

SADBERGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at 7 p.m. on Friday 21st April 2017 in Sadberge Village Hall

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

In attendance: Alastair Mackenzie – Clerk

1. Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Councillors Best and Schott, and the reasons for their absence were 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. Polytunnel on Hampass

3.1 The Parish Council considered a proposal that it should lease the southern part of Hampass from Darlington Borough Council and subsequently grant the Sedberg Anglo Saxon Farmers a tenancy of part of the area. The Clerk presented the Heads of Terms for the proposed lease from the Borough Council and a draft Tenancy at Will for the Sedberg Anglo Saxon Farmers. The following points were noted:-

- The lease agreement would allow the Parish Council to fell two of the self-seeded trees at the top of the bank between Hampass and Town Farm Field.
- The Tenancy at Will agreement would give the Sedberg Anglo Saxon Farmers a tenancy of a 9 metres x 6 metres area, which would be sufficient for the polytunnel and 1.5 metres of space on each side of it.
- The Tenancy at Will could be terminated by either the Parish Council or the Sedberg Anglo Saxon Farmers at any time.
- The lease and the tenancy will both be at peppercorn rent.
- The draft Tenancy at Will agreement includes a condition that the Sedberg Anglo Saxon Farmers indemnify the Parish Council against all costs, claims, actions or damages arising from the tenancy, but does not require the Sedberg Anglo Saxon Farmers to take out insurance to back up the indemnity.

3.2 A local resident had contacted the Clerk asking several questions about the Sedberg Anglo Saxon Farmers' organisation, finances and activities. It was agreed that these questions should be addressed to the Sedberg Anglo Saxon Farmers rather than the Parish Council. The Clerk will reply to the local resident suggesting that she contacts the Sedberg Anglo Saxon Farmers.

ACTION: A Mackenzie

3.3 The Parish Council decided to lease the southern part of Hampass from Darlington Borough Council, and delegated to the Clerk the authority to sign the lease agreement provided it is in line with the Heads of Terms.

3.4 The Clerk will request that the lease agreement will also include permission to remove a limb from the self-seeded tree adjacent to the proposed site for the polytunnel.

ACTION: A Mackenzie

3.5 The Parish Council agreed in principle to give the Sedberg Anglo Saxon Farmers the proposed Tenancy at Will. The final decision will be made at the meeting on 9-May-2017.

The tenancy will not start until the two self-seeded trees have been felled.

The Clerk will ask the Sedberg Anglo Saxon Farmers for a copy of their constitution and a list of their members.

ACTION: A Mackenzie

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3.6 The Clerk will obtain quotes for getting the self-seeded trees felled.

ACTION: A Mackenzie

3.7 It was agreed that the Parish Council has no objection to the Sedberg Anglo Saxon Farmers attaching signs to the fence at the southern end of Hampass. However, as the fence is on the part of Hampass owned by Darlington Borough Council, the Sedberg Anglo Saxon Farmers will need to obtain the Borough Council's permission before putting up the signs.

4. Planning

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

- 17/00235/FUL Erection of an extension at the rear and addition of a bay window at the front of 10 The Orchard

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

5.1 It was agreed that the Sadberge Parish Meeting will start at 6 p.m. on Tuesday 9-May-2017 (rather than the 6:30 p.m. start that had been agreed at the previous meeting).

5.2 The Parish Council approved the agenda for the Parish Meeting and the flyer that will be sent to Sadberge households to inform them about the Parish Meeting

6. Agenda items for the next meeting

The following agenda item was proposed for the next meeting:-

- Fly tipping.

7. Date of the next meeting

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 21ST APRIL 2017.

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

Signed: Councillor L Tate _____

Date _____