

SADBERGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on Tuesday 7th January 2020 in Sadberge Village Hall

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

In attendance: Ward Councillor Jones Tony Delderfield – Clerk

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1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Best and Heywood and were accepted

2. Declarations of Interest in the Items on the Agenda

No declarations of interest

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd December 2019 were agreed to be a true record of the meeting

4. Matters arising from the previous meeting

- 4.1 Moore House Fund for new Speed device.** Clerk made council aware that the suppliers Unipart Dorman are in receipt of the payment and advise the new device will be delivered by the end of January. A discussion took place regards placement, this was deferred until unit arrives and exact means of extracting data is known

Action: Clerk

4.2 Sadberge Parish Council Bank Account

Mandate holders have agreed to arrange date to visit branch next month, Chairman to advise clerk of his availability to a suitable date

Action: Chairman

4.3 Parish Accounts Software

Nomination of second user on system, this was discussed and will revisit following the next audit so that the impact of the use system can be assessed. No further action currently required

4.4 Road Traffic signs and streetlight obscured by foliage

This has been completed by DBC and Councillor Lazenby

4.5 Restricted sight line – Bus Stop Box to be reintroduced

Councillor Lazenby reports that this work will take place on the 08/01/2020
Clerk to monitor

Action: Clerk

4.6 Notification of Sadberge Parish Council Precept for 2020 to Darlington Borough Council

DBC have been notified of the Parish Precept decision

4.7 Christmas Tree Collection Flyers and Notice

Flyers printed by A Mackenzie and delivered by Clerk, notice displayed on website and village notice boards

4.8 Speed Sign relocation

Sign still to be moved, Councillor Lazenby agreed to assist, Clerk will contact to arrange time and date

Action: Clerk

4.9 Support for the event being held by Friends of Sadberge Festival by way of a contribution of £600 from the Parish Council.

Following further discussion involving both Councillors and members of the public present, Council accepted the payment should not be made, following the explanation, that such a contribution will be difficult to reconcile in view of the financial regulations surrounding use of Parish Council Funds presented by the Clerk/RFO

5. Pocket Parks

Councillor Brian Jones ran through the plans to apply for applying for funds to refurbish the play area at the rear of Abbey Road. This will involve the Parish Council contributing £7,000 towards the costs but would secure funding to the amount of £25,000 in total. This together with the possible £15,000 from the Section 106 payment from the proposed Old Reservoir site approval will take the total to £40,000. Though there are still concerns over the ponding issues on the play area. The facilities could be moved further up the field to help alleviate this problem. Other possible sites for the play area were discussed but the Council considered these were fraught with other difficulties. The Chairman asked if The Register of Areas of Interest in Sadberge included any of the areas suggested. The Clerk pointed out the impact this will have on the Parish Councils reserves, it was decided to press ahead with the application. Councillor Jones will handle this matter on behalf the parish Council and the Clerk will check the Register of Places of Interest in the village

Action: Councillor Jones,
Clerk

6. Residents complaint regards inappropriate parking within the village, parking over dropped kerbs and alleged harassment when parking on roadside.

The Clerk had received this complaint and promised to make the Council aware of the problem. Discussions took place. All agreed the problem must be handled by **Darlington Borough Council's CIVIC ENFORCEMENT TEAM** contact number **01325 406999**. Try and get registration numbers of offending vehicles and or photographs showing the registration number. Regards harassment, of which no one should be subjected to, allegations without names of the perpetrators, there is little that can be done and again these instances should be reported to the civic enforcement team, but details will be required for any action to take place.

7. Planning update Hill House Lane planning application Ref. No. 19/00434/FUL

Lisa Hutchinson of DBC Planning Department stated that there no further developments regards this application. Council were alarmed that no action had taken place, as it considered the erection of the fencing along this narrow road was presenting danger to road users. Councillor Jones would take this matter up with the Planning Department.

Action: Councillor Jones

8. A proposal to fund a memorial seat in the memory of Bob Hall has been made, to be installed in the small garden opposite the Buck Inn

The proposal is incorrect and should read “permission is sought from the Parish Council to install the memorial seat being funded by the patrons of the Buck Inn in the small garden opposite the Buck Inn.

