Project Development Worker, was present. Becca informed members that she would be taking a year-long maternity leave, with her leave commencing at the beginning of April. The Fulforth Centre Committee have agreed that Emma and Debra from Live Well North East will take on Becca's role whilst she is away. Debra and Emma are committed to applying for funding for the role; however, Becca would like to know if there is a shortfall, will the council be able to contribute? Becca then left the room whilst the council considered the request. <u>RESOLVED</u> The Fulforth Centre has grown considerably since Becca's arrival and members agreed that in the event the funding was not sufficient the shortfall would be paid. The Fulforth Centre would like to carry out a leaflet drop advertising its facilities. Becca informed members that the Post Office would be coordinating the leaflet drop. The smallest region they will deliver to is DH7, which comprises Edmondsley, Witton Gilbert, and other nearby areas. She simply wanted to let them know that we are not attempting to "step on toes," so she has contacted the community centres in the areas to inform them.

		A short discussion took place regarding the rides for Party in the Park. <u>RESOLVED</u> Cllr Dixon and Cllr Robson to meet with Becca and confirm the rides.
4.	Previous meeting minutes	Previous minutes from 3 rd January 2024 were accepted and signed as a true record.
5.	Police Matters	The previous PACT meeting was cancelled.
6.	Clerks Report	<u>Planning Application</u> DM/24/00120/FPA - 25 Penshaw View, Sacriston, Durham, DH7 6UX Demolition of single detached garage and replacement with single-storey extension. <u>RESOLVED</u> No objections <u>Website</u> The Clerk spoke with Lee Vest, who is now working on creating a new website. He is working on this in the background, and once it's finished, we'll simply switch to the new one. <u>Festive Lights</u> The Clerk sent correspondence to David Murphy at LITE informing him that we were unhappy with the service for the annual light switch on. David quickly replied to the correspondence and agreed to replace the box on the wall and replace the lights on the trees free of charge. David will also ensure that a team is present the night before the extravaganza takes place.
7.	Sacriston in Bloom	There has been no response received from DCC regarding the plans which were submitted. Cllr Dixon, Cllr Robson, and Cllr Ludlow met with Graham Cozens. We are to await new costings for the maintenance of the village flower displays as there has been an increase from 28 baskets to 37. Cllr Dixon and Cllr Robson are to commence removing the shrubs and bushes from around the Crossroad area for anyone who would like to attend. Cllr S Wilson said he would attend, if possible.
8.	Parish Assets	Bus Shelters – Plawsworth Road bus shelter has now been installed. An email was received from the solicitor to confirm that costs had now been recovered from the third party and asked for our bank details for reimbursement of the policy excess fee of £125.

		<u>Bus Shelter Graffiti</u> There have been 4 x bus shelters reported to DCC and they have asked that we get these cleaned. The Clerk has spoken with a company (Shine Cleaning). They have provided a quote for cleaning the 4 x shelters. The cost of each shelter would be £70. <u>RESOLVED</u> Members agreed to proceed with the cleaning quote for the bus shelters. 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; • Discussed the lines on the road around Church St and the top road near Fulforth and around schools. • No response regarding the zebra crossing. • Walk around Ripley Court/Crossleas etc • Still chasing the Education Dept regarding Fyndoune updates. • A meeting took place with 3 x cricket clubs regarding the use of the sports hall. • Questions about the football pitches. • ASB in the village. • Parking at Fynway is still an issue. • Proposed lines outside Bespoke • Karbon/Durham key solutions troubles with banding. Cllr Burn directed concerns raised by residents to Cllr S Wilson; • Concerns about the individuals who have moved into the new Crossroads homes. There are suspicions that they are not from the area and inquiries about how they can acquire these homes. • A complaint was raised by Mafeking Terrace residents. A sofa has been dumped and the trees are growing up through the pavement, compromising individuals' health and safety. • In Valley View, the pavement also has cracks and is being lifted by the trees. • Elliott St/Gregson St – contractors installing the new fibre broadband. • Rats have been seen in the car park area near the pizza shop. • Van parked at Plawsworth Road continuing to obstruct the view of those turning out of Springside.

		- There is a silver car continuing to park at Crossroads and nothing seems to be done regarding this. <u>RESOLVED</u> Cllr Wilson is to speak to Karbon regarding the Crossroads homes to see if we can obtain any information. The issue with the rats should have now been resolved as this was due to DCC not collecting the waste. This has now been collected. Cllr E Waldock; - Continuing dealing with residents on issues. - A bus shelter has been installed at the bottom of Lingey Close. - An issue with litter some residents have been carrying out litter picks.
10.	Group Representative Reports	Fulforth Centre Committee Meeting - Accounts still remain healthy. - Now received word from the Charity Commission for the merger of both the Sacriston Community Association and, the Sports Trust into the new SCA charity. - Plans have been put in place about Becca's maternity leave cover, as a small organisation the centre will be able to claim back 103% of maternity pay. £1,485.85 was raised from the Xmas Extravaganza. - The centre has received further successful funding bids during December. - New toddler group has commenced and is very popular. - Community laptops launched in February. - PAT Testing by proffered company agreed. - Eileen is stepping down as Vice Chair of the committee, all thanked her for the work she has done. Development Group - No Development Group Meeting HR & Finance Group - Finance report given and end of year projected figures discussed. - The Clerk and Cllr Waldock had met to discuss the clerk's appraisal. Allotment Association Meeting - Received £70 from land registry with regard to plans for Daisy Hill allotment site.

		- Concerns were raised about the amount we are paying concerning water rates at Cross Lanes site, we suspect there may be a water leak. - Concerns raised over rats in some areas of the site, the Chair is to meet with Beamish Pest Control to look at areas of concern. - There are 9 people on the waiting list for Cross Lanes with 1 on the list for Daisy Hill. - Discussed an Asbestos Management Policy for the allotments. - The Allotment Association AGM is to take place on Sunday the 11th February at 3.00 pm in the Fulforth Centre. New Hill Allotments - Nothing to report.																
11.	Budget & Grant Applications	<u>ACCOUNTS</u> As of the 7th February 2024, the bank balance was £73,254.94 <u>Invoices paid in January</u> <table><tr><td>Claire Wilson</td><td>£836.83</td></tr><tr><td>HMRC</td><td>£69.80</td></tr><tr><td>O'Briens</td><td>£2,250.00</td></tr><tr><td>Printer Ink</td><td>£9.99</td></tr><tr><td>Simon Smith Design</td><td>£750.00</td></tr><tr><td>CDALC</td><td>£10.00</td></tr><tr><td>Peoples Partnership</td><td>£57.92</td></tr><tr><td>Mobile Phone Contract</td><td>£6.00</td></tr></table> <u>VAT</u> The clerk is to complete a VAT return and anticipates there to be approximately £1700 reclaim.	Claire Wilson	£836.83	HMRC	£69.80	O'Briens	£2,250.00	Printer Ink	£9.99	Simon Smith Design	£750.00	CDALC	£10.00	Peoples Partnership	£57.92	Mobile Phone Contract	£6.00
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12.	Date and time of next meeting	Next meeting is to be held Wednesday 6th March 2024 at 6.30 pm. Meeting closed at 7.41 pm																

Agreed and signed by Chair of Sacriston Parish Council Date