

SADBERGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 15th November 2016 in Sadberge Village Hall

Present: Councillors Tate, Heath, Heywood and Lazenby

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

1. Apologies

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

There were apologies from Councillor Doris Jones and Councillor 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 previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 18-Oct-2016 were agreed to be a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising from previous meetings

4.1 There was no news about the self-seeded tree between Town Farm Field and Hampass.

4.2 There was no news about the bus stop road markings in the centre of Sadberge.

4.3 There was no news about the proposals to implement new parking restrictions in three locations in Sadberge.

4.4 The Clerk has still to write to the residents of The Rectory 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

4.5 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

4.6 Renewal of the village hall lease. A meeting is being arranged between representatives of the Sadberge Village Hall Association, the Parochial Church Council and the Diocesan Board of Finance.

4.7 Councillor Heath has ordered a Christmas tree for the village green. The tree will be delivered between 24-Nov-2016 and 26-Nov-2016.

4.8 The Clerk will ask the Sadberge Village Hall Association to display the Mayor's plaque in the village hall. **ACTION:** A Mackenzie

4.9 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 event was very successful, despite the rather poor weather. There was a lot of very positive feedback from participants.

5.2 A 'clicker' was used to count the number of people passing through the Town Farm Field entrance. Although this will not give a totally accurate number of participants (because some people will have come out and gone back in again), it will give useful information for arranging the insurance cover for future events. The field was not overcrowded during the event.

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5.3 The entrance to Town Farm Field got very slippery, and one of the St. John Ambulance team slipped over and banged her head. The Clerk will make enquiries to find out if Darlington Borough Council would be willing to give the Parish Council permission to lay down Dolomite in the field entrance.
ACTION: A Mackenzie

5.4 The Parish Council received an anonymous donation of £250 towards the cost of the event.

5.5 Darlington Borough Council cleared away the bonfire ash the day after the event. The Clerk will thank the Street Scene Team Leader.
ACTION: A Mackenzie

5.6 The Parish Council approved the following payment:-

- Insurance for the Bonfire Night Event £213.53

6. Sadberge Summer Festival

6.1 Cynthia Pinnock has resigned from the role of Festival Organiser. The Clerk will write to Cynthia thanking her for her efforts in the role.
ACTION: A Mackenzie

6.2 The Friends of Sadberge Festival organised an open meeting on 19-Oct-2016 to discuss the future of the Sadberge Summer Festival and other community events in Sadberge. People have volunteered to do various jobs associated with the festival, but no-one has volunteered to take on the role of Festival Organiser.

6.3 The Parish Council agreed, in principle, to hold a Sadberge Summer Festival in 2017 provided that a suitable person is willing to be the Festival Organiser.

7. Pavements in Sadberge

Discussion of this subject was deferred until the next meeting.

8. Church wall

Discussion of this subject was deferred until the next meeting.

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

Discussion of this subject was deferred until the next meeting.

10. Fence around part of the village green

The Parish Council is still waiting for a proposal to install a fence around part of the village green near Oaklands House.

11. Christmas tree collection scheme

The Parish Council agreed, in principle, to organise a Christmas tree collection scheme in association with St. Teresa's Hospice and the Darlington Rotary Club. The Clerk will contact St. Teresa's Hospice to discuss the arrangements.
ACTION: A Mackenzie

12. Moor House wind farm

12.1 The inaugural meeting of the the Moor House Wind Farm Liaison Committee was held on Wednesday 26-Oct-2016.

12.2 Including Councillor Heath, only three parish representatives attended the meeting. Others present were Darlington Borough Council's Environmental Officer and two representatives from Banks Renewables.

12.3 The Liaison Committee will hold monthly meetings during the construction of the wind farm. Work on the access road started on 14-Nov-2016, and the wind farm is scheduled to be commissioned in 2017.

12.4 A Community Fund Sub-Committee will be set up in the summer of 2017. £15k per year will go to supporting jobs and training in the Darlington area, and £15k per year will be available for grants to the seven parishes in the area around the wind farm.

13. Darlington Local Plan

Darlington Borough Council issued a "Call for Sites" to identify sites within the Borough that may have potential for development to meet identified needs over the next 20 years. The following sites have been nominated in the area around Sadberge:-

- The old reservoir.
- Town Farm Field.
- The fields to the east of Middleton Road south of the village.
- The playing field north of St. Andrew's Park.
- The children's playground off Abbey Road.

14. Planning

The Parish Council noted that a planning application has been submitted for the refurbishment and conversion of existing buildings to form 9 dwellings at Little Burdon Farm Cottages.

Councillor Brian Jones left the meeting.

15. Budget for 2017-18

- 15.1 The Clerk presented an update of the Parish Council's expenditure versus budget for the financial year to date and an updated forecast of the expenditure during the remainder of the financial year.
- 15.2 After discussion, the Parish Council approved the budget for 2017-18. See Appendix 1.
- 15.3 The precept for 2017-18 will be £10,875. The Clerk will communicate this to Darlington Borough Council. **ACTION:** A Mackenzie

16. Darlington Association of Parish Councils (DAPC)

The main issue discussed at the DAPC meeting on Wednesday 2-Nov-2016 was the fact that the Government is considering introducing a requirement that any parish council wishing to increase its precept by more than 2% must get the agreement of local electors via a referendum.

17. Cleveland Local Councils Association (CLCA)

The Parish Council noted that the CLCA Annual General Meeting will take place on the evening of Wednesday 7-Dec-2016. The location has still to be announced.

18. North Villages PACT

- 18.1 There was no news from the PACT meeting held in Sadberge Village Hall on Thursday 20-Oct-2016.
- 18.2 The next PACT meeting will be held in Bishopton Village Hall at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday 24-Nov-2016.

19. Correspondence

The Parish Council noted the following correspondence:-

- Request for a donation to the Great North Air Ambulance service.

20. Agenda items for the next meeting

The following agenda item was proposed for the next meeting.

- Dog fouling

21. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of Sadberge Parish Council will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 6-Dec-2016.

Note from the Clerk: Due to the non-availability of a meeting room in the village hall on 6-Dec-2016, the December meeting will now be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 13-Dec-2016.

Alastair Mackenzie
Clerk to Sadberge Parish Council

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15th NOVEMBER 2016.

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

Signed: Councillor L Tate _____ Date _____

APPENDIX 1

SADBERGE PARISH COUNCIL

BUDGET FOR THE PERIOD 1-APR-2017 to 31-MAR-2018

SOURCES OF FUNDS

	£	£	Notes
Balance brought forward		8,710	
Income			
Precept	10,875		
Donations	0		
Interest on bank accounts	0		

Total income		10,875	

Total funds available		19,585	

USES OF FUNDS

	£	£	Notes
Expenditure			
Clerk's salary	1,200		
Contribution towards the cost of keeping St. Andrew's churchyard tidy	500		
Insurance premium	750		
Audit fee	100		
Subscriptions	115		Cleveland Local Councils Association
Meeting room hire	250		
Contribution towards DAPC costs	25		
New bench	2,000		
Maintenance and repairs	1,000		
Northumbria in Bloom	0		
Christmas tree	200		
Village Festival	1,000		
Bonfire Night event	1,500		
Support for Sadberge Village Hall	0		
Training	50		
Newsletters	120		
Miscellaneous	0		

Total expenditure		8,810	
Contingency / Balance carried forward		10,775	

This budget was approved by Sadberge Parish Council on 15th November 2016.