

SADBERGE PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on the 3rd March 2020 in Sadberge Village Hall

Prior to the meeting Lewis Stokes and Mark Rowlands of Bank Group gave a presentation on what Grants and other assistance is available and projects taking place. An example being a Solar PV farm at Rotherham, there may be scope to do the same at the Windfarm at the Moor House Wind Farm. There is focus on energy efficiency and a new fund has been set up to accommodate projects which promote this initiative, such as improvements to the Village Hall. There is an appetite to support local community improvement projects. Mark Rowlands gave an update regarding Biodiversity activity being promoted at the windfarm including introduction of Beehives, wildflower planting.

Sadberge Parish Council Chairman thanked them for attending and the update and for the support given to the Sadberge community and would send a letter of thanks to the Chairman of Banks Group, Harry Banks.

Present: Councillors Tate, Murphy, Schott, Hurst, Best and Lazenby

In Attendance: Clerk: - Tony Delderfield, Guests: Lewis Stokes and Mark Rowlands from Banks Group, both left following their presentation.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies received from Councillor Heywood and Ward Councillor Jones, and the reason for their absence was approved.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Councillors Schott and Murphy expressed an interest in Item 12 on the Agenda
3. **Minutes of The Last Meeting**
The minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 4th February were agreed to be a true record of the meeting.
4. **Matters arising from the previous meeting.**
 - 4.1 **Installation of new speed monitor**
Due to inclement weather the installation was postponed until the 17th February, there have been some problems with the operation, however, the suppliers are sending disc to install a software program to a Laptop computer, from where the device can be re-set up.
Action: Clerk
 - 4.2 **Sadberge Parish Council bank account changes**
The Clerk and the signatories visited Barclays bank to complete the required forms and have them validated. The forms have now been sent to Barclays head office for processing. This could take approximately three weeks.

4.3 Application to include Town Farm Field on the Sadberge Assets of Community Value

Application completed and filed with Darlington Borough Council, Michael Chandler, supervisor of Systems and information acknowledged receipt and will report on progress to the Clerk. No further action currently.

4.4 Produce list of listed properties in Sadberge

There are eleven listed properties in Sadberge, all are Grade II listed they are:

(1) Sadberge Hall. (2) Shrunk Medieval Village at Sadberge.
(3) Milepost between numbers 8 and 9 Beacon Hill. (4) Lynch Gate and Churchyard Wall of St Andrew Church, Church View. (5) Thorn Cottage, Middleton Road. (6) White House, 15 Chapel Row. (7) Church of St Andrew. (8) Thithe House, Middleton Road. (9) Raby House, 3 Chapel Row. (10) The Three Tuns Public House, Stockton Road. (11) 4 and 5 Chapel Row.
To view these listing go to the website, historicengland.org.uk.

The Council would like to know the procedure for listing a property.

Action: Clerk

4.5 Bob Hall Memorial Seat

Councillors Schott and Hurst are awaiting until the fundraising activity at the Buck Inn to end, this will determine the amount of donation to be proposed from the Parish Council and are to get a further quote for the work from Wilkinson Landscaping.

Action: Councillors
Schott and Hurst

4.6 Drop Kerb – near to Buck Inn

No progress to date

Action: Councillor Jones

4.7 Road Traffic Signs at crossroads in centre of village

Darlington Borough Council have agreed to install Yellow Backing Boards on both the Hill House Road and Middleton Road “Stop” signs to improve visibility. No date provided, Clerk to follow up.

Action: Clerk

4.8 Planning Application 20/00033/CON objection to be filed

The objection was cancelled as the clerk misread the information, there will be a Package Plant installed at the site to deal with the waste and surface water, not a soak away as first believed. No further action required.

5. Sadberge Fireworks Display

The Chairman reported that the search for an alternative venue was ongoing following the completion of the dwelling properties at the rear of the Buck Inn.

Action: Chairman

6. The Village Hall Entrance

There has been some concern expressed regarding safety and flooding at the entrance to the Village Hall, however, the Village Hall CIO have undertaken significant reconstruction work under the supervision of Councillor Schott and no further action is required.

7. Road Sweeping in Village

The Parish Council request that Darlington Borough Council highways department employ the vehicle used to clean the roadside kerb area on the roads in Sadberge. A considerable amount of debris has accumulated following the recent storms, some drains in Middleton Road are blocked causing local flooding and need to be cleaned out.

Action: Clerk

8. Fly Tipping

A quantity of green waste has been deposited in the layby on Beacon Hill, Council need this removed. Clerk to contact the Civic Enforcement Team.

Action: Clerk

9. Letter of thanks to Buck Inn for the donation from the Fireworks display evening.

Actioned by the Clerk

10. Middleton Lane development – update regards building progress

The Clerk contacted Planning Department; the response being “the planning act states that development shall be taken to be begun on the earliest date on which any ‘material operation’ comprised in the development begins to be carried out. This can include the digging of a trench that would contain the foundations or part of the foundations of any building, the laying of any underground main pipe, or similar”.

