

SADBERGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 4th April 2017 in Sadberge Village Hall

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

In attendance: Alastair Mackenzie – Clerk

1. Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Councillor Lazenby, and the reason for his absence was approved. There were apologies from Ward Councillor Brian Jones.

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 21-Mar-2017 were agreed to be a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising from previous meetings

4.1 There was no news about the Darlington Local Plan.

4.2 The Parochial Church Council has not yet responded to the Parish Council's concerns about the St. Andrew's churchyard wall along West Row.

4.3 The Clerk has asked Darlington Borough Council to sweep the roads in Sadberge. The Borough Council only has one road sweeping vehicle, which is very busy. The Clerk will contact the Borough Council's Street Scene again. **ACTION:** A Mackenzie

4.4 The Clerk has contacted Darlington Borough Council about fly tipping in laybys near Sadberge. **ACTION:** A Mackenzie

Note from the Clerk: Fly tipping can be reported using an online form on Darlington Borough Council's web site at <http://selfservice.darlington.gov.uk/citizenportal/form.aspx?form=Flytip>.

4.5 Darlington Borough Council's Traffic Management and Road Safety Manager, Andy Casey, has no objection to the Parish Council using a stencil to paint "No dog fouling" signs on pavements in Sadberge. The Borough Council's Head of Street, Brian Graham, has still to respond.

Provided that Brian Graham has no objection, the Clerk will go ahead and obtain the necessary materials (i.e. a stencil and suitable spray paint) and paint the signs on pavements in the village. The signs will be spaced about 50 metres apart, and will not be painted in gateways. **ACTION:** A Mackenzie

4.6 Because of financial constraints, Darlington Borough Council had to delay advertising the proposed new parking restrictions near the entrance to St. Andrew's Park. The advertisement will be placed shortly and, provided there are no objections, the lines should be painted by June 2017.

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

4.8 There was no news about the village hall lease.

4.9 The Sedberg Anglo Saxon Farmers have been in contact with Darlington Borough Council seeking permission to erect their polytunnel at the south end of Hampass.

4.10 The Clerk has still to contact Darlington Borough Council's Senior Arboricultural Officer, Phil Haynes, about the self-seeded trees between Hampass and Town Farm Field. **ACTION:** A Mackenzie

4.11 Arrangements are in hand for the Farm Watch meeting in Sadberge Village Hall on Thursday 6-Apr-2017.

4.12 There was nothing significant to report about the community composting facility.

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4.13 There was no news about social media.

5. Proposed housing development adjacent to Middleton Road

5.1 The planning consultants, England Lyle Good, declined the invitation to attend the Parish Council meeting.

5.2 The Clerk has still to put information about the proposed development on to the Sadberge web site.
ACTION: A Mackenzie

6. Bus shelter on Middleton Road

A local resident has offered to repaint the wooden bus shelter on Middleton Road, and Darlington Borough Council is willing to pay for the paint.

It was agreed to ask the local resident to go ahead with the work.

ACTION: A Mackenzie

7. Gazebos

It was agreed to lend the Parish Council's gazebos to the Friends of Sadberge Festival for use at a fundraising Dog Show on the weekend of 20/21-May-2017.

8. Accounts and Annual Report for 2016-17

8.1 The Clerk presented the draft accounts for the year ended 31-Mar-2017.

8.2 Approval of the Annual Governance Statements in Section 1 of the Annual Report was deferred in the next meeting.

9. Moor House wind farm

9.1 There have been complaints about wagons travelling through Great Stainton.

9.2 The question of grant applications to the Moor House Wind Farm Community Fund will be raised at the Sadberge Parish Meeting on 9-May-2017.

9.3 The Clerk has still to 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

10. 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 it.

ACTION: A Mackenzie / Councillor Schott

11. Sadberge Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of Sadberge Parish Council

11.1 It was agreed that the Sadberge Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of Sadberge Parish Council (which are often jointly referred to as the "Parish Council AGM" will be held on the evening of Tuesday 9-May-2017.

11.2 The Parish Meeting will start at 6:30 p.m., and the Annual Meeting of Sadberge Parish Council will be held after the conclusion of the Parish Meeting.

Note from the Clerk: At the extra Parish Council meeting on Friday 21-Apr-2017 it was agreed that the Sadberge Parish Meeting will start at 6 p.m. rather than 6:30 p.m.

11.3 The Clerk will send out a flyer to inform Sadberge residents about the Sadberge Parish Meeting.

ACTION: A Mackenzie

12. Agenda items for the next meeting

The following agenda item was proposed for the next meeting.

- Collaboration between village organisations

13. Date of the next meeting

14. The Annual Meeting of Sadberge Parish Council will be held at approximately 7 p.m. on Tuesday 9-May-2017, starting shortly after the conclusion of the Sadberge Parish Meeting.

Alastair Mackenzie
Clerk to Sadberge Parish Council

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4th APRIL 2017.

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

Signed: Councillor L Tate _____ Date _____