

SADBERGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday 8th May 2018 in Sadberge Village Hall

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

In attendance: Councillor Brian Jones Alastair Mackenzie – Clerk

1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

- 1.1 Councillor Tate was elected as Chair of the Parish Council for the coming year.
- 1.2 Councillor Heath was elected as Vice-Chair.
- 1.3 Councillors Tate and Heath signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

2. Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Councillors Heywood and Schott, and the reasons for their absence were approved.

3. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

Councillor Smith declared an interest in item 12.3 – Planning application 18/00378/FUL.

4. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 17-Apr-2018 were agreed to be a true record of the meeting.

5. Matters arising from previous meetings

- 5.1 There has been no further progress on the village hall lease.
- 5.2 The Clerk has still to contact Darlington Borough Council's Rights of Way Officer to find out if there has been any progress on the request for a safe, off-road footpath / cycle path / bridleway between Sadberge and Middleton St. George. **ACTION:** A Mackenzie
- 5.3 The Clerk has still to write to Darlington Borough Council about the poor condition of the road surfaces in and around Sadberge. **ACTION:** A Mackenzie
- 5.4 The Willows, Hill House Lane has changed hands and the new owner has repaired the fence.
- 5.5 The Sedberg Anglo Saxon Farmers' polytunnel has been erected on Hampass.
- 5.6 Investigations in Town Farm Field have found that there is a land drain near the entrance to the field. It might be possible to bring this drain back into use.
It is now too late to get a qualified archaeologist to oversee the drainage improvement works on a voluntary basis. The alternative arrangement would be considerably more expensive.
After discussion, the Parish Council decided not to proceed with the drainage improvement works
The Parish Council discussed whether it might be possible to hold the Bonfire Night event in an alternative location.
- 5.7 There was no news about the Sadberge History Trail.
- 5.8 Emma Parker is in the process of buying bird boxes, etc. using the grant from the Parish Council.
- 5.9 The Clerk reminded the Parish Councillors that Darlington Borough Council is providing Code of Conduct training sessions for parish councillors on 6-Jun-2018 and 13-Jun-2018.
- 5.10 It appears likely that the Data Protection Bill will be amended so that parish councils are not required to appoint Data Protection Officers for the purposes of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).
- 5.11 There was no news about the development on the east side of Middleton Road on the southern edge of the village.

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- 5.12 There was no news about the proposed development on the old reservoir site.
- 5.13 Nothing significant had appeared on Sadberge social media since the last meeting.

6. Sadberge Parish Meeting

The Parish Council noted the discussions on the following subjects that had taken place during the Sadberge Parish Meeting:-

6.1 Developments around Sadberge.

Darlington Borough Council has published a report demonstrating that it has identified a five year supply of land to meet objectively-assessed housing needs, so it can again make decisions about planning applications on the basis of the policies in the Darlington Local Plan, including the Sadberge limits to development.

However, the five year supply of land includes two new areas on the edges of Sadberge – the football field north of St. Andrew's Park and the field between Stockton Road and the Abbey Road children's play area. The old reservoir site and the children's play area itself are not included in the five year supply of land.

It was agreed to write to Darlington Borough Council to ask why the Parish Council was not consulted about which sites should be included in the five year supply of land.

ACTION: A Mackenzie

6.2 Community events, including the Bonfire Night event.

6.3 Bus service

7. Anglo Saxon Village

7.1 The Parish Council gave the Sedberg Anglo Saxon Farmers permission to install raised beds on the Parish Council's part of Hampass, subject to the condition that the beds are not permanently fixed into the ground.

7.2 The Parish Council decided to give the Sedberg Anglo Saxon Farmers a grant of £300 towards the cost of the raised beds, and approved the relevant payment.

8. New telegraph poles in Sadberge

The Clerk has written to Openreach asking why they did not ask for the Parish Council's permission before erecting a new, very large telephone pole on the village green near Mayfield House. The letter also points out that the Parish Council believes that this new telephone pole – and the one near South View – are too large for their situation in the centre of the village.

9. Flagpole on the village green

9.1 Councillor Lazanby has obtained a new Union flag and carried out maintenance work on the flagpole.

9.2 The Parish Council approved the payment of expenses amounting to £78.46

10. Insurance

The Clerk presented three quotes for the Parish Council's insurance for the year commencing 1-Jun-2018. The Parish Council decided to accept the quote from Inspire (obtained via Came & Company), and approved the payment of the insurance premium (£356.53).

11. Accounts and Annual Report for 2017-18

It was decided to defer consideration of this item until the next meeting.

12. Planning

12.1 The Parish Council noted the decision on the following planning applications:-

- Granted 18/00027/FUL Replacement of a single storey extension to the rear of 16 Chapel Row.

- Granted 18/00062/FUL Installation of two electric vehicle charging stations at Penny Petroleum, Stockton Road.

12.2 The Parish Council noted that an outline planning application (18/00160/OUT) has been submitted for the construction of up to 30 houses ad Middleton Riding Centre.

12.3 The Parish Council approved the following planning applications:-

- 18/00341/FUL Erection of raised decking and a glass balustrade at 7 Goodwood Close.
- 18/00378/FUL Erection of a single storey rear extension at 12 Dale Road.

13. Cleveland Local Councils Association (CLCA)

The Parish Council noted that a CLCA meeting will be held in Billingham on the evening of Wednesday 9-May-2018.

14. Agenda items for the next meeting

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

- Moor House Community Fund.
- PA system for meetings in the village hall.

15. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of Sadberge Parish Council will be held at in Sadberge Village Hall at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 5-Jun-2018.

Alastair Mackenzie
Clerk to Sadberge Parish Council

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8th MAY 2018.

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

Signed: Councillor L Tate _____ Date _____