

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 October 2015

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

In attendance: Matthew Lovell (Clerk) and 2 members of the Public

- 528 Co-Option of member
Council was pleased to Co-opt Clare Sutton to fill the final vacancy.
- 529 To receive apologies for absence
None required
- 530 Variation of order of business and time constrained items
It was agreed that no variations were required.
- 531 Declarations of Members Interests
No declarations were required.
- 532 Public Speaking
Cnty Cllr Simon Spencer, District Councillor Graham Elliott & PDNPA member Andrew McCloy sent their apologies.
PC Ian Hyde apologised for his 2 year delay in getting to his first meeting and discussed the issues unattended trailers on the highway and implied illegal badger shooting.
He noted past experiences at Tor Farm and commented that separate rules apply on the road vs on the highway. He promised to liaise with his predecessor regarding previous powers invoked to remove obstacles in the highway and get back to the council. Additionally he warned council that Mr Goodall was being harassed and that we may want to consider this regarding any future actions.
- 533 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the meeting held in July
RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 15th July 2015. The minutes were signed by the Chair.
- 534 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none
- 535 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting & planning related matters
Decisions received: none
- Applications returned/for discussion: NP/DDD/0915/0830 – Little Rookery Farm - lean to extension to agricultural building – returned to meet deadline. Council is pleased to support this extension for a working farm that will blend in with existing buildings and provide essential additional workspace.

A new structure is being built at GRef: 187631- clerk to query with PDNPA.

Tor Farm update

The PDNPA Enforcement Officer has confirmed that the boundary is the farm wall and will continue to ask the owner to remove the trailer to within his boundary although he understands it is available for sale.

536 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

DCC Footpaths – SBS 884465 – item 4 – Footpath down The Dale

No news on the footpath into the Dale due to officer illness.

Footpath 6 has been cleared and the grant claim will be submitted.

537 Report of the Clerk:

- i. Playground / Village Assets
Painting of the posts and noticeboard have been carried out.
- ii. Defibrillator installation
The painting is complete. The defibrillator box was installed today and an article will be placed in the next Bugle thanking donors if the box is active by the deadline.
- iii. Batemans Tomb
The Conservation Officer's spec was circulated and the clerk will seek prices from approved local stonemasons and ironworkers.
- v. Village Hall and outbuildings
Simon Brister advised the council on the best course of action. The London solicitor requires £2500 + VAT to set up a new lease and once Simon has agreed heads of terms we will require our own solicitor to complete. Further costs of approximately £1000 + VAT will be incurred to cover local solicitor costs. Council considered that in view of the time and effort over more than 12 years that this is the best way to go ahead and obtain a long term lease of 20 years and to request longer if possible.

The following statement will be placed in the Bugle:

Statement from M&SPC regarding Middleton Village Hall

Contrary to the statement given out at the Village Harvest Supper on 2nd October that we were 'very close to getting ownership of the Village Hall' M&SPC wish to state that whilst it is their desire to obtain the freehold for the Village Hall the Waterhouse Estate trustees have made it clear that they would not give us this. It is now over nine years since the lease expired and council have had various attempts at either gaining ownership or renewing the lease. With the kind help of Simon Brister we have now renewed this request of either obtaining the freehold, our preferred choice, or if this fails to at least renewing the lease. The current situation is that the request of a freehold has been refused once again but a strong possibility exists that a long term lease will be granted. Negotiations are on-going regarding legal costs and the final terms of the lease and it is hopeful that a satisfactory outcome will be announced shortly.

538 Tree survey and pollarding

The contractor has quoted £400 for a day with 3 operatives for the two trees at the Village Hall, two in the playground and two in the picnic area. Council resolved to place an order for £400 for this work with P Storer.

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

Dalc 20-23, Clerks and Councils Direct

DCC online Surveys

http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/have_your_say/consultation_search/allconsultations/default.asp

540 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

| Cheque No | Payee | |
|-----------|--------------------------------|----------|
| 300028 | DDDC | £12.00 |
| 300051 | J Simpson | £248.00 |
| 300052 | HM Lovell (September salary) | £101.20 |
| 300053 | S McLean | £160.00 |
| 300054 | DDDC election costs | £75.64 |
| 300055 | HM Lovell (expenses) | £28.96 |
| 300056 | Bakewell Property Maintenance | £173.00 |
| 300057 | HM Lovell (October salary) | £101.20 |
| 300058 | J Wigley – bridleway clearance | £350.00 |
| 300059 | DDDC election costs (rnd2) | £55.86 |
| 300060 | HM Lovell (mtg expenses) | £14.36 |
| | Total | £1320.22 |

(b) Income

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| Interest Nat West | £0.63 |
| Interest Unity | £1.66 |
| PDNPA grant | £325.00 |

(c) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

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| Unity Account £6257.56 | after above | £5264.00 |
| Nat West account Savings: £5004.50 | | £5005.13 |
| Current: £0.54 | | £ 0.54 |

541 Date of next meeting – 18th November 8:15pm in the Village Hall

2016: 20th January, 16th March, 18th May

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

none

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:09 pm