



SADBERGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual* Ordinary Meeting of the Sadberge Parish Council held on Tuesday 6th April 2021 commencing at 7 pm via Zoom conference.

COUNCILLORS ATTENDING:

Lee Tate (Chairman) R Murphy (Vice Chairman), Councillors Hurst, Best, Heywood (part time), Schott and Lazenby.

CLERK: Tony Delderfield.

1-4/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE-
None required

2-4/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
None

3-4/21 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION
No members of the public attended

4-4/21 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

- To approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on the 2nd March 2021.
Council agreed the minutes to be a true and accurate record of the meeting.

5-4/21 MINUTES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- 5.1-4/21 **VARs** – The Clerk and Councillor Murphy met with staff from Unipart/Dorman, new software loaded onto Council laptop and set-up completed. System connected with the sign and data loaded. Full trial will take place in April.
Action: Clerk
- 5.2-4/21 **Culvert** – Project has started now Planning Permission agreed by DBC to remove the trees. Site has been cleared of pine trees and now awaiting erection of safety fence and clearing out the culvert.
Carry forward
- 5.3-4/21 **Tree saplings** – Councillor Lazenby has removed saplings.
- 5.4-4/21 **Assets of Community Value** – The ACV's for The Buck Inn, The Tuns and the Village Hall have been accepted by Darlington Borough Council and these will be processed in due course.
- 5.5-4/21 **Hampass**- Boundaries checked, Council to advise leader of them. There is no requirement for the leader of the SACG to hold a DBS. Also see Item 6-4/21
Action: Councillor Best
- 5.6-4/21 **Roads & footpaths** in Sadberge. Details of the planned road resurfacing of the C38 have been received. Details can be found on the Council website.
Thanks, expressed to Ward Councillor Jones and the support shown by Paul Howell, MP.
- 5.7-4/21 **Hampass** – New Polytunnel cover – see item 6-4/21

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6-4/21 HAMPASS – FUNDING REQUEST FOR £500

Following discussions with the leader of the Sedberg Anglo Saxon Group and despite her reluctance to requests for further clarification. The Grant was agreed by 4 to 1. **The Parish Council resolved to pay the £500 grant.** ~~There will be conditions attached, such as, evidence showing the results of the project funded (photos etc.).~~ *CORRECTION- there will be no conditions attached to this grant award.* SIGNED. CHAIRMAN AND DATED

Chairman requests in future a written procedure be implemented for any application for a Grant/Donation from the Parish Council.

Action: Clerk

7-4/21 BANKS COMMUNITY FUND

Offer letter for a grant of £3,000 received. A condition of this offer is that Council must provide a Deposit of 10%, £300. Council agreed to accept the offer and approved the £300 deposit. Clerk to send payment with signed offer letter. See 8-4/21 for details.

Action: Clerk

8-4/21 CLIMATE CHANGE & BIODIVERSITY

Update provided by Councillor Hurst.

The application for a Grant of £3,000 from the Banks Community Fund has been successful. The Offer Letter requires approval from the Parish Council. Council discussed the detailed spending plans for the project. The project will require funds from the Parish Council to complete the project, to the sum of approx. £800. The Council agreed to process the Grant offer and fund any shortfall.

The project includes the following payments:

Florafleece (Rigby Taylor) £1,178 Incl. VAT

Pretty Wild Seeds £175.99 incl. VAT

Anthony Stewart Groundworks Ltd £2,790.84 Incl. VAT

All the above costs approved by Council.

The Old Allotments – Councillor Hurst has secured a lease from the estate managers Galbraiths of Hexham. The lease shall be a yearly tenancy agreement at an annual rent of £1.

The Parish Council discussed the merits or otherwise of the project. The Allotments are somewhat landlocked and access is restricted, that said it is an ideal area for the purposes proposed, that of promoting wildlife and biodiversity.

There are some set-up costs involved, including clearing the debris from old allotments such as rotting wood and tin sheeting and some of the bracken and scrub will need to be removed. The landlord has requested that a stockproof secure fence be erected.

Councillor Hurst and the Clerk met with Mr R Findlay of Galbraiths, Estate Managers, regards the possibility of using the disused allotments for future Biodiversity projects. There are issues with access and maintenance and what costs if any are involved. We await Mr Finlay's response. Full details on the projects operated by the CC&B group can be found on the Sadberge Parish Council website. www.sadbergeparishcouncil.gov.uk

Councillor Hurst submitted a revised invoice for £170.20, which he funded, following some of the House Martin nesting boxes being returned due to damage.

