

SADBERGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 6th March 2018

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

In attendance: Alastair Mackenzie – Clerk

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 6-Feb-2018 were agreed to be a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising from previous meetings

- 4.1 Sadberge Village Hall CIO still does not have a lease on Sadberge Village Hall, but the wording of the new lease is close to being finalised.
- 4.2 The Clerk has contacted Darlington Borough Council's Street Scene Team about the blocked drain in the verge of Middleton Road near the Rectory.
- 4.3 The scaffolder's wagon has been removed from the road verge adjacent to Lea Close.
- 4.4 There was no news about the World War One fighter landing ground memorial.
- 4.5 The Clerk has written to Darlington Borough Council's Public Rights of Way Officer and the Tees Valley Mayor to ask them to look into the possibility of establishing a safe, off-road footpath / cycle path / bridleway between Sadberge and Middleton St. George.
- 4.6 Megan Myszka knows some qualified archaeologists who might be prepared to volunteer to provide the "watching brief" during the installation of the improved drainage near the entrance to Town Farm Field.
It was agreed to offer to pay the relevant person's travel expenses.
- 4.7 The Sadberge History Trail plaques are being printed. Each plaque will have a QR code linked to a specific page on the Sadberge web site, where people will be able to find further information about the relevant location.
- 4.8 Darlington Borough Council has identified funding – including the Section 106 payments from the development on the east side of Middleton Road at the southern edge of the village – that will enable the Our Bus service to continue for another four years beyond the end of March 2018. The service will continue to run on a Monday-only basis.
- 4.9 Councillor Brian Jones has spoken to Darlington Borough Council's Enforcement Officer about the (now vacated) site of the unauthorised dog training facility at The Willows on Hill House Lane.
- 4.10 There was no news about social media.

5. Risk assessment

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

6. Telegraph poles

- 6.1 Several local residents have complained about the new telegraph poles that have been installed in Sadberge. At least one pole has been erected in an unsuitable position (outside South View).

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- 6.2 The Clerk will try to find out (a) who installed the new poles, (b) why they were installed, (c) what permissions the installers should have had and (d) whether there is a complaints procedure.

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7. Moor House wind farm

There was no news about the Moor House wind farm.

8. Complaint about Darlington Borough Council's Planning Committee

- 8.1 Darlington Borough Council's Complaints and Information Governance Manager, Lee Downey, has investigated the Parish Council's complaint about the way in which the Borough Council decided to grant planning permission for the construction of 25 houses on the east side of Middleton Road on the southern edge of Sadberge.

- 8.2 After reviewing the investigation report, the Parish Council decided to take no further action on this issue.

9. Darlington Association of Parish Councils (DAPC)

The next DAPC meeting will include a presentation on the General Data Protection Regulations.

10. Planning

- 10.1 The Parish Council approved the following planning application:-

- 18/00062/FUL Installation of two rapid charging stations for electric vehicles at Penny Petroleum, Stockton Road.

- 10.2 The Parish Council noted that that a hearing on the appeal against the refusal for planning permission for the erection of a two storey dwelling on land adjoining Ashtree Cottage, Sadberge Road, Middleton St. George will be held in Darlington Town Hall on Tuesday 27-Mar-2018

11. Payments

The Parish Council approved the following payment:-

- Clerk's salary £1,200.00

12. Agenda items for the next meeting

The following agenda items were proposed for the next meeting:-

- Condition of Hampass
- Flagpole on the village green.
- Additional plaque for the new seat around the oak tree in the centre of the village.
- Condition of the road surfaces in and around Sadberge.

13. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of Sadberge Parish Council will be held in Sadberge Village Hall at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 17-Apr-2018.

Alastair Mackenzie
Clerk to Sadberge Parish Council

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6th MARCH 2018.

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

Signed: Councillor L Tate _____

Date _____