

MIDDLETON AND SMERRILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Middleton and Smerrill Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Middleton by Youlgrave on Wednesday 14th September 2016

Present: Cllr Helen Brocklehurst, Cllr Henry Brocklehurst, Cllr David Mallaband (Chair), Cllr Clare Sutton and Cllr Jamie Wigley

In attendance: Matthew Lovell (Clerk) and 0 members of the Public

Part 1 Non-confidential items

600 To receive apologies for absence

None required

601 Variation of order of business and time constrained items

It was agreed that no variations were required.

602 Declarations of Members Interests

No declarations were required.

603 Public Speaking

Apologies were received from the PDNPA representative, PCSO, County and District Councillors

604 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 13th July 2016. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

605 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none

606 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting & planning related matters

Decisions received: none

Applications returned/for discussion: none

607 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

DCC Footpaths – SBS 884465 – item 4 – Footpath down The Dale – no news.

Clerk to again report further potholes from the junction to the crossroads and on towards Long Rake. A pothole outside the church has reappeared.

A road sweep following the heavy storms is needed along with gulley emptying from the Rakes to the top of the dale. A tree down on the bridleway has been removed.

The survey from DCC for main access routes highlights the urgent need for the repair of the road to Elton via Gratton. The Snow Warden Scheme was considered but will not be taken up this year.

608 Report of the Clerk:

i. Playground / Village Assets

A jet washer for the algae will be sourced via Dowlow.

ii. Batemans Tomb

Clerk has registered with Heritage Lottery fund and is completing a project enquiry to see what advice they can give. The Conservation Officer has recently made contact but is still trying to locate other firms to quote. A quote for the boundary fencing rails is to be sought locally.

iii. Website

Audit details will be added following the meeting.

iv. Village Hall Management Committee Report

The next meeting is on Tuesday 20th September. Council requested that the minutes be circulated to councillors after every meeting.

609 Village Hall Lease

Council agreed to continue exploration of other avenues and authorised the clerk to approach a solicitor for opinion on the 1906 open spaces act with regard to an "open to the sky" clause.

610 Church Roof Repairs

Council resolved to donate £500 to the repair fund for Middleton Church Roof. It is understood that the appeal is gaining momentum but requires around £11500 in total.

611 Items for information and DALC (already circulated by email)

DALC Circulars, Local Health Consultations, PDNPA Parishes Day 24th September, DDDC forums, Citizens Advice Report, Clerks and Councils Direct, DCC Parish Forum 31st October 6pm County Hall

612 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

Cheque No	Payee	net	vat
300090	HM Lovell (expenses)	£9.18	
STO	HM Lovell (September salary)	£116.78	
Direct debit	NEST (September)	£8.64	
STO	HM Lovell (October salary)	£116.78	
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300091	Middleton Church appeal	£500.00	
Total		£760.02	

(b) Income

Nat West interest £0.40

(b) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Completion of Audit – Grant Thornton have noted that Council has reserves for specific items but no general reserve. Council will revise the reserves at year end to reflect this.

Unity Account £6743.48	after above	£5983.46
Nat West account Savings: £5007.01		£5007.21

613 Date of next meeting – 16th November at 8:15pm in the Village Hall

2017: 18th January, 15th March, 17th May (APM)

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION none

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:56 pm