

SADBERGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 9th. July 2019 in Sadberge Village Hall

Present: Councilors Tate, Murphy, Schott, Haywood, Best, Lazenby and Hurst

In attendance: Anthony Delderfield – Clerk

- 1. Apologies – none**
- 2. Declarations of interest in the items on the agenda**

There were no declarations of interest.

- 3. Minutes of the last meeting**

- The minutes of the regular meeting held on the 11th. June were found to be not true due to a council member present not being listed. Correction required.

ACTION: Anthony Delderfield

- 4. Matters arising from the previous meetings**

- 4.1 World War 1 airfield plaque is now in place and the ground around the stone has been landscaped. The Parish Council expressed thanks to Councilor Schott and all involved in the installation of the commemorative stone. Some old coping stones and debris to be removed from the site.

ACTION: Councilor Best

- 4.2 Aluminum Sheep sculptures require some modifications to the anchoring points before they can be set in the agreed placement positions.

ACTION: Councilor Schott

- 4.3 The parish council have received a note of apology from Openreach regarding the telephone pole on the village green, this has been accepted and the clerk will follow up as to when the agreed one-off wayleave payment will be made to bring this matter to an end.

ACTION: Anthony Delderfield

- 4.4 No update available regarding the request to Darlington Borough Council to check the conditions of the roads in and around Sadberge and carry out proper repairs / resurfacing where necessary. Clerk to contact A O Mackenzie for update.

ACTION: Anthony Delderfield

- 4.5 Councilors discussed the response from Paul Ibbertson, leader of Darlington Borough Council traffic management team to requests (a) for Pedestrian Crossings at the crossroads in the centre of the village and (b) improved signage on Hill House Lane, north of the village. Both requests were turned down after a survey was carried out by the Traffic Team which concluded that (a) Pedestrian / traffic figures recorded did not warrant any improvement scheme being carried out. (b) The restricted weight limit signage was adequate and that the majority of offenders do so in the knowledge they are committing an offence and suggest the Parish Council ask the police to perform some enforcement activity.

- 4.6 Weight restriction signs – see 4.5 above. No action will be taken by DBC
ACTION: Anthony Delderfield
- 4.7 Refurbishment of planters on the village green completed, thanks expressed to Eddie Lowther for his good work.
- 4.8 Bollard repairs – completed by Eddie Lowther
- 4.9 Nothing of note on social media
5. Audit Report received from Megan Myszka, the report must be reviewed by the retiring Clerk Alastair Mackenzie, the Internal Auditor and the new clerk so that queries, outstanding points made clear and any action points noted.
ACTION: Anthony Delderfield
6. After providing further information to the Moore House Community Fund committee councilor Murphy, the Parish council's representative on said committee was optimistic of a more favorable outcome which will be known after the next meeting of the Moore House Community Fund meeting, date for this not yet set. Councilor Murphy to monitor
ACTION: Councilor Murphy
7. Arrangements made to rotate the Speed Sign, new clerk has confirmed has access to equipment required to complete moves safely, volunteers available when required. It was agreed to leave the sign in the present position until the outcome of the next Moore House Community Fund meeting has taken place. Confirmed Solar Panel in place which will allow the sign to stay in place longer. Council enquired if it will be possible to download the data whilst the sign in situ. Clerk to investigate.
ACTION: Anthony Delderfield
8. Following lengthy deliberations, it is decided that the Composting facility will be closed. There is too much material being left that can't be composted and the site is being visited by non-residents to deposit material. This practice increases the work required to maintain the viability of the facility. Many Sadberge residents now use the garden collection service provided by Darlington Borough Council and more should be done to increase the use of this service. The closure will take place 1st October 2019. The clerk to investigate the legal procedure to close. Arrange publicity to residents of the decision and source signage to notify the changes.
ACTION: Anthony Delderfield
9. Invite quotes to refurbish Notice Board on the Village Green
ACTION: Councilor Lazenby
10. The state of the Garage in Hampass giving concerns over safety and the appearance of the area, owner not known. Clerk to investigate ownership.
ACTION: AnthonyDelderfield
11. Junction of Church Lane / Middleton Road visibility
ACTION: Anthony Delderfield
12. Proposal for the clerk to undertake the "Introduction to Local Council administration" online course and fund the fee of £99 + VAT agreed. Clerk to make arrangements.
ACTION: Anthony Delderfield

13. The proposal to pay Clerks salary of £3,600 by monthly payments agreed, this will make HMRC arrangements more efficient. Clerk to register with HMRC.

ACTION: Anthony Delderfield

14. Planning.

- 14.1 Appeal ref. APP/N1350/W18/3202281 diversion of two Public Rights of Way, no objection raised. Clerk to inform Darlington Borough Council Public Rights of Way Officer.

ACTION: Anthony Delderfield

15. Payments.

The Parish Council approved the following payments:

- 15.1 Stone for WW1 memorial plaque £500 (including VAT) Paid to A O Mackenzie
- 15.2 Speed sign solar panel £588.00 (including VAT)
- 15.3 Painting of Flower Troughs £25.81
- 15.4 Traffic Bollard repairs £15.23
- 15.5 Removal of rubbish from Compost site £250

16. Inspection tour of Parish Council land and property.

Due to Internal Audit requirements the inspection is postponed until review has taken place but will be prior to the next Parish Council meeting on the 10th. September 2019.

ACTION: Anthony Delderfield /Chairman

17. Climate change and Biodiversity

- Formulate arrangements for residents meeting to engage involvement by sending out a flyer. Design and content agreed with C and B Champion
- Meeting to be arranged following Parish Council Meeting on the 10th September 2019

ACTION: Anthony Delderfield / Councilor Hurst

18. Agenda items for next meeting:

The following items were proposed for the next meeting:

- Donation of “Queens Canopy Trees”
- The future of Sadberge web site
- Blocked manholes in Middleton Road
- Darlington Borough Council Planning Portal Access
- Changes to Parish Council Banking facilities
- Letter from Dave Rayner – Scope charity request
- Children’s Playground

19. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of Sadberge Parish Council will be held at 18:45 on Tuesday the 10th September 2019 following the Assets and property inventory walk around starting at 18:00.

Anthony Delderfield

Clerk to Sadberge Parish Council.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9TH JULY 2019

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

Signed Councilor L. Tate _____ Date _____