



SACRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2nd April 2025 at 6.30 pm In The Fulforth Centre

Present: Cllr H. Dixon (Chair), Cllr G Ludlow (Vice Chair), Cllr K. Wilson, Cllr E. Waldock, Cllr D. Robson, Cllr F. Morrell, Cllr A. Page, Cllr R. Sharp, Cllr S Wilson, Cllr D. Forth, and Cllr A-M Johnson and Mrs C. Dixon (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr L. Claughan and Cllr L. Burn

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 L. Claughan and Cllr L. Burn.
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) There were no members of the public in attendance.
4.	Previous meeting minutes	Previous minutes from the meeting on 5 th March 2025 were accepted and signed as a true record.
5.	Police Matters	Cllr Waldock trying to get in touch with Helen (PC). Hoping to speak to her tomorrow. Cllr S Wilson is chasing PSPO. Cllr Dixon has sent photographs of cars parked at the entrance coming from Front Street into the Fulforth Centre road to the neighbourhood warden. <u>RESOLVED</u> Cllr S Wilson asked for Cllr Dixon to forward the photographs.
6.	Clerks Report	<u>Planning Application</u> Application No: DM/25/00347/FPA Proposal: Two storey rear extension, single storey front, side and rear extensions finished in vertical cedar boarding Address: Pippin Cottage Witton Road Sacriston Durham DH7 6NB

		<u>Planning Application Approved</u> Sacriston Colliery Cricket Club, Sacriston Cricket Club, Front Street, Sacriston, Durham, DH7 6JT Replace existing timber balcony walkway area with hardcore and paving stone structure. Approved BNG Not Required - 18th March 2025 <u>RESOLVED</u> There were no comments made. <u>Road Closure</u> Temporary road closure order for Pitfield Street (Errington Bungalows), Sacriston to enable manhole sensor maintenance works, for 1 day (between 9:30 am-3:30 pm) on 9th April 2025. <u>Roadworks</u> Northumbrian Water Location: Front Street Traffic management: Traffic control (two-way signals) Date: 6 Apr Northumbrian Water Location: Crossroads Date: 13th April <u>RESOLVED</u> No comments were made. <u>Plaque for the miner's stone</u> Correspondence received from a MOP who has been unable to find the previous wording used for the plaque. <u>RESOLVED</u> It was discussed that Cllr Claugan may have the old plaque. <u>Unmetered Electricity</u> The unmetered certificate from NPG has been sent to Cardinal Energy and we are awaiting quotes. <u>Charlaw Terrace</u> The neighbourhood warden found the garden that had been reported to have dog faeces was immaculate, and he suspected it was a neighbour dispute. <u>Beamish Pest Control</u> Can do a preliminary report; would cost £30. Rats are down drains, but he also suspects they are coming from the end of the terrace
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		where there is livestock and getting in where the properties are in disrepair. <u>RESOLVED</u> It was discussed and agreed by members that the parish council make payment of the preliminary report however, the parish council have now exhausted all avenues, this is a gesture of goodwill, and the onus is on the residents of Charlaw Terrace to provide follow ups. <u>Advert for Miners Gala brochure</u> Would we like an advert in the Miners Gala Brochure again this year. <u>RESOLVED</u> Agreed to proceed with a quarter page. <u>Speed Signs</u> Correspondence received. <u>RESOLVED</u> To note and possibly look at the in future.
7.	Sacriston in Bloom	Graham Cozens, the new representative and Cllrs met to discuss grounds maintenance and agreed to continue a rolling 1-year contract. The crossroads project is due to commence in May.
8.	Parish Assets	Bus Shelters – Pane is out at the bus shelter at the bottom of Lingley Close, this belongs to DCC. Village Clock – Nothing to report. Parish Building – Nothing to report. War Memorial – Nothing to report. Pit Wheel – Nothing to report. Memorial Bench was discussed at Blackett’s bank again. <u>RESOLVED</u> It was agreed that the area in which the memorial bench would be placed belongs to Witton Gilbert Parish.
9.	County Councillor’s Reports	Cllr S Wilson; - Noise pollution having an impact on dog walkers.

		- Findon Hill – there is nothing further happened with the asbestos removal. - Individual issues at certain properties. - Request for chippings for South View. Cllr E Waldock; – Karbon Homes discussion around housing officers. Issues raised with Karbon. – Findon Avenue/Witton Avenue – Met with wardens – Parking issue - To resend information to wardens. – Individual casework.
10.	Group Representative Reports	Fulforth Centre Committee Meeting - Project Development Workers Report Staffing: • MM has happily agreed to an extra 5 hours on a Friday which is to be reviewed when her new contract is due in August. • Temporary staff timetable until BH returns is in place (Live Well will be base at Fulforth on Tuesdays and Thursdays until half term then a bigger presence over half term. • When BH returns Live Well will be present on the days she returns to help support the return and ease the transition. • Three new potential food delivery drivers have started the volunteer recruitment process. Party in the Park • Ads out for stall holders. At present 4 stallholders booked. • SAG submitted for the event. Office General Issues • New office furniture has been erected. • Outdoor tables and chairs are stored in the container. Activities • All activities are up and running as normal. • Community Café not running Saturday 4th April due to Bonita's Dance Exams • Centre closed for Polling Day Thursday 1st May – HD to open up/DF to lock up. • Disco on Friday 28th has had excellent feedback and looks to be a huge success. Management Report • Trustees had a meeting with the new accountant which was very helpful in understanding what we are doing going forward towards a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

		(C.I.O.) which will ensure that the constitution is registered with and regulated by the Charities Commission. • Restricted funding totalled £16,922. • Xero set up - moved Payroll and invoicing over to use this system. • Accounting for Good - overview of meeting with accountant. • Staff Wages increases as of today to National Living Wage of £12.60/hour. Funding Snapshot: • Looking at over £53,000 funding bids currently being applied for • DCMS have announced that there will be Know Your Neighbourhood continuation funding for one further year: • The funding is “likely” to be around 50% of the previous annual grant award. • It can only be used for extension funding (no new projects) • Funds should be with groups by the end of May/beginning of June. • It is anticipated (but not confirmed) that groups will be able to include backdated costs from 1st April 2025 in their budgets. • We aren’t likely to find out more until the end of April. HR & Finance Group • Nothing to report. Allotment Association Meeting • Discussed concerns about cars blocking the main pathways. • Identified an individual who had fly-tipped onto Cross Lane site and the neighbourhood warden was informed. • 3 people on the waiting list for Cross Lane with one person on the list for Daisy Hill. New Hill Allotments • Nothing to report.						
11.	Budget & Grant Applications	<u>Bank Account</u> The bank balance at the close of the financial year was £81,072.28. Remittance advice received to say that the Precept and the LCTRS should be received in the next few days. <u>Invoices paid in March</u> <table><tr><td>Amazon</td><td>£34.38</td></tr><tr><td>Employee Pay</td><td>£744.96</td></tr><tr><td>HMRC</td><td>£186.00</td></tr></table>	Amazon	£34.38	Employee Pay	£744.96	HMRC	£186.00
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12.	Events	Discussion around VE/VJ event to be held. <u>RESOLVED</u>												

		Cllr Forth will research the possibility of holding an event to mark the day.
13.	Date for Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting	The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 7th May at 6:30 PM, followed by the Annual Meeting.
14.	Date and time of next meeting	The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th May 2025 at 6.30pm. The meeting closed at 7.18 pm The Chair expressed their gratitude on behalf of the Parish Council to Councillor Simon Wilson for his contributions as County Councillor.

Agreed and signed by Chair of Sacriston Parish Council Date