

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 November 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

542 To receive apologies for absence

None required

543 Variation of order of business and time constrained items

It was agreed that no variations were required.

544 Declarations of Members Interests

No declarations were required.

545 Public Speaking

Cnty Cllr Simon Spencer, PC Ian Hyde & PDNPA member Andrew McCloy sent their apologies.

District Councillor Graham Elliott informed the meeting about the workings of the new grant scheme.

546 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the meeting held in October

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 14th October 2015. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

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

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

Decisions received: none

Applications returned/for discussion: NP/DDD/1015/1011 – Rock Farm – improve existing access

Council supports the alterations to the track entrance which will improve access and assist with water run-off.

549 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

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

Still no news on the footpath into the Dale.

A request to sweep the roads and footpaths to clear the leaves and mulch is to be made along with a further request to cut the trees back from the Rakes in Robin's Wood and cut back verges on the Rakes that are covering up signs.

550 Report of the Clerk:

i. Playground / Village Assets

The trees are due to be dead-wooded and crown lifted next week. The play surface needs cleaning off, a quote from Mossaway £3/sqm ie £900 for 300 sqm – clerk to enquire what the minimum area is and assess what sections are essential.

- ii. Defibrillator installation
Due to no earth spike in the kiosk an electrician is to ensure the defibrillator box is grounded and install the light. The labels will then be added and the unit installed. An article will be placed in the Christmas Bugle thanking donors.
- iii. Batemans Tomb
Quotes are awaited. The clerk will start to seek grant monies once the first prices arrive and find out what commitment if any Council needs to make financially.
- iv. Village Hall and outbuildings
The lease has received no response from London in time for the meeting.
- v. Website
Updates to the councillor page will be carried out shortly.

551 Precept 2016/17

Draft accounts were presented to council. It was agreed that the precept be set at the same level as the current year ie £3000.00 – no increase.

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

Clerks and Councils Direct

553 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

Cheque No	Payee	
300061	HM Lovell (November salary)	£97.76
300062	HM Lovell (expenses)	£15.92
300063	HM Lovell (December salary)	£97.76
Nest Direct debit		£7.24
300064	P Storer trees	£400.00
	Total	£618.68

(b) Income

Interest Nat West	£0.21
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(c) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Unity Account	£5264.00	after above	£4645.32
Nat West account Savings:	£5005.13		£5005.34
Current:	£0.54		£ 0.54

554 Date of next meeting – 20th January 2016 8:15pm in the Village Hall

2016: 16th March, 18th May

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

None

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:20 pm