

SADBERGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 12th May 2015 in Sadberge Village Hall

Present: Councillors Tate, Best, Heath, Lazenby and Schott

In attendance: Councillors Brian Jones, Doris Jones and Steve York Alastair Mackenzie – Clerk

1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

- 1.1 Councillor Tate was elected as Chair of the Parish Council for the coming year.
- 1.2 Councillor Heath was elected as Vice-Chair.

2. Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Councillor Heywood and the reason for his absence was approved.

3. Vacancy on the Parish Council

- 3.1 The Parish Meeting had not identified any candidates for co-option to the Parish Council.
- 3.2 It was agreed to advertise the vacancy on Facebook and the Sadberge web site.
ACTION: Councillor Heath / A Mackenzie
- 3.3 Councillor Tate will write letters of thanks to Rowland Glew and Rennie Vickers for their service as Sadberge Parish Councillors.
ACTION: Councillor Tate
- 3.4 The Clerk will investigate options for recognising long service by parish councillors.
ACTION: A Mackenzie

4. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

Councillor Shott declared an interest in item 12 – Maintenance of the railings around the main part of the village green – and item 13 – Damaged concrete post opposite the Buck Inn.

5. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 7-Apr-2015 were agreed to be a true record of the meeting.

6. Matters arising from previous meetings

- 6.1 The Parish Council noted the discussion about the vehicle activated sign that had taken place during the Parish Meeting.
- 6.2 The Parish Council noted the discussion about the public access defibrillators that had taken place during the Parish Meeting.
- 6.3 The Parish Council approved a payment of £80 for a market licence for the Sadberge Summer Festival.
- 6.4 The Parish Council noted the discussion about Northumbria in Bloom that had taken place during the Parish Meeting.
- 6.5 Darlington Borough Council's Head of Highways Asset Management, Steve Brannan, has said that an order has been raised to overlay areas of the footpath beside Middleton Road between Sadberge Village and the A66 underpass. A reconstruction scheme has been included in the provisional scheme of works for next year, but it is not yet known whether there will be enough money in the budget to enable the work to be done.
- 6.6 Darlington Borough Council and Durham Constabulary are not in favour of introducing a "no right turn" at the triangle of village green in the centre of Sadberge.

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7. Proposed development on the old reservoir site

7.1 The Parish Council noted the discussion on this subject during the Parish Meeting.

7.2 The Parish Council is still concerned about the safety risks posed by the old reservoir.

8. Christmas costumes on the chainsaw carvings

The Parish Council noted the motion that had been passed by the Parish Meeting, and agreed to encourage appropriate decoration of the village green – including the chainsaw carvings – at relevant times of year.

9. Wind farms near Sadberge

The Parish Council noted the discussion on this subject during the Parish Meeting.

10. Bus service

The Parish Council noted the discussion on this subject during the Parish Meeting.

11. Bonfire Night fireworks display

Councillor Tate has still to approach people who may be willing to take the role of Bonfire Night Event Organiser.

ACTION: Councillor Tate

Councillor Schott left the meeting.

12. Maintenance of the railings around the main part of the village green

Councillor Shott had provided an estimate for the job of painting the railings. It was agreed to ask him to go ahead with the work on that basis.

ACTION: A Mackenzie

13. Damaged concrete post opposite the Buck Inn

Councillor Shott had provided an estimate for the job of repairing the concrete post and the fence rail. It was agreed to ask him to go ahead with the work on that basis.

ACTION: A Mackenzie

Councillor Schott re-joined the meeting.

14. Flagpole and flags on the village green

14.1 Councillor Lazenby has oiled the flagpole hinges and greased the locks.

14.2 The flagpole needs to be painted.

ACTION: Councillor Lazenby

14.3 It was agreed to allocate a budget of up to £50 for Councillor Lazenby to (a) get a new Union flag and (b) get a new halyard and pulley.

ACTION: Councillor Lazenby

15. Chainsaw carvings on the village green

15.1 Councillor Schott will spray the carvings with a suitable oil. It was agreed to allocate a budget of up to £20 for the oil.

ACTION: Councillor Schott

15.2 The Clerk will consult the tree surgeon suggested by a local resident. If the tree surgeon is able to suggest a suitable treatment at a reasonable price then the Clerk, having consulted the Chair, will go ahead and arrange for the work to be done.

ACTION: A Mackenzie

16. Community composting facility

16.1 It was agreed to invite a local farmer to empty bay #4 of the composting facility.

ACTION: A Mackenzie

16.2 It was agreed to move the pile of woody material to the bonfire site in the middle of Town Farm Field and burn it.

ACTION: A Mackenzie

16.3 Councillor Lazenby will maintain the composting facility while the Clerk is on holiday during July and August 2015.

ACTION: Councillor Lazenby

17. Hedges obstructing footpaths

The Clerk will write to the Parochial Church Council and the resident of the Rectory asking them to trim the hedge facing on to Middleton Road.

ACTION: A Mackenzie

18. Insurance

18.1 The Clerk had received a quote from an alternative insurance provider.

18.2 After discussion, it was decided to remain with the group insurance scheme organised by Darlington Borough Council.

19. Accounts and Annual Report for 2014-15

19.1 The Clerk has still to finish updating the Register of Assets.

ACTION: A Mackenzie

19.2 The Parish Council approved the accounts for the year ended 31-Mar-2015.

19.3 Approval of the statement of accounts in Section 1 of the Annual Report for the year ended 31-Mar-2015 was deferred until the next meeting.

20. Publication scheme

The review of the Parish Council's publication scheme was deferred until the next meeting.

21. Cleveland Local Councils Association (CLCA)

The Parish Council agreed to continue its membership of the CLCA and approved the payment of the £110.70 membership fee.

22. North Villages PACT

22.1 There was no news from the PACT meeting in Whessoe Parish Hall on Tuesday 21-Apr-2015.

22.2 There is a new PCSO for the area including Sadberge. The Clerk will invite him or her to attend a future Parish Council meeting.

ACTION: A Mackenzie

22.3 The next PACT meeting will take place in Bishopton Village Hall at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday 19-May-2015.

23. Planning

The following planning application was approved without comment:-

- 15/00288/FUL Erection of a conservatory at the side of 2 Abbey Road.

24. Correspondence

The Parish Council noted the following correspondence:-

- Letter from Darlington Borough Council about Community Governance Reviews in the Borough of Darlington

25. Agenda items for the next meeting

No agenda items were proposed for the next meeting:-

26. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of Sadberge Parish Council will be held at in Sadberge Village Hall at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday 2-Jun-2015.

Alastair Mackenzie
Clerk to Sadberge Parish Council

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12th MAY 2015.

I hereby certify that these minutes are a true record of the meeting.

Signed: Councillor L Tate _____ Date _____