

# Minutes of the Sadberge Parish Meeting held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 in Sadberge Village Hall

**Present:**

Councillor Lee Tate [Chair]	Stuart Best
Malcolm Anderson	Richard Bloodworth
Meg Bloodworth	A Chapman
Peter Cannon	Tom Dewdney
E Crowson	Peter Harvey
Ian Dixon	Councillor Robin Heywood
Councillor Marilyn Heath	Councillor David Lazenby
Rich Hurst	E Lowther
P Lloyd	Pauline Murphy
Alastair Mackenzie	Megan Myszka
Ray Murphy	Tracy Priestman
Janet Newton	Councillor Chris Smith
M Sanders	Willson Taylor
Lorna Taylor	Joan Vickers
M S Trotter	
D W Yole	

**In attendance:** Ward Councillor Brian Jones

## 1. Apologies

There were apologies from Councillor Malcolm Schott.

## 2. Minutes of the last Parish Meeting

The minutes of the Sadberge Parish Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017 were agreed to be a true record of the meeting.

## 3. Parish Council's Report to the Parish Meeting

3.1 Councillor Lee Tate, Chair of Sadberge Parish Council, presented a report on the Parish Council's activities over the previous year.

3.2 The following points were made during the discussion:-

- Neither of the public access defibrillators has been used yet.
- The defibrillators are not "on charge" in their cabinets. Their batteries last for several years, and the defibrillators have battery charge level indicators that give advance warning of the need to replace the batteries. The Clerk to Sadberge Parish Council arranges for the defibrillators to be checked on a weekly basis.

## 4. Financial report

Alastair Mackenzie, Sadberge Parish Council's Responsible Financial Officer, presented the Parish Council's accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 and the budget for 2018-19.

## 5. Developments around Sadberge

5.1 Darlington Borough Council has now 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.

5.2 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.

*Note: This was subsequently found to be incorrect. See the note below.*

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5.3 The following points were made during the discussion:-

- Planning permission will probably be granted for development of the sites included in the five year supply of land. Given that opposing the granting of planning permission for these sites is unlikely to be successful, would it be better to try to influence the way that these sites are developed and the allocation of any funds arising from "Section 106" agreements?
- What was Darlington Borough Council's basis for selecting sites to be included in the five year supply of land? The field between Stockton Road and the children's play area is "green field" farmland, and there are access issues with the football field north of St. Andrew's Park. On the other hand the old reservoir is a brownfield site. Would it have been better to include the reservoir site in the five year supply of land and omit the other two sites?
- Is there still scope for changing which sites are included in the five year supply of land?

5.4 The Clerk will put a link to the Borough Council's Housing Land Availability Assessment report on to the Sadberge web site ([www.sadberge.org.uk](http://www.sadberge.org.uk)). **ACTION:** A Mackenzie

*Note: After the meeting, it was discovered that the five year supply of land does not include the football field north of St. Andrew's Park or the field between Stockton Road and the Abbey Road children's play area. Within the Parish of Sadberge, the only land included in the five year supply is the site on the east side of Middleton Road on the southern edge of Sadberge Village, which already has planning permission for 25 houses.*

## 6. Community events

6.1 The 2017 Bonfire Night event went very well despite rather poor weather.

In a show of hands, a sizeable majority of those present were in favour of continuing to organise Bonfire Night events provided that it can be done safely.

6.2 During 2017 the Friends of Sadberge Festival organised a Fun Dog Show, a Bake & Eat Off event and a concert by the Tees Valley Jazzmen.

Another Fun Dog Show will take place on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

## 7. Bus service

This subject had already been covered in the Parish Council report (item 3).

## 8. Any other business

8.1 The drains along Stockton Road are getting blocked again.

**Alastair Mackenzie**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SADBERGE PARISH MEETING ON 8<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018.

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

Signed: .....

Date: .....