The Parish Council handed over the matter to the Climate Change and Biodiversity group leader to seek agreement and agree costs to prepare the area.

Action: Councillor Hurst

9. Agree proposal to fund the repair of the Union Flag’s anti-fray strip at a cost of approximately £25.

Proposal agreed

Action: Councillor Lazenby

10. Update regarding Village Hall

The Chairman commented on the condition of the village hall, and plans to refurbish the hall. He noted that there were plans to install a burglar alarm system, and some structural work. Councillor Murphy may be able to give an update.

11. Proposal to install a drop kerb near to the Buck Inn

The Chairman reported an incident in which a wheelchair user had accident when he was being taken to the Buck Inn along with his family, when, due to no drop kerb being available near by he was ejected from his wheelchair while trying to mount the pavement. Though not injured, this has highlighted the need for a dropped kerb to give safe access to the footpath in this area. Councillor Jones will take this up with Darlington Borough Council as a matter of urgency

Action: Councillor Jones

12. N.A.L.C. are seeking Nominations for attendees to a Buckingham Palace Garden Party on Tuesday 12th May 2020

Sadberge Parish Council nominates Maralyn Heath for her service to the village and residents over the years. Clerk to seek her agreement.

Action: Clerk

13. Planning Applications:

Application 19/01017/FUL – 5 Abbey Road has been granted.

To comment on the following planning Applications:

- Application Ref. No. 19/01095/FUL – erection of 1 no. detached dwelling and garage. Land at Lea Close, Middleton Road, Sadberge DL2 1RN
Council Object -
 1. Policy CS11: states all developments of 5 or more house will be required to provide or contribute towards the provision of an appropriate mix of housing.
 2. There is already an application approved 19/00168/FUL on the 03/09/2019. This also ignored policy CS11, CS2 and CS14 (given the original application for 6 dwellings 14/00647/FUL was refused, notice dated 06//10/2014. The Parish feel an explanation is warranted, as to why application 19/00168/FUL was granted taking the total dwellings on the site back to 6)

- Application Ref. No. 19/10120/CU – Change of use from Class B8 (Storage and Distribution) to a container sales area, container maintenance and repair / remodelling. To Mixed use Class A1/B2
Parsons Containers, Stockton Road, Sadberge, Darlington DL2 1TD
APPROVED WITHOUT COMMENT
- Application Ref. No. 19/01018/FUL – Change of use of land from mixed use to form a self-storage container site (use Class B8 Storage and Distribution) siting of portable site office, erection of 2.7m high perimeter fence with gates to north, east and west boundaries, and associated ancillary works
Parson Containers, Stockton Road Sadberge Darlington. DL1 2TD
APPRVED WITHOUT COMMENT

14. Social Media

Another accident on the crossroads in the centre of the village, has prompted several comments on the local social media platform, questioning why nothing is done about this issue.

The Clerk has contacted Paul Ibbertson of Darlington Borough Council for a response – there is a scheme for double yellow lines around the crossroads to clear out the visibility splays which had received an objection, however, given it is a safety scheme he would hope there is not an issue with implementing these restrictions. He also reported that a speed survey had been carried out on Hill House Lane, the results have been passed to the police for comment and is currently awaiting their response regards additional enforcement.

This accident had not been reported to the police.

Dave Elmer suggested that the traffic signs at the crossroads should be changed to “stop” rather than give way.

The clerk will take this up with DBC.

Action: Clerk

15. Payments:

To approve the following payments:

- 15.1 Parish Clerks salary for December 2019 for £300
- 15.2 The payment of £66.95 for new Water Butts to Friends of Sadberge Festival
- 15.3 Invoice for printing Christmas Flyer to Alastair Mackenzie for £6.60
- 15.4 St Teresa’s Hospice, donation of £100 for Christmas Tree collection carried by Darlington Round Table Volunteers

16. Agenda Items for next meeting

- Biodiversity Meeting report
- Garden Opposite the Buck Inn.

17. Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 4th February 2020 in Sadberge Village Hall

Tony Delderfield
Clerk to Sadberge Parish Council

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7th JANUARY 2020

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

Signed: Councillor L Tate Date: