



SACRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 1st April 2026 at 6.30 pm In The Fulforth Centre

Present: Cllr H. Dixon (Chair), Cllr D Robson, Cllr M Morrell, Cllr A Page, Cllr K Wilson, Cllr G Ludlow, Cllr R Mickle, Cllr A Wray, Cllr K Welsh, Cllr E Hopkins and Cllr J Robson
Mrs C Dixon (Clerk)

Also, present was County Cllr T Robson 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 from Cllr D Cumiskey, Cllr E Waldock, Cllr A Przybysz and Cllr R Sharp

RESOLVED: To **NOTE** the apologies received.

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 was 2 members of the public in attendance. No comments were made.

4. Mark Solan (Team Solan) – Guest Speaker

RESOLVED: To **NOTE** that Mark had provided his apologies as he was not able to attend due to work commitments.

5. Approval of Minutes

RESOLVED: The minutes from the Meeting held on 4th March 2026 were accepted and signed as a true record.

6. Police Matters

RESOLVED: To **NOTE** there were no comments.

7. Planning Applications

RESOLVED: To **NOTE** there no applications received.

8. Growing Sacriston Together in Bloom

Cllr Dixon advised members that would was to commence soon on the spring/summer floral displays. He had received comments from members of the public regarding the disrepair of the seats around the Crossroads. These are to be looked at. Cllr Ludlow has spoken to NJ Kearton and he is to purchase some additional gravel for the area.

RESOLVED: To **NOTE** the update.

9. Parish Assets

a. Bus Shelters

RESOLVED: Nothing to report.

b. Village Clock

The village clock was due to be serviced, and the contractor was to call Cllr Dixon on 31st March however, there was no phone call received.

RESOLVED: The clerk is to confirm if the clock was serviced and ask for an update on the blue light.

c. Parish Building

RESOLVED: Nothing to report.

d. War Memorial

RESOLVED: Nothing to report.

e. Pit Wheel

RESOLVED: Nothing to report.

10. County Councillor Report - Cllr T Robson;

- Discussion about the textile bin and where it could be relocated. Cllrs advised of their preferred location.
- Hallow Dene – reports have been made to the neighbourhood warden.
- Charlaw Fell – traffic order
- Rubbish from behind the pizza shop has been removed again.
- The motorcross bikes seem to be back again.
- Priory Court – hedging has been reported.

Cllr T Robson and Cllr J Pickard provided an update regarding the phase 3 development of Persimmon Homes and advised that the planning application had been approved.

RESOLVED: To **RECEIVE** the report.

11. Reports from Group Representatives

a. Fulforth Centre – Cllr Dixon provided a verbal update.

RESOLVED: To **NOTE** the information provided by Cllr Dixon.

b. HR and Finance Panel

The meeting had been postponed, and the next meeting would take place on 11th May.

RESOLVED: To **NOTE** the information.

c. Sacriston Allotment Association

The meeting had been postponed, and the next meeting would take place on 11th May.

RESOLVED: To **NOTE** the information.

12. Finance Report

The Clerk updated members regarding the current bank account balance of £51,685.98. The clerk had submitted a VAT claim for £1,711.47.

a. To review and approve payment of invoices received.

RESOLVED: to **APPROVE** payment of the invoices. Two additional invoices were received and **APPROVED** from DCC one for the floral displays 25/26 (£9291.02) and the other for election costs (£11,504.88).

13. Website Redevelopment and Email Management

Report discussed.

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the clerk to appoint Parish Online to redevelop the website and provide the councillor email addresses.

14. Policies

a. IT Policy

RESOLVED: to **APPROVE** the policy.

b. Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the policy.

15. Review of the Effectiveness of Internal Controls 2025/26

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the Review of the Internal Controls 2025/26 with no comments to note.

16. Risk Management Review

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the Risk Management Review 2025/26, with no comments to note.

17. Publication Scheme

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the Publication Scheme, with no comments to note.

18. 106 Monies Application

Discussion about the application and Cllr Dixon confirmed that the queries that were raised by Cllr Przybysz had been addressed by Becca at The Fulforth Centre.

RESOLVED: To **SUPPORT** the application.

19. DUFC correspondence

Correspondence was discussed.

RESOLVED: To **SUPPORT** DUFC.

20. Date and Time for Annual Parish Meeting

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the meeting to be held on 6th May at 6pm in The Fulforth Centre.

21. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 6th May 2026, at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 19.17pm.

Agreed and signed by Chair of Sacriston Parish Council

Date