



SACRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 4th February 2026 at 6.30 pm In The Fulforth Centre

Present: Cllr H. Dixon (Chair), Cllr E Hopkins, Cllr A Page, Cllr K Wilson, Cllr E Waldock, Cllr R Sharp, Cllr G Ludlow, Cllr R Mickle, Cllr A Wray and Mrs C Dixon (Clerk)

Also, present was County Cllr T Robson

Apologies: Cllr D Cumiskey, Cllr M Morrell, Cllr G Ludlow, Cllr D Robson, and County Cllr J Pickard

The Parish Council wishes to record its sincere condolences to the family of Frank Morrell. Frank served as a Parish Councillor since 1979 and will be greatly missed.

Item No:

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

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

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

2. Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED: No declarations were received.

3. To consider the co-option of a Councillor to fill a casual vacancy

Kim Welsh provided members with some background information about herself and why she would like to stand as a parish councillor.

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the co-option of Kim Welsh as Parish Councillor. Kim then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4. Public Participation - (Questions & Comments from the public in attendance – max 5 mins per item/individual)

There was 2 members of the public in attendance.

RESOLVED: There were no comments.

5. Approval of Minutes

RESOLVED: The minutes from the Meeting held on 7th January 2026 were accepted and signed as a true record.

6. Police Matters

RESOLVED: There were no comments.

7. Planning Applications

DM/25/03524/FPA - Carina & Luis Nausner Carvalho

23 Ashford Drive, Sacriston, Durham, DH7 6BB

Removal of the existing porch and replace with a new porch with an enlarged entrance hall and W/C

DM/25/02701/VOC - Langley Lodge Developments Limited

St Peters Court, Sacriston, Durham, DH7 6FB HEADER

Variation of Condition 2 (admissions policy) pursuant to planning permission

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

8. Growing Sacriston Together in Bloom

Cllr Dixon provided an update about the flowers at the Crossroads.

RESOLVED: To **NOTE** the update.

9. Parish Assets

a. Bus Shelters

RESOLVED: Nothing to report.

b. Village Clock - The blue light at the top has stopped working.

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the clerk to contact The Cumbria Clock Company to investigate the issue.

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;

- The roof at the WMC is in a state of disrepair. Funding will be required to replace the roof. Consideration has been given to moving into new premises.
- The Fulforth Centre roof requires replacing, and 106 monies are to be applied for.
- John Street carpark is a safety concern due to having no lighting. DCC will not put in any lighting as it is not adopted.
- Update given on the final phase of Cross Lane development.
- Working with Simon Hogg on matters and liaising directly with him.
- Budget – happy to discuss if anyone has any questions.

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

11. Reports from Group Representatives

a. Fulforth Centre – verbal report provided by Cllr Dixon.

RESOLVED: To **RECEIVE** the information.

b. HR and Finance Panel

RESOLVED: To **RECEIVE** the minutes of the meeting held on 1st December 2025.

c. Sacriston Allotment Association

RESOLVED: To **RECEIVE** the minutes from the Allotment Meeting held on 5th December 2025.

12. Finance Report

The Clerk updated members regarding the current bank account balance of £56,732.69.

- a. To review and approve payment of invoices received.

RESOLVED: to **APPROVE** payment of the invoices.

13. Grant Application

Durham Hospitals Radio requested £500.

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

14. The Woodland Trust

RESOLVED: To **NOTE** the information.

15. Parish Noticeboard

RESOLVED: To **DEFER** until the next meeting, as members had not fully read the report provided.

16. Notice of Election

RESOLVED: To **NOTE** the information.

17. Festive Lights

Information provided regarding stress testing from DCC.

RESOLVED: To **NOTE** the information.

18. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 4th March 2026, at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 19.14pm.

Agreed and signed by Chair of Sacriston Parish Council

Date