

SADBERGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 13th December 2016 in Sadberge Village Hall

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

In attendance: Alastair Mackenzie – Clerk

1. Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Councillors Schott, and the reason for his absence was approved.

2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

Councillor Tate declared an interest in item 12 – Planning.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 15-Nov-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 will write to the residents of Bloomfield House and The Rectory to ask them to trim their hedges, which are growing out over the adjacent pavement.

ACTION: A Mackenzie

4.5 Renewal of the village hall lease. A meeting will take place on Wednesday 14-Dec-2016 between representatives of the Sadberge Village Hall Association, the Parochial Church Council and the Diocesan Board of Finance.

4.6 No-one has yet come forward to volunteer for the role of Festival Organiser. The Friends of Sadberge Festival will be holding a meeting in January to discuss the future of the festival and other community events in Sadberge.

4.7 It was agreed that the Christmas tree on the village green is looking good.

4.8 There will be a meeting of the Moor House Liaison Committee on Wednesday 14-Dec-2016.

4.9 There was no news about the Darlington Local Plan.

4.10 The Clerk presented the Parish Council's budget for 2017-18, which had been agreed at the meeting on 15-Nov-2016.

4.11 Nothing of interest has appeared on the Sadberge social media sites since the last meeting.

5. Christmas tree collection scheme

5.1 It was agreed to organise a Sadberge community Christmas tree collection scheme in association with St. Teresa's Hospice and the Darlington Rotary Club. Similar to last year, the arrangements will be as follows:-

- The Parish Council will make a donation of £60 to St. Teresa's Hospice.
- The Darlington Rotary Club will collect up to 15 Christmas trees from the collection point just inside the Town Farm Field entrance on Saturday 7-Jan-2017.
- If there are more than 15 Christmas trees left at the collection point then the Parish Council can either (a) ask the Rotary Club to remove them in return for an additional donation of £4 per tree or (b) make other arrangements to remove them.

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- 5.2 The Clerk will put up a sign at the collection point and notices on the notice boards in the village hall and in the centre of the village. **ACTION:** A Mackenzie

6. Public footpaths around Sadberge

Darlington Borough Council's Countryside Access Officer, Malcolm Thompson, had provided information about the maintenance of the footpaths in the countryside around Sadberge.

- All paths are inspected every three years and any issues encountered are dealt with at that time. Malcolm also responds to any issues raised by members of the public.
- The resources available for rights of way work consist of one officer and a small budget. Within those limitations, Malcolm tries to do the best possible job for the borough as a whole.

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. Dog fouling

In order for Darlington Borough Council to take action, people failing to clean up after their dogs need to be caught in the act.

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

Discussion of this subject was deferred until the next meeting.

11. Fence around part of the village green

It was agreed that the Parish Council will not allow part of the village green to be enclosed.

12. Planning

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

- 16/01083/FUL Erection of a two storey extension at the side and rear and installation of a bay window at the front of 10 The Orchard.

13. Budget for 2017-18

13.1 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.

13.2 After discussion, the Parish Council approved the budget for 2017-18. See Appendix 1.

13.3 The precept for 2017-18 will be £10,875. The Clerk will communicate this to Darlington Borough Council. **ACTION:** A Mackenzie

14. 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.

15. Cleveland Local Councils Association (CLCA)

The CLCA Annual General Meeting took place on the evening of Wednesday 7-Dec-2016. The Clerk will circulate copies of the slides used for a presentation by the Chief Executive of the National Association of Local Councils (NALC). **ACTION:** A Mackenzie

16. Villages PACT

16.1 Durham Constabulary are no longer supporting PACT meetings that are attended by fewer than 15 residents.

16.2 The Parish Council noted that a meeting of what is officially no longer the Villages PACT will be held in Sadberge Village Hall at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday 9-Feb-2017.

17. Payments

The Parish Council approved the following payments:-

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| • First aid cover for the Bonfire Night event | £82.80 |
| • Christmas tree | £180.00 |
| • Lights for the Christmas tree | £51.00 |

18. Agenda items for the next meeting

The following agenda items were proposed for the next meeting.

- Farm Watch
- Caravan on land adjacent to Hill House Lane

19. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of Sadberge Parish Council will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 31-Jan-2017.

Alastair Mackenzie
Clerk to Sadberge Parish Council

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13th DECEMBER 2016.

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

Signed: Councillor L Tate _____ Date _____