

SADBERGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday 12th January 2016 in Sadberge Village Hall

Present: Councillors Tate, Best, Heath, Heywood, Lazenby, Schott and Smith.

In attendance: Ward Councillor Brian Jones Alastair Mackenzie – Clerk

1. Apologies

There were no apologies from Sadberge Parish Councillors.

There were apologies from Ward Councillors Doris Jones and Steve York.

2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 8-Dec-2015 were agreed to be a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising from previous meetings

- 4.1 Darlington Borough Council's Senior Arboricultural Officer, Phil Haynes, has again been asked to phone Councillor Best to discuss the trees between Town Farm Field and Hampass.
- 4.2 Attempts are being made to persuade the Secretary of State to "call in" the planning application for up to 200 houses on land to the rear of High Stell, Middleton St. George.
- 4.3 There was no news about the proposed development on the site of the old reservoir adjacent to Sadberge.
- 4.4 Planning application 15/00918/FUL – Erection of three houses on land behind the Buck Inn. The Planning Officer is still waiting for the applicant to provide further information.
- 4.5 Darlington Borough Council has put the Hill House Lane grit bin back on its base and has topped up the other two grit bins.
- 4.6 The Clerk has not yet managed to pick up one or two additional strings of Christmas tree lights in the New Year sales. **ACTION:** Alastair Mackenzie
- 4.7 On Saturday 10-Jan-2016, Darlington Rotary Club volunteers picked up 24 Christmas trees from the Sadberge collection point.
As per the agreement, the Parish Council approved the payment of a £96 donation to St. Teresa's Hospice in Darlington.
- 4.8 No entries were submitted for the competition to do the artwork for bronze sculpture(s) in Sadberge. The Clerk will investigate other options. **ACTION:** Alastair Mackenzie
- 4.9 Darlington Borough Council has acknowledged the Parish Council's application for the village hall and the two pubs to be listed as Assets of Community Value. The decision will be made by 26-Feb-2016.
- 4.10 Two Parish Councillors have still to obtain certified copies of their proofs of identity and address. **ACTION:** Councillors Tate and Schott

5. Speeding in Sadberge

- 5.1 The speed sign's internal clock got confused at the change of year, so the speed data from that two-week session cannot be used.
- 5.2 It was confirmed that the next location for the speed sign will be Darlington Road.

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5.3 Durham Constabulary's safety camera van has been deployed in Sadberge. Six hours' operation has resulted in 15 motorists being prosecuted and 74 being offered speed awareness training. The van will continue to visit Sadberge.

The Clerk will write to Durham Constabulary's Traffic Management Officer, Paul Emerson, to give him on the Parish Council's thanks for arranging the enforcement activity.

ACTION: Alastair Mackenzie

6. New bench

6.1 It was agreed that the new bench is not of an acceptable quality. It will be returned for a refund.

ACTION: A Mackenzie

6.2 The Clerk will bring information about other benches to the next meeting.

ACTION: A Mackenzie

7. NE Regional Event

7.1 The Parish Council agreed to send the Festival Organiser to the County Durham and Cleveland County Training Partnership's Regional Event on "Managing Events" (which will take place in Peterlee on Wednesday 9-Mar-2016) and approved the payment of the £27 fee.

7.2 The Parish Council also agreed to pay travel expenses as necessary.

8. Ownership of the main part of the village green

The Clerk reported that a large part of what is now the main part of the village green used to be a walled garden that was owned by Frank Crowson, who bought the land from Brasenose College in 1920.

The Clerk will try to find out the more recent ownership history of the land.

ACTION: Alastair Mackenzie

9. Buckingham Palace Garden Party

The Cleveland Local Councils Association (CLCA) will be nominating two people (plus their partners) to attend a Buckingham Palace Garden Party on Tuesday 10-May-2016.

It was agreed to put Rennie Vickers' name forward for nomination if he is interested.

ACTION: Alastair Mackenzie

10. The Queen's 90th birthday celebrations

10.1 The Parish Council had been asked to consider lighting the Sadberge beacon on the evening of Thursday 21-Apr-2016 as part of the celebration of Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday.

10.2 It was agreed to light the beacon on 21-Apr-2016.

Councillor Tate will lead the working party, assisted by Councillor Schott.

ACTION: Councillors Tate & Schott

The Clerk will apply to Northumbrian Water for permission for the working party to go on to the old reservoir site to prepare and light the beacon.

ACTION: Alastair Mackenzie

11. System of internal control and internal audit arrangements

11.1 The Parish Council reviewed its system of internal control and agreed that it is suitable and effective.

11.2 The Parish Council reviewed its internal audit arrangements and agreed that they are suitable and effective.

12. Risk assessment

12.1 The Parish Council reviewed its risk assessment and suggested some amendments.

12.2 The Clerk will bring an updated version of the risk assessment to the next meeting.

ACTION: Alastair Mackenzie

13. North Villages PACT

- 13.1 It was noted that the next PACT meeting will be held in Bishopton Village Hall at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday 21-Jan-2016.
- 13.2 The Parish Council noted that Durham Constabulary is proposing discontinue sending police representatives to PACT meetings that regularly have an attendance of less than 15 residents.
- 13.3 The Parish Council noted that the Durham Police & Crime Commissioner, Ron Hogg, is holding a Rural Crime Issues Forum in Hurworth Village Hall at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 19-Jan-2016.

14. Payments

The payment of the donation for the Christmas tree collection had been approved under item 4.7.

15. For information

The Parish Council noted that Sadberge Renewable Energy Limited (SREL) is offering each Sadberge household a free LED light bulb.

16. Agenda items for the next meeting

The following items were proposed for the next meeting:-

- PACT arrangements, including police attendance.
- Dog bin at the entrance to the water treatment facility north of Sadberge.
- Hazard posed by the old reservoir adjacent to Sadberge.

17. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of Sadberge Parish Council will be held at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday 9-Feb-2016.

Alastair Mackenzie
Clerk to Sadberge Parish Council

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12th JANUARY 2016.

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

Signed: Councillor L Tate _____ Date _____