

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

In attendance: Councillor Brian Jones Alastair Mackenzie – Clerk

Apologies were accepted from Councillor Best, and the reason for his absence was approved.

There were no declarations of interest.

The minutes of the regular meeting on 12-Feb-2019 were agreed to be a true record of the meeting.

- 8.1 The Parish Council appointed Martin Peagam as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer with effect from 1-Apr-2019.
- 8.2 The Parish Council appointed Alastair Mackenzie as an officer of the Parish Council in the role of Assistant Clerk from 1-Apr-2019 until 30-Jun-2019. There is no remuneration associated with this appointment.
- 8.3 The Parish Council agreed to add Martin Peagam to the list of people authorised to work on the vehicle activated speed sign.

5.1 Councillor Heywood and the Clerk have still to arrange the purchase and installation of a sandstone block to display the World War I airfield plaque.
ACTION: Councillor Heywood / A Mackenzie

- 5.2 Due to the need to install additional equipment in the lamp post, the cost of moving the defibrillator cabinet will be £300 rather than the previously-quoted £170. It was agreed to go ahead and get the cabinet moved. **ACTION:** A Mackenzie

The Clerk reported that an orienteering club will be willing to buy the problematic defibrillator for about half of the cost of a new defibrillator. Buying a new defibrillator of the same model (IPAD SP1) would cost approximately £1,000. After discussion, it was agreed to:

- (a) Buy a new defibrillator. **ACTION:** A Mackenzie
- (b) Sell the old defibrillator to the orienteering club.

- 5.3 There has been no word from Openreach about the apology for installing a telephone pole on the village green without the Parish Council's permission and the offer of a one-off wayleave payment. The Clerk will contact Openreach again. **ACTION:** A Mackenzie

- 5.4 There was no news about when Darlington Borough Council will install the drop kerb at the old A66 layby end of Stockton Road.

- 5.5 Darlington Borough Council has installed a second hand grit bin on Stockton Road near its junction with the A66. In the light of the rather battered state of the bin, the Clerk will ask the Borough Council to reduce the charge. **ACTION:** A Mackenzie

- 5.6 Darlington Borough Council has cleared away the leaf litter obstructing the footpath along the west edge of Middleton Road between Church Lane and The Rectory. It was agreed to thank the Borough Council's Street Cleansing Manager, Jill Matthews, for getting this done so quickly and for her similarly quick responses to other requests. **ACTION:** A Mackenzie

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- 5.7 The Clerk has still to ask Darlington Borough Council to improve the 7.5 te weight limit signage to make HGV drivers aware that Hill House Lane is a dead end for HGVs.

ACTION: A Mackenzie

- 5.8 Darlington Borough Council's Highways Department has set up monitoring equipment to establish whether the traffic and pedestrian movements in the centre of Sadberge justify the installation of pedestrian crossings.

- 5.9 Nothing significant has appeared on social media since the last meeting.

6. Maintenance of the St. Andrew's churchyard

The Parish Council decided to give the Sadberge Parochial Church Council (PCC) a grant of £500 towards the cost of maintaining the St. Andrew's churchyard, and approved the relevant payment.

7. Moor House Wind Farm Community Fund

Councillor Tate has still to provide the additional information requested by the person assessing the Parish Council's application for a grant to buy a second vehicle activated speed sign.

ACTION: Councillor Tate

9. Children's playground

- 9.1 Following a complaint that the children's playground was in a shocking state, Councillor Brian Jones raised the matter with Darlington Borough Council's Managing Director, Paul Wildsmith. The Borough Council subsequently did the minimum work needed to make the playground safe, saying that it had no money for improvement works.

- 9.2 The Clerk will write to Paul Wildsmith to express the Parish Council's disappointment at the Borough Council's lack of support for Sadberge and to ask for clarification of the Borough Council's plans for the future of the children's playground.

ACTION: A Mackenzie

10. Development on the east side of Middleton Road on the southern edge of Sadberge

There was no news about the development on the east side of Middleton Road. Councillor Brian Jones will try to find out what is happening.

ACTION: Councillor Brian Jones

11. Waste bin opposite the Tuns at Sadberge

- 11.1 A local resident had pointed out that the Darlington Borough Council employee responsible for emptying bins in Sadberge had not been fully emptying the waste bin opposite the Tuns at Sadberge, but had just been removing the top layer of rubbish. This meant that the bin very quickly filled up again and overflowed.

- 11.2 The Clerk happened to see the person emptying bins in Sadberge, who said that emptying the concrete bins was difficult and unpleasant. The Clerk got his garden fork and helped to remove the rubbish from the concrete bin opposite the Tuns at Sadberge. The rubbish included dog dirt bags, so emptying the bin "by hand" would indeed be very unpleasant.

- 11.3 It was agreed to ask Darlington Borough Council to replace the concrete bins with metal ones, which are easier to empty.

ACTION: A Mackenzie

12. Land to the west side of Hill House Lane north of Sadberge

Skips and a container have been put on land to the west of Hill House Lane. Darlington Borough Council's Enforcement Officer has visited the site and will keep an eye on it.

13. Land on the east side of Hill House Lane north of Sadberge

- 13.1 A new fence has been installed around The Willows, on the east side of Hill House Lane. Also, the gate has been moved and an area of hard standing has been created.

- 13.2 It was pointed out that the new fence is closer to the road.

- 13.3 Darlington Borough Council's Enforcement Officer has visited the site.

- 13.4 It is understood that the owner intends to re-apply for planning permission to construct stables on the site.

14. Insurance

- 14.1 The Parish Council's insurance expires on 31-May-2019.
- 14.2 The insurance brokers, Came & Company, have requested some information in order to provide a renewal quote. The Clerk will provide Came & Company with the relevant information.

ACTION: A Mackenzie

15. Planning

The Parish Council noted the outcomes of the following planning applications:-

- Refused 18/00807/FUL Erection of a detached oak-framed house on land adjacent to Rowan House, Middleton Road.
- Granted 19/00003/FUL Erection of single storey extensions to the side and rear of 12 Beacon Hill Bungalows.

16. Parish Council elections

- 16.1 Parish Council elections will take place on Thursday 2-May-2019. Nominations need to be submitted to Darlington Borough Council by 4 p.m. on Wednesday 3-Apr-2019.

- 16.2 The Clerk will put information about the elections on to the Sadberge web site.

ACTION: A Mackenzie

17. Sadberge Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of Sadberge Parish Council

It was agreed that the Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will both take place during the week commencing 6-May-2019 or the week commencing 13-May-2019.

15. Payments

The following payments were approved:-

- Clerk's salary £1,200.00
- Meeting room hire £283.50

16. Agenda items for the next meeting

The following agenda items were proposed for the next meeting:

- Installation of cable to East View.
- Village Hall lighting and electrical systems.

17. 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 2-Apr-2019.

Note from the Assistant Clerk: The meeting was subsequently postponed until 7 p.m. on Tuesday 9-Apr-2019.

Alastair Mackenzie

Assistant Clerk to Sadberge Parish Council

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19th MARCH 2019.

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

Signed: Councillor L Tate _____

Date _____