



## SACRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 6.30 pm In The Fulforth Centre

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

Also, present was County Cllr J Pickard

**Apologies:** Cllr A Wray, Cllr E Waldock, Cllr A-M Johnson and Cllr R Sharp

#### Item No:

##### 1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

The Chair opened the meeting at 6.30 pm and welcomed everyone.

Apologies **RECEIVED** from Cllr A Wray, Cllr E Waldock, Cllr A-M Johnson and Cllr R Sharp.

##### 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 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 were accepted and signed as a true record.

##### 5. Police Matters

**RESOLVED:** Nothing to report.

##### 6. Planning Applications

DM/25/02104/FPA – 8 Springside, Sacriston, Durham, DH7 6QJ – First Floor bedroom and ensuite to the side of the house over the garage and kitchen.

**RESOLVED:** To **RECEIVE** the planning application.

##### 7. Growing Sacriston Together in Bloom

The chair gave a verbal update on purchasing the bulbs to go in the area around the pit tub at the Crossroads. A meeting had been held with DCC regarding next year's planting, and they are to come back to us with costs.

**RESOLVED:** To **RECEIVE** the verbal report.

## 8. Parish Assets

- 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**

There had been a complaint regarding the advertising banner that was placed on the pit wheel.

**RESOLVED:** To **RECEIVE** the complaint and to look at the possibility of moving the banner next year.

## 9. County Councillor Report

### **Cllr J Pickard;**

- A meeting had taken place with Jim Murray regarding Fyndoune School, and Cllr Pickard advised the meeting of the updates. Questions were raised regarding the allotments at the school.

**RESOLVED:** To **RECEIVE** the verbal report. Cllr Pickard is to investigate what is to happen with the allotments.

Cllr Dixon asked Cllr Pickard if the two County Councillors would contribute some of their budget towards the selection boxes this year at the Christmas Extravaganza. It was expected that 300 selection boxes would be required at a cost of £1.79 each.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Pickard **AGREED** to this proposal but would need to know more information.

## 10. Reports from Group Representatives

- a. **Fulforth Centre** – Verbal report given by Cllr Dixon.
- b. **HR and Finance Panel** – Verbal report given by Cllr Dixon.
- c. **Parish Allotment Association** – Verbal report given by Cllr Dixon.

**RESOLVED:** To **RECEIVE** the reports.

## 11. Wilkinsons Funfair

**RESOLVED:** To **NOTE** the correspondence; however, as the council already provides the Party in the Park and the Christmas Extravaganza, there is no requirement for this at this time.

## 12. Website

Three quotes have been obtained; however, the clerk did not have time to look at the quotes in detail in readiness for the meeting. The clerk has made a payment to the current website host due to the timing of the invoice; however, the company explained that should we choose to go with a different supplier mid-contract, they will reimburse the support part of the invoice.

**RESOLVED:** To **RECEIVE** the information.

**13. Festive Lights**

**RESOLVED:** To **APPROVE** the quote and the installation of the lights at the Crossroads.

**14. It’s Your Neighbourhood Campaign**

**RESOLVED:** To **RECEIVE** the information.

**15. Finance Report**

**a. Invoices to be paid**

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

**b. Review Budget 2025-2026**

**RESOLVED:** to **NOTE** the up to date budget. To hold a budget workshop to discuss the budget proposals for 2026-2027.

**c. VAT Claim**

**RESOLVED:** To **NOTE** that the clerk is to submit a VAT claim.

**16. Grant Applications**

**a. Salvation Army** – Funding request for £500 towards the Christmas Toy Appeal.

**RESOLVED:** To **APPROVE** the request of £500.

**b. Sacriston Colliery Cricket Club** – Funding request of £200 towards the running costs and equipment. This will also supply the council with a sponsorship board. The cost would be £75 per annum thereafter.

**RESOLVED:** To **APPROVE** the request of £200. The Cricket Club will need to contact the council every year for approval of £75.

**17. Grant Awarding Policy and Grant Application Form**

**RESOLVED:** To **APPROVE** the Grant Awarding Policy and Grant Application Form.

**18. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025, at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 19.12 pm.

Agreed and signed by Chair of Sacriston Parish Council .....

Date .....