

SADBERGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 18th October 2016 in Sadberge Village Hall

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

In attendance: Ward Councillor Brian Jones Alastair Mackenzie – Clerk
David Elmer – Bonfire Night Organiser

1. Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Councillors Best and Schott, and the reasons for their absence were approved.

2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

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

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

Councillor Heywood was present at the meeting on 20-Sep-2016. With this correction, the he minutes of the meeting were agreed to be a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising from previous meetings

- 4.1 The Clerk has still to contact Phil Haynes about the self-seeded tree between Town Farm Field and Hampass. **ACTION:** A Mackenzie
- 4.2 The speed sign is currently being charged. Durham Constabulary has continued to provide enforcement activity on Middleton Road to the south of the village.
- 4.3 There has been no communication from Darlington Borough Council about the Parish Council's request for the bus stop markings to be refreshed.

Councillor Tate joined the meeting.

- 4.4 Darlington Borough Council has amended the proposal for new parking restrictions opposite the Tuns at Sadberge.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council strongly objects to these proposed parking restrictions, on the grounds that:-

- (1) The proposals would reduce the number of parking spaces in a part of the village that is already short of parking.
- (2) The Parish Council does not believe that the proposed restrictions would lead to any worthwhile improvement in road safety.

The Clerk will communicate these comments to Darlington Borough Council's Traffic Management and Road Safety Engineer.

ACTION: A Mackenzie

- 4.5 The Clerk has still to write to the residents of The Rectory and 1 East View to ask them to trim their hedges, which are growing out over the adjacent pavements.

ACTION: A Mackenzie

The Clerk has still to ask Darlington Borough Council to trim the hedge along the northern edge of Town Farm Field.

ACTION: A Mackenzie

- 4.6 A proposal to install a fence around part of the village green near Oaklands House will be presented at the next meeting.

- 4.7 The Clerk has still to ask Darlington Borough Council for an update on the plans for maintaining the public footpaths in the area around Sadberge. **ACTION:** A Mackenzie

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- 4.8 Banks Group's Community Relations Manager, Lewis Stokes, has said that decisions about grants from the Moor House Wind Farm Fund will be made by a Community Fund Committee that is separate from the Moor House Wind Farm Liaison Committee and will not include Banks Group staff. The inaugural meeting of the Moor House Wind Farm Liaison Committee will be held in Sadberge Village Hall on the evening of Wednesday 26-Oct-2016.
- 4.9 There was no news about the new Darlington Local Plan.
- 4.10 Newcastle University researchers are still proposing to do a community air quality monitoring project in Sadberge. They have also agreed, in principle, to lend Alastair Mackenzie a hand-held particulate matter monitor during university vacations.
- 4.11 Nothing of interest has appeared on the Sadberge social media sites since the last meeting.

5. Bonfire Night fireworks display

- 5.1 The Bonfire Night Organiser has submitted an application to the Public Events Safety Advisory Group (PESAG) and is waiting for a response.
- 5.2 The Parish Council noted the receipt of a £1,000 donation from the Friends of Sadberge Festival towards the cost of the fireworks.
- 5.3 The Parish Council approved the following payments:-
- Fireworks £968.96
 - Fireworks £484.95
- 5.4 The bonfire will be lit at about 6:15 p.m., and the fireworks display will start at about 7 p.m.
- 5.5 The Clerk will send out a flyer to let Sadberge residents know about the Bonfire Night event.
ACTION: A Mackenzie

6. Pavements in Sadberge

Discussion of this subject was deferred until the next meeting.

7. Church wall

Discussion of this subject was deferred until the next meeting.

8. Seat around the oak tree in the centre of the village

Discussion of this subject was deferred until the next meeting.

9. Community composting facility

The Clerk is putting together a proposal to install metal guides for the scaffolding boards that divide the composting bays.

It was agreed that the Clerk should go ahead and get the work done provided that the cost is no more than £200.
ACTION: A Mackenzie

10. Planning

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

- 16/00844/FUL Demolition of an existing stable block and erection of a two-storey house (with stables on the ground floor) on land adjoining Ashtree Cottage, Sadberge Road, Middleton St. George.

