

# SADBERGE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the meeting held at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 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 12-Jan-2016 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, still not contacted Councillor Best to discuss the trees between Town Farm Field and Hampass.

The Clerk will draft a letter to Phil Haynes and present it for approval at the next meeting.

**ACTION:** A Mackenzie

Councillor Brian Jones will find out who is Phil Haynes' manager.

**ACTION:** Councillor Brian Jones

- 4.2 The planning application for up to 200 houses on land to the rear of High Stell, Middleton St. George, will be considered at a Planning Applications Committee meeting on Wednesday 17-Feb-2016.

- 4.3 There was no news about the proposed development on the site of the old reservoir adjacent to Sadberge.

- 4.4 There was no news about the planning application for the erection of three houses on land behind the Buck Inn.

- 4.5 There were no entries for the competition for Cleveland College of Art and Design students to produce the artwork for a bronze sculpture for Sadberge village green. Using a professional sculptor would be too expensive. The Clerk has contacted the Senior Lecturer at the Wimbledon College of Art, who thinks it might be a suitable project for one of his students. The Clerk has also compiled a list of available "off the shelf" bronze sculptures.

- 4.6 There was no news about the applications to list Sadberge Village Hall and the two village pubs as Assets of Community Value.

- 4.7 Councillors Schott and Tate have handed in their proofs of identity and address to the High Row branch of Barclays Bank. The Clerk will send off the mandate form.

**ACTION:** A Mackenzie

- 4.8 The Clerk has written to Durham Constabulary's Traffic Management Officer, Paul Emerson, to thank him for arranging for the safety camera van to be deployed in Sadberge.

- 4.9 Rennie Vickers thanked the Parish Council for the offer to nominate him to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Party, but declined the offer.

- 4.10 The Clerk will contact Northumbrian Water again to request permission for access to light the Sadberge beacon on Thursday 21-Apr-2016 as part of the celebrations of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**ACTION:** A Mackenzie

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## 5. New bench

- 5.1 The bench has still not been collected. The Clerk will contact the supplier again.  
**ACTION:** A Mackenzie
- 5.2 It was decided to consider alternative benches after the refund has been received.

## 6. Planning

The Parish Council approved the following planning application without comment:-

- 15/00719/FUL Enlargement of roof space (including raising the ridge height) and erection of a single storey extension to the rear at Lea Close, Middleton Road.

## 7. Wind farms near Sadberge

- 7.1 Banks Renewables has satisfied the planning conditions relating to the Durham Tees Valley Airport traffic control radar.
- 7.2 Investigation work has been completed at the Lambs Hill wind farm site, and construction will begin in March.
- 7.3 Site investigation work at the Moor House wind farm site will begin in March. This will consist of a JCB digging holes. Construction of the wind farm will start in November or December 2016 and will take 9 – 12 months.
- 7.4 A Liaison Committee will decide the allocation of the Moor House Wind Farm Community Fund, which will amount to about £12.5k per year once the wind farm starts operating. Councillor Brian Jones has been approached about chairing the Liaison Committee.
- 7.5 The Clerk will invite Banks Renewables' Community Relations Manager, Lewis Stokes, to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council.  
**ACTION:** A Mackenzie

## 8. Old reservoir near Sadberge

- 8.1 It was agreed that the Parish Council is concerned about the hazards posed by the old reservoir south-west of Sadberge Village. The site is not secure. Youths on bikes were seen there in mid-January.
- 8.2 The Clerk will write to Northumbrian Water to express the Parish Council's concerns and to ask Northumbrian Water to carry out a review of the reservoir safety and communicate the results to the Parish Council.  
**ACTION:** A Mackenzie

## 9. Dog bins

- 9.1 The Clerk had carried out a site visit with James Ivil from Darlington Borough Council's Street Scene Team.
- 9.2 The Borough Council is not in a position to provide additional dog dirt bins – largely because of restrictions on manpower for emptying the bins – but would be happy to move an existing bin to a new location.
- 9.3 It was agreed to ask the Borough Council to move the dog dirt bin from the entrance to the sewage works north of Sadberge to the south side of Norton Road at the eastern edge of the village (near the cut-through to Dale Road).  
**ACTION:** A Mackenzie

## 10. Risk assessment

The Parish Council approved the updated version of the risk assessment.

## 11. Darlington Association of Parish Councils (DAPC)

Councillor Tate and the Clerk will attend the DAPC meeting in the Darlington Fire Station at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday 10-Feb-2016.

## 12. North Villages PACT

- 12.1 The PACT priorities remain unchanged, although the Bishopton Mill Bridge issue should be resolved soon.
- 12.2 The Durham Police & Crime Commissioner has indicated that representatives of the police will continue to attend PACT meetings for the time being.
- 12.3 It was noted that the next PACT meeting will be held in Sadberge Village Hall at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday 18-Feb-2016.

## 13. Agenda items for the next meeting

The following items were proposed for the next meeting:-

- Wind farms near Sadberge.
- Darlington Borough Council's proposal to discontinue passing on Council Tax Support Grant funding to parish councils.
- Parish Council interaction with social media. Should the Parish Council have a presence in social media such as Facebook? Should the Parish Council respond to comments made via social media?
- Traffic in Sadberge in early mornings, when children are going to school.
- Storm drains on Middleton Road.
- Footpath beside Middleton Road south of Sadberge Village.
- Cottage on Middleton Road.

## 14. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of Sadberge Parish Council will be held at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday 8-Mar-2016.

**Alastair Mackenzie**  
**Clerk to Sadberge Parish Council**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2016.

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

Signed: Councillor L Tate \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_