The Council resolved to reimburse Councillor Hurst the amount £170.20. Cheque to be issued.

Action: Clerk

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Councillor Murphy gave a brief summary on the state of Electric Vehicle Charge points. The role out of these EVCP is very slow. No Housing developers building in the Darlington/Sadberge area have plans to install home charging points. He has contacted the Village Hall CIO, whose secretary has approached the Parochial Church Council to seek approval to install a charging point in the Hall car park. If this is favourable it is planned to carry out a survey of residents in Sadberge to seek their views on this topic.

Action: Councillor Murphy

Action: Clerk

9-4/21 DRYSTONE WALL

Mr Lowther reported that the drystone wall at the entrance to Pleasant View is in need of repair, it is in poor state of repair and needs attention to prevent collapse. Council agreed to Mr Lowther seeking estimates for the restoration work, Clerk will communicate this to him.

Action: Clerk

10-4/21 RESIDENT REQUEST

A resident of Beacon Grange Park has requested a Grit/Salt Bin be placed at the entrance to the small estate as the approach is via West Row which has incline. The Clerk has contacted Darlington Borough Council. They have declined the request as the area does not meet the criteria needed to warrant a Grit/Salt Bin. The decision to be communicated to the resident.

Action: Clerk

11-4/21 SADBERGE PARISH MEEING

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the annual parish meeting did not take place, after discussion the Parish Council, subject to any restrictions in place, intend to hold a meeting in May. See Item 12-4/21

12-4/21 REMOTE MEETINGS

The legislation pertaining to holding remote meetings ends on the 7th May 2021. As the Parish Council usually meet on the first Tuesday of each month, therefore the next meeting is scheduled for the 4th May. Which under currant legislation can be held remotely, however, having missed last years Parish Meeting, the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Parish Meeting, it is now planning to hold these meetings on the 18th May in the Village Hall. Details to posted on the Notice Board and the Parish Council website. Clerk to arrange booking the Hall.

Action: Clerk

13-4/21 NUISANCE DOGS

The Chairman has had several complaints regarding dogs barking into the night time hours, disturbing residents late in the evening. Can the Clerk look into putting information on the website as to how residents can deal with this without confrontation? The Clerk will upload a notice which will provide Darlington Borough Council contact number to report such matters.

Action: Clerk

14-4/21 BRICK STRUCTURES ON C38 MIDDLETON ROAD.

Councillor Heywood requested these structures should have warning signs erected to alert road users that the road narrows at this point. It appears dangerous when driving in the night time. Can the Borough Council be approached to have signs erected?

Action: Clerk

15-4/21 SOCIAL MEDIA –

It has been brought to the attention of the Council that one resident of the village will reach their 100th Birthday in the coming months. Council agreed to arrange a suitable commemoration in conjunction with the family and interested residents.

Action: Clerk, Councillor Schott

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16-4/21 PLANNING

To comment on the following Planning applications: (to view details go to sadbergeparishcouncil.gov.uk then Planning and type in the application number)

No new applications in March 2021

Awaiting decisions/Decided applications:

20/01154/ADV Display of illuminated sign - **Granted**

20/00891/FUL – Land at Newton Grange Farm – no update, awaiting decision.

20/00918/LU – Beacon Hill Works – awaiting decision.

20/00998/FUL – Rose Cottage – **Granted**

For information Only: West Newbiggin Farm – Alteration and extensions of existing agricultural buildings to form 9 dwellings – **Granted**. Planning stated that this did not come under Sadberge area so Council was not informed of the application.

17-4/21 PAYMENTS -

To approve the following payments:

17.1-4/21 Clerk's salary for March 2021 of £414.66

17.2-4/21 Reimbursement to Clerk for stationery items, Ink cartridges, printing paper and A4 Lever Arch files – total £55.00 (includes VAT £9.17)

17.3-4/21 Reimbursement to Clerk in payment for April Zoom meeting £14.39

17.4-4/21 Invoice for Village Hall Hire. Invoice not received.

All payments approved by Council

18-4/21 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Reservoir safety

19-4/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 18th May 2021 at 6:30pm.

The Chairman closed at the meeting at 20:50

Tony Delderfield – Clerk to Sadberge Parish Council

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE ON TUESDAY 6th April 2021

Signed - Chairman of Sadberge Parish Council

Mr Lee Tate

Date

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