

# 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 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017*

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

In attendance: Matthew Lovell (Clerk) and 3 members of the Public

### Part 1 Non-confidential items

- 655 Election of Chair  
Cllr David Mallaband was elected Chair and signed the declaration of office.
- 656 Election of Vice-Chair  
Cllr Helen Brocklehurst was elected Vice-Chair and signed the declaration of office.
- 657 To receive apologies for absence  
No apologies necessary
- 658 Variation of order of business and time constrained items  
It was agreed to move the Greencroft Farm application to the end of the meeting to allow Cllr Wigley to remain for all other discussions.
- 659 Declarations of Members Interests  
Cllr Wigley declared a prejudicial interest as a tenant of Greencroft Farm and left for the discussion of the item.
- 660 Public Speaking  
Open discussion was had with David Merton of Fisher German and Richard Silson of Silson Planning Services representing the agent for Greencroft Farm on the planning application and ideas for the future of the listed buildings. Mr Merton agreed to issue a statement to agree that land would be locked to the new dwelling under a S106 agreement.
- 661 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous meeting  
RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017. The minutes were signed by the Chair.
- 662 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none
- 663 Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Risk and Policy Amendments  
The Equalities and Diversity Policy and Complaints Procedure were adopted. No other documents required revision.
- 664 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting & planning related matters  
Decisions received: none  
Applications returned/for discussion: NP/DDD/0417/0369 – Hillcrest – formal consultation request – No requirement to be consulted

Greencroft Farm – see below

#### 665 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

DCC Footpaths – SBS 884465 – item 4 – Footpath 7 down The Dale – see below

Council thanked our County Councillor for chasing and getting this work completed before Welldressings. It was noted that the road to Elton is finally seeing its potholes filled in batches but that the road out to Long Rake is in an appalling state.

#### 666 Report of the Clerk:

- i. Playground / Village Assets  
Clerk to contact Mossaway for a price to clean the rest of the playground and delegated to email round for agreement and placement of an order.  
Batemans Tomb – still no further prices to allow grants to be applied for  
Website - Waste charges revised back to zero for builders waste and our thanks to DCC will be put up on the news page.
- ii. Church Roof Repairs  
Repairs have now been completed to the roof over the porch and chancel but there is still a shortfall of approximately £1500 to repay the loan. Thanks were expressed to all who have donated to date.
- iii. Village Hall update  
Options are still being explored

#### 667 Village Hall Management Committee

Council acknowledged the sad loss of the Secretary whose illness has led to the charity accounts being late and need for an emergency meeting which resulted in saving the Welldressing and Village Hall teas on the Saturday and Sunday but agreed there will be no village market this year. A door to door survey will be made following the Bank Holiday weekend asking for opinions, ideas and help for the future of events and the hall and the results will be discussed at a meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> June. Council offered to liaise with RAD Village Halls Officer to seek options for the future and an offer to audit the accounts for publication was received. Middleton Rocks is also to proceed on 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

#### 668 DDDC Toilet Block

Resolved to invite DDDC to attend the next meeting to discuss their options

#### 669 River Bradford – deferred to next meeting

#### 670 Annual Governance Statement

Clerk reported that the Internal Audit and risks had been carried out and the online banking made for greater accountability. Council authorised the Chair to sign the annual governance statement.

#### 671 Year End accounts and information for submission to external auditor

Council resolved to approve the accounts for 2016/17 and authorised the Chair to sign. The clerk noted the Intermediate audit requirements and council agreed the information to be submitted.

#### 672 Items for information and DALC (already circulated by email)

DALC Circulars 5,6, Clerks and Councils Direct

## 673 Finance

### (a) Accounts for Payment

Cheque No	Payee		net	vat
STO	HM Lovell (May salary)	£117.94		
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£8.73		
Ubddr	Community Heartbeat Trust (pads)	£73.00		
Ubddr	Came & Company Insurance	£784.83		
Ubddr	ROSPA Play inspection	£66.50	13.30	
300097 B Wood	(internal audit)	£27.40		
STO	HM Lovell (June salary)	£117.94		
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£8.73		
Total	£1218.37			

(b) Income  
Nat West interest £0.08  
Precept £3300.00

### (b) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Unity Account	£4362.62	after above	£6444.25
Nat West account Savings:	£5008.02		£5008.10

674 Date of next meeting - 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 8:15pm in the Village Hall.

Remaining 2017: 20<sup>th</sup> September, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018: 17<sup>th</sup> January, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 16<sup>th</sup> May

### 675 Planning application

NP/DDD/0117/0062 – Greencroft Farm – erection of a single agricultural workers' dwelling

Following a full discussion of all issues with the applicant at its meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> May which gave further insight to the longer term plans of the applicant, we wish to make additional comments and some clarification regarding this application.

Middleton and Smerrill Parish Council approves the planning application for the erection of the dwelling in terms of design, size and location subject to the following two provisos:

1. We make reference to the Planning statement produced by Silson Planning Services that on page 3 section 2.3, HC2:C quote 'It will be tied to the land holding or rural enterprise for which it is declared to be needed' we ask that the 106 agreement therefore ties the house to land on which it and the buildings of the farmstead are situated along with the section adjacent, an estimated 17 acres to be secured to the house.

2. The southern-most elevation of the existing agricultural buildings forms a line to the road that is already regarded as a limit on building and we ask that no further development will ever be allowed to the South of this line. However, Council will be sympathetic to any future infill development on this site.

Council noted that the site plan submitted is misleading in that it does not show all of the latest developments in the area concerned. It considers that it should become a requirement of all planning applications: that the applicant update the base map to show changes to all the surrounding structures, including neighbouring properties, so that the current layout and density visually shows the impact of the proposals.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:55 pm