

# SADBERGE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the meeting held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 in Sadberge Village Hall

**Present:** Councillors Tate, Best, Heath, Heywood and Schott

**In attendance:** Alastair Mackenzie – Clerk

### 1. Apologies

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

### 2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

### 3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 31-Jan-2017 were agreed to be a true record of the meeting.

### 5. Polytunnel on Hampass

5.1 The Sedberg Anglo Saxon Farmers Children's Gardening Group is requesting permission to erect a polytunnel on Hampass.

- Funds to buy the polytunnel are coming from a grant from Darlington Borough Council.
- The polytunnel is 6 metres long, 3 metres wide and 2 metres high.

5.2 The following points were made during the discussion:-

- It would be sensible to inform the residents of properties on the north side of Church View opposite Hampass.
- There may be a safety issue if the polytunnel is sited too close to the self-seeded trees on the bank between Hampass and Town Farm Field.
- Is planning permission required?
- Part of Hampass is owned by the Parish Council, with the rest being owned by Darlington Borough Council. The Clerk will clarify which part is which. **ACTION:** A Mackenzie

5.3 The Parish Council agreed in principle to the polytunnel being installed on Hampass, provided that a suitable site can be identified.

5.4 Parish councillors will visit Hampass at 10 a.m. on Sunday 26-Feb-2017 to assess the suitability of potential sites.

5.5 The Parish Council delegated to the Clerk the authority to decide whether there is a suitable site and, if so, give permission for the installation of the polytunnel. He will make the decision in consultation with parish councillors after the site visit on Sunday 26-Feb-2017.

### 4. Matters arising from previous meetings

4.1 There was no news about hedges obstructing pavements.

4.2 Rowland Glew accepted the Parish Council's offer to put his name forward for an invitation to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Party on 16-May-2017, but unfortunately he was not selected in the draw for the Cleveland Local Councils Association (CLCA) nomination. He thanked the Parish Council for putting his name forward.

4.3 There was no news about the Darlington Local Plan.

4.4 With regard to the renewal of the village hall lease, the Village Hall Association's solicitor has made a proposal to the Church's solicitor, and is waiting for a response.

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4.5 The Clerk has written to the Secretary of the Sadberge Parochial Church Council (PCC) to express the Parish Council's concerns about the safety of the St. Andrew's churchyard wall along West Row. This will be put on the agenda for the PCC's next meeting.

4.6 There was no news about social media.

## 6. Planning

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

- 17/00062/FUL Redevelopment of the Dogs Trust rehoming centre on Hill House Lane.

## 7. Moor House wind farm

7.1 There was a higher attendance at the most recent meeting of the Moor House Wind Farm Liaison Committee.

7.2 Bishopton Parish Council will be represented on the Liaison Committee, but Haughton Cricket Club will not.

7.3 For each of the six turbine bases, 60 concrete wagons will visit the wind farm site on a single day. No wagons should come through Sadberge.

7.4 The following suggestions were made for possible grant applications to the Moor House Wind Farm Community fund:-

- Drain the children's play area and provide new equipment.
- Move the children's play area to Town Farm Field.
- Refurbish parts of the village hall.
- Subsidise a bus service for Sadberge.
- Support Sadberge's entry to the Northumbria in Bloom competition.

7.5 The Clerk will enquire whether Darlington Borough Council would be prepared to move the children's play area to Town Farm Field if the Parish Council makes a contribution towards the cost.

**ACTION:** A Mackenzie

## 8. Pavements in Sadberge

Carl Reay of Darlington Borough Council visited Sadberge on Friday 3-Jan-2017 to view the pavements causing concern. He subsequently informed the Clerk that:-

- Darlington Borough Council uses slurry for footpath maintenance, and reconstruction works are only carried out on much busier routes with a higher level of pedestrian foot-fall.
- There are plans to give the footpath on Middleton Road opposite the Buck Inn a micro-asphalt overlay, possibly during 2017 or 2018. This is a modern more sustainable slurry seal with good results, and Carl believes that residents may be surprised by the quality of the finish when it is completed.

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

The Clerk and Councillor Schott have still to measure the tree to establish whether a standard wooden seat would fit around the tree.

**ACTION:** A Mackenzie / Councillor Schott

## 10. Road sweeping

It was agreed to ask Darlington Borough Council's Street Scene Team to arrange for road sweeping to be done in Sadberge.

**ACTION:** A Mackenzie

## 11. Fly tipping in laybys

11.1 It was agreed to ask Darlington Borough Council to install a litter bin in the old A66 layby near Beacon Grange farm.

**ACTION:** A Mackenzie

11.2 It was to ask Darlington Borough Council to clear the litter and, where necessary, fly tipping from the old A66 layby and the layby on Darlington Road near Beacon Hill Bungalows.

**ACTION:** A Mackenzie

**12. Rubbish being left near Norton Back Lane**

The Parish Council noted that a significant quantity of rubbish has been dumped on an access track on the north side of Norton Back Lane to the east of Sadberge Village.

**13. "Dog dirt" stencils for footpaths**

The Clerk will contact Darlington Borough Council to enquire about the possibility of using a stencil to paint "no dog fouling" messages on pavements in Sadberge. **ACTION:** A Mackenzie

**14. Caravan adjacent to Hill House Lane**

There was no news about the caravan adjacent to Hill House Lane.

**15. Risk assessment**

The Parish Council reviewed its risk assessment and agreed that it is appropriate and satisfactory.

**16. Former Villages PACT**

The Villages PACT has been discontinued. The local PCSO will send Geoff Pearson information about relevant incidents.

**17. Agenda items for the next meeting**

The following agenda items were proposed for the next meeting.

- Sadberge history trail.
- CLCA meeting on 1-Mar-2017.
- Self-seeded trees between Hampass and Town Farm Field.
- Farm Watch meeting on 6-Apr-2017.

**18. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting of Sadberge Parish Council will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 21-Mar-2017.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2017.

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

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_