

Sancton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 17th March 2025 at 7.00pm in Sancton Methodist Chapel, Rispin Hill, Sancton

Present

Cllr D Cary (Chair), Cllr P Parvin, Cllr S Wightman, Cllr A Liley, Cllr S Rustomji and Cllr M Wintersgill

Also Present

Miss H Bowater (Clerk)

Apologies

Ward Cllr Leo Hammond

170325/1 – Apologies

Ward Cllrs Leo Hammond & Paul West – in attendance at another meeting.

170325/2 - Consideration of Public Participation and Recording of Meeting

None present.

170325/3 - Declarations of Interest

- a) No dispensations given to any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed.

170325/4 - Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a) It was **RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Sancton Parish Council held on 17th February 2025 were approved by Members and signed by the Chair.

170325/5 - Public Participation & Open Forum

- a) There were no members of the public present.

170325/6 - Grounds Maintenance Contracts/Open Space Management

- a) **Village field** - The burning pile is ready to burn.
The gate is now opening correctly with thanks to Paul at the Nursery.
- b) **Cemeteries, closed churchyard** – The Clerk will remind Robin about flattening the graves in the cemetery. To ask to do the work between Mothering Sunday & Easter to minimise disruption.
- c) **Gravel Pits** – NTR
- d) **Pond area** – The leak continues to be a problem.
The pump casing is almost complete. One coat of paint is remaining to be done and the bucket hook needs to be fixed back in place.
The clerk will ask for an update on the replacement slats on the bench.

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e) **Car park** - The Clerk will contact ERNLLCA regarding the implementation of a QR code for a donation for the use of the car park.

The Clerk will contact ERNLLCA to ask for recommendations to price up solar powered bollards.

f) **Play area** – The bin near the allotments has not been emptied and is overflowing. Clerk will contact ERYC and ask them to come and empty it.

The Clerk will ask the playground inspection company about safe bird spikes.

g) **Other open space management issues.**

The Nursery has had their oil stolen again. Cllr Rustomji asked if they may install some CCTV. No objections from the Councillors. The Chair remarked that there may be some funding available to assist with the purchase of security devices. Cllr Rustomji will contact Ward Cllr Leo Hammond for advice.

Cllr Cary Humber Forest is going ahead with clearing the old allotment area to create a forested area.

The Chair will report the pothole on Rispin Hill outside Rispin Hill House as it is worsening.

170325/7 – VE Day 80

The Tommy Sculptures are in place at the entrance of the Car Park.

The Village Hall are planning an event to commemorate VE Day 80.

The Clerk will apply for a grant from ERYC including the following:

VE Day 80 Flag

Disposable plates & cups for 60 attendees

£5 PH for catering

170325/8 - Boundary Changes

The Clerk will respond to the proposed ward boundary changes on behalf of the parish council including the following points:

All essential resources (shops, schools, medical services) are located in Market Weighton (MW), with which Sancton shares a close connection.

Sancton and MW are neighbours under the Emergency Plan.

The Houghton Estate is divided into two administrative areas.

There is concern about the effectiveness of Ward Councillors being based far away, which may impact support.

The parish council is worried about potential dilution of representation for local parishes under the proposed changes.

170325/9 - Accounts & Finance

The following payments were approved and the cheques signed:

17/03/25	H Bowater (Clerk)	Phone top up	6.00
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25/03/25	H Bowater (Clerk)	Salary 26/02/25 – 25/03/25	Redacted
17/03/25	Newbald Building & Maintenance Services	Replacement pump casing	1600.00
17/03/25	Newbald Building & Maintenance Services	Removal of holly tree in cemetery	700.00
17/03/25	Autela Payroll	Payroll December-March	94.56
17/03/25	H Bowater (Clerk)	Stamps	6.80
17/03/25	H Bowater (Clerk)	Replacement printer	38.49

- a) To discuss setting up online banking

The Clerk asked the councillors to phone Barclays to arrange access to the online banking.

170325/10 – Grants & Funding opportunities

- a) Pump project

Cllrs Wintersgill & Parvin will purchase the spring bulbs for the pump project to the value of £50.

- b) War memorial grant opportunity

The War Memorial Grant fund is not available for the purchase of a new war memorial.

170325/11– Correspondence

- a. ERYC StreetScene – blocked gulleys
- b. Ward Cllr Leo Hammond - Ward boundary changes

170325/12 - Minor Items

- a) The damage to the bank on the entrance to the nursery/car park has been re-seeded.
- c. The Village Hall has been nominated for the Kings Award.

170325/13 – Agenda for next and future meetings

In addition to the regular agenda items for the February Meeting, it was **RESOLVED**: that the following specific items are included in the Agenda:

- a) To discuss options to purchase a war memorial
- b) VE Day 80
- C) Clerk laptop

170325/14 - Next Meeting

It was confirmed that this would take place on **Monday 28th April 2025** commencing at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 20:37

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