

SADBERGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday 4th May 2016 in Sadberge Village Hall

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

In attendance: 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 Schott and the reason for his absence was approved.
Apologies were received from Ward Councillors Brian Jones, Doris Jones and Steve York

3. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

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

4. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 12-Apr-2016 were agreed to be a true record of the meeting.

5. Matters arising from previous meetings

The Parish Council noted the discussions on the following subjects that had taken place during the Sadberge Parish Meeting:-

- 5.1 Wind farms near Sadberge.
- 5.2 Bus service.
- 5.3 Sadberge Summer Festival.
- 5.4 Bonfire Night event.
- 5.5 Northumbria in Bloom competition.

6. Matters arising from previous meetings

- 6.1 Councillor Best has still to get two quotes for a professional arborist to provide a written report on whether the self-seeded trees between Town Farm Field and Hampass pose a hazard.
ACTION: Councillor Best
- 6.2 Darlington Borough Council has granted outline planning permission for a doctor's surgery and up to 26 houses on land adjacent to Yarm Road in Middleton St. George.
- 6.3 There was no news about the proposed development on the site of the old reservoir adjacent to Sadberge.
- 6.4 There was no news about the planning application for the erection of three houses on land behind the Buck Inn.
- 6.5 The vehicle activated speed sign is currently monitoring inbound traffic on Middleton Road.
- 6.6 An open air service will take place on the main part of the village green on the evening of Thursday 5-May-2016.
- 6.7 The Clerk has asked Darlington Borough Council to move the dog dirt bin from the entrance to the sewage works north of Sadberge Village to the south-east side of Norton Road just inside the 30 mph signs.

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- 6.8 Darlington Borough Council has cleaned out the drains on Middleton Road.
- 6.9 Darlington Borough Council has cleaned out the blocked drain that was causing flooding on Stockton Road at the bend near its junction with the A66.
- 6.10 A-1 has been informed about the partly-demolished lamp post on Stockton Road at the bend near its junction with the A66.
- 6.11 The Clerk has replied to a question about the community composting facility that has been posted on the Sadberge Facebook page.

7. Sadberge beacon

The Sadberge beacon was lit on the evening of Thursday 21-Apr-2016 as part of the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations. However, the beacon can no longer be seen from anywhere in the surrounding area – including Middleton Road south of Sadberge and the A66 – due to trees that have grown up on the old reservoir site.

8. Maintenance of the St. Andrew's churchyard

In response to a request from the Sadberge Parochial Church Council (PCC), the Parish Council decided to make a donation of £500 towards the cost of maintaining the St. Andrew's churchyard, and approved the relevant payment.

9. Insurance

There was no news about the renewal of the group insurance organised by Darlington Borough Council.

10. Insurance

- 10.1 The Parish Council approved the updated Register of Assets (dated 11-Apr-2016).
- 10.2 Clerk presented the draft accounts for the year ended 31-Mar-2016. The final version of the accounts will be presented for approval at the next meeting.
- 10.3 The Parish Council approved "Yes" answers to statements 1 - 8 and a "N/A" answer to statement 9 of the Annual Governance Statement in Section 1 of the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2016.
- 10.4 The internal audit has been completed. The Internal Auditor's report will be presented at the next meeting.

11. North Villages PACT

- 11.1 At the PACT meeting in Sadberge Village Hall on Thursday 28-Apr-2016 it was reported that:-
 - Someone slashed the tyres of a number of cars parked on Norton Road.
 - Someone damaged the Bloomin' Lovely garden near Sadberge Village Hall, including smashing the pond.
- 11.2 A 7.5 te weight limit is being implemented at the Bishopton Mill bridge.
- 11.3 The local PCSO is investigating the possibility of restarting Community Speed Watch.
- 11.4 The next PACT meeting will be held in Bishopton Village Hall at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday 2-Jun-2016.

12. Future Parish Council meetings

After discussion, it was agreed that Sadberge Parish Council meetings will usually be held at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

13. Agenda items for the next meeting

No agenda items were proposed for the next meeting.

15. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of Sadberge Parish Council will be held at in Sadberge Village Hall at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 14-Jun-2016.

Alastair Mackenzie
Clerk to Sadberge Parish Council

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4th MAY 2016.

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

Signed: Councillor L Tate _____ Date _____