In this case the developer undertook material operations in the week 12th July 2019.

“once a material operation has been carried out, the planning permission remains alive in perpetuity and the developer is free to implement the permission when they wish to do so”.

No Further Action

11. Illegal Traffic Mirrors

Councillor Schott has received complaints from residents that several traffic Mirrors have been erected in Middleton Road, outside Prospect House and Middleton Farm. The complainants had been told that those they erected were illegal and had them removed. Clerk to report the illegal mirrors to Darlington Borough Council who will request they be removed.

Action: Clerk

12. Request for Grant from Sadberge Village Hall CIO for £2,000 to upgrade the Electrical Distribution Board in the Hall

The Chairman, following the discussion of the above request, tabled a proposal that the Parish Council agree to the request, if the Village Hall CIO’s application to the Banks Group to fund this work, to be submitted by CIO committee member Ray Murphy fails. This application is a result of the information provided in the presentation from representatives of Banks Group.

The proposal was agreed by the Parish Council. Letter to SVH CIO.

Action: Clerk

13. Defibrillators – Replacement battery sourced and funded by Clerk

The Parish Council agreed the emergency action taken by the Clerk to replace the depleted battery, was in the interest of the residents and public at large given it is a safety issue and could prevent a more serious event occurring within the village.

14. Launch of the TeesFlex Bus Service

Several members of the Parish Council and many residents attended this event. So far comments have, overall been complimentary. There are some minor points that need some clarification and anyone with suggestions should feed them back to the operator.

15. Northern Power Grid – proposed interruption to power supply to parts of Sadberge

This planned interruption did not occur, having had several complaints the Clerk contact NPG to ascertain why notification was not given of the cancellation. The response was that NPG contacted all effected by the means they held on file, be that message, email etc. Unfortunately, they held no contact details for the Village Hall. The Clerk expressed some reservations regarding this given there were several activities that had to be cancelled including, the village pre-school that had consequences for the parents of the children. Apologies were given, and contact details for the Hall. (Booking phone number and email address)

16. Solar Power

Councillor Hurst placed this item on the agenda as being within the remit of the Climate Change and Biodiversity group. The reason being that any developers for the Old reservoir site should be encouraged to include solar power which could be developed on the embankment on the southside. The recent Climate Change and Biodiversity meeting notes were presented (they can be viewed on the Sadberge website at www.sadberge.org.uk)

Bird Boxes are available to purchase, and the planned Litter Pick is organised for 25th April 10am to noon. Wildflower Planting is gaining momentum with costings being compiled and locations almost finalised.

17. Planning Applications:

Decision by the Planning Inspectorate, APP/N1350/W/19/3240897, regarding application ref. **18/00994/FUL**. Land at Newton Grange Farm. The appeal is dismissed. Planning Application: **20/00033/CON** – Approved condition 5, Foul and Surface water drainage. Land at Lea Close, Middleton Road, Sadberge, Darlington.

Planning ref. **19/00339/OUT** – has been approved regarding access to Reservoir site, Darlington Road, Sadberge.

Planning Application **19/1095/FUL** – erection of 1 no. detached dwelling and garage at land at Lea Close, Middleton Road, Sadberge, Darlington. DL2 1RN has been approved. The chairman does not recall seeing an application for application 19/100339/OUT. Clerk to investigate.

Councillor Best requested an update on the proposed development of 3 No. terraced properties on Land North East of Laurel Terrace.

Action: Clerk

18. Social Media

Proposed Disabled Parking bays in the Orchard

The Clerk had sent a request to Darlington Borough Council to enquire if any action was planned for this, no response to date. Council discussed this issue and considered that this was not an unreasonable request. Parking in this area is an issue as it around the village. The grassed area along Darlington Road near to the Orchard and the lay - by opposite the Tuns Public House, could be utilised to provide a safer parking area and could accommodate more spaces than the roadside parking presently allows. It was agreed an approach to the Council should be made to propose these ideas.

Action: Clerk

19. Payments

The Parish Council approved the following payments:

19.1-03/20 Parish Clerks salary of £300 for February 2020

19.2-03/20 Invoice for replacement Defibrillator Battery paid by Clerk £216 Inc. VAT

19.3-03/20 Invoice for Hall Hire, SVH Trading Limited £247 (This payment was amended to £225, therefore cheque amount is £255).

20. Agenda Items for next meeting

Request from St Andrew's church for contribution to church ground clean up

Agree Sadberge Parish Council budget for 2020 – 2021

21. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday April 7th, 2020 at 7pm at the Village Hall.

Tony Delderfield

Clerk to Sadberge Parish Council

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 3RD MARCH 2020

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

Signed: Councillor L Tate Date