11. Financial position

- 11.1 The Parish Council reviewed the expenditure versus budget for the financial year to date and the forecast of expenditure during the remainder of the financial year. See Appendix 1 to these minutes.
- 11.2 It was agreed that the financial position is satisfactory.
- 11.3 After one correction, the expenditure forecast was approved.

12. Village hall lease

The Clerk reported that the Sadberge Village Hall Association is going to ask the Church to put forward a proposed lease agreement.

13. Christmas tree

Councillor Heath will obtain a Christmas tree for the village green. **ACTION:** Councillor Heath

14. Darlington Association of Parish Councils (DAPC)

Councillor Smith and the Clerk will attend the DAPC meeting in Darlington Fire Station at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday 2-Nov-2016.

15. Cleveland Local Councils Association (CLCA)

It appears that the CLCA meeting that was scheduled to take place in Stillington Village Hall on Wednesday 21-Sep-2016 was cancelled.

16. North Villages PACT

16.1 A PACT meeting was held in Bishopton Village Hall on Thursday 22-Sep-2016. There are still problems with large vehicles trying to cross the Bishopton Mill bridge, and poachers have been operating in the countryside north east of Darlington.

16.2 The next PACT meeting will be held in Sadberge Village Hall at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday 20-Oct-2016.

17. Correspondence

The Parish Council noted the following correspondence:-

- Note from Ernie Lowther thanking the Parish Council for its contribution towards the cost of equipment to maintain the verges and small pieces of open land in Sadberge
- Notes from Ernie Lowther about the salt bins in Sadberge.

18. Agenda items for the next meeting

No agenda items were proposed for the next meeting.

19. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of Sadberge Parish Council will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 15-Nov-2016.

20. Mayor's plaque

The Mayor of Darlington, Councillor Brian Jones, presented the Parish Council with a plaque in recognition of the support that he has received from Sadberge.

Note from the Clerk: A photograph of the plaque is on the Sadberge web site.

Alastair Mackenzie
Clerk to Sadberge Parish Council

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18th OCTOBER 2016.

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

Signed: Councillor L Tate _____

Date _____

SADBERGE PARISH COUNCIL

FORECAST FOR 1-OCT-2016 to 31-MAR-2017

SOURCES OF FUNDS	Simplified version					
	Actual up to	Forecast	Forecast	Budget	Difference	
	<u>30-Sep-2016</u>	<u>Oct - Mar</u>	<u>for the year</u>			
	£	£	£	£	£	
Balance brought forward	6,159	0	6,159	5,762	397	
Income						
Precept	7,500	0	7,500	7,500	0	
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Total income	7,500	0	7,500	7,500	0	
Total funds available			13,659	13,262	397	
USES OF FUNDS						
	£	£	£	£	£	
Expenditure						
Clerk's salary	0	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	
Contribution towards the cost of keeping St. Andrew's churchyard tidy	500	0	500	500	0	
Insurance premium	441	-52	388	500	-112	
Audit fee	48	0	48	0	48	
Subscriptions	115	0	115	115	0	
Meeting room hire	0	250	250	250	0	
Contribution towards DAPC costs	0	0	0	25	-25	
Storage facility	0	0	0	0	0	
Maintenance and repairs	15	0	15	1,000	-985	Note 1.
Northumbria in Bloom	0	0	0	500	-500	
Grant for equipment to maintain verges	170	0	170	0	170	
Christmas tree	0	200	200	200	0	
Village Festival	495	0	495	750	-255	
Bonfire Night event	0	500	500	0	500	
Support for Sadberge Village Hall	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	
Training	0	50	50	50	0	
Newsletters	0	100	100	120	-20	Note 2.
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0	
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Total expenditure	1,784	3,248	5,031	6,210	-1,179	
Contingency / Balance carried forward			8,628	7,052	1,576	

Notes

- (1) The maintenance and repair costs for the year to date are:- Benches £14.59
- (2) At 30-Sep-2016, there were unclaimed printing costs amounting to £70.40. Printing a one-sided flyer costs £12.80. Printing a two-sided flyer costs £22.40.