

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 18th January 2017

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

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

Part 1 Non-confidential items

627 To receive apologies for absence
Cllr Clare Sutton.

628 Variation of order of business and time constrained items
It was agreed that no variations were required.

629 Declarations of Members Interests
No declarations were required.

630 Public Speaking
Apologies were received from PCSO Anthony Boswell, the PDNPA representative, District Councillor and County Councillor.

631 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous meeting
RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 16th November 2016. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

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

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

Decisions received: none

Applications returned/for discussion: none

634 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

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

The County Councillor has been promised that a PROW officer will look at the dale route this week but regretted he'd not have a report in time for the meeting.

DDDC road sweep: no further sweeps have been noted with the Rakes 6" deep in mulch and hazardous – clerk to chase. Potholes – still no action and holes deepening to car breaking depth on the road out to Long Rake. Concerns were raised for the proposed 4-6 week closure of B5056 outside Bowers Hall, much clearer advertising of the dates needs displaying as soon as possible.

The 3 grit bins (2 green Rakes and Roughwood Hollow and Yellow GB1543) that the Council is responsible for are to be refilled under our contract with Long Rake.

635 Report of the Clerk:

i. Playground / Village Assets

A jet washer for the algae is to be chased from Dowlow again. The stones of meaning sculpture on the Gratton road boundary has had the noses defaced for a second time. Clerk to report to the police and provide photographic evidence of the damage to the insurers.

- ii. Batemans Tomb
Quotes from specialist companies contacted did not arrive in time for the meeting.
- iii. Website
The roof appeal is still ongoing but a progress update for the page would be useful. The statutory information is updated each year by the end of July.
- iv. Village Hall Management Committee Report
The Christmas party was a great success. A meeting to organise Batemans Arms on 18th February (to be added to the website) is taking place next week.
- v. Church Roof Repairs
Repairs are still needed to the roof over the porch and chancel and funding targets were requested.
- vi. Village Hall update
The clerk asked for a sales price following the last meeting and chased an update on 9th January which received a promise of a reply but none has arrived yet. The solicitor's report on open spaces and restrictive covenant clauses recommends that permission be sought from the donors and adjacent property owners before proceeding though this needs clarification.

636 Peak Park Development Management Policies Consultation

The main criticism of this document is its lack of plain English making it very difficult to comment.

637 DCC Scrutiny review of Broadband

No information or proposals for this parish have been received and whilst the clerk has a direct communication to Digital Derbyshire nothing has been heard from them for over a year. As a farming community in essential need of contact with Defra online priority needs to be given to this community. It is noted that the arrival of faster broadband in Youlgrave where the exchange is located has coincided with a marked drop in speeds to the outlying farms with poor basic broadband half the speed since June 2016 and intermittent streaming now a permanent feature. It was felt that broadband charges should be based on actual download speed to more fairly reflect the usage or penalties imposed on the provider below 2MB.

638 Precept

Following two years of no movement, Council agreed to set the precept at £3300 for 2017-18 which will see an average 9p per week increase per household. The quote for mowing for this season is unchanged and council agreed to continue with existing contractor. The increase will be reported in the Bugle.

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

DALC Circulars 17-19,1 Clerks and Councils Direct, DCC recycling unwanted electrical items 2nd January to 19th February, DCC local minerals plan consultation

640 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

Cheque No	Payee	net	vat
Unity dd	3 months service charge	£18.00	
STO	HM Lovell (January salary)	£116.78	
Direct debit	NEST (January)	£8.64	
STO	HM Lovell (February salary)	£116.78	
Direct debit	NEST (February)	£8.64	
	Total	£268.84	

(b) Income

Nat West interest	£0.12	
VAT refund		£195.50

(c) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Unity Account	£5460.86	after above	£5387.52
Nat West account Savings:	£5007.86		£5007.98

641 Date of next meeting - 15th March 2017 at 8:15pm in the Village Hall

2017:, , 17th May (+APM), 19th July, 20th September, 15th November

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION none

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:30 pm