

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 3rd June 2015

Present: Cllr Helen Brocklehurst, Cllr David Mallaband (Chair) and Cllr Jamie Wigley
In attendance: Matthew Lovell (Clerk) and 6 members of the Public

- 494 Election of Chair
Councillor David Mallaband was elected Chair
- 495 Election of Vice-Chair
Councilor Helen Brocklehurst was elected Vice-Chair
- 496 Co-Option of members for two vacancies
No candidates presented themselves and councillors agreed that a notice needs putting on the website and noticeboard to fill the remaining places at the next meeting. The only interest received could not make a Wednesday evening and Council is to enquire whether moving the meeting would encourage this. The July meeting is to be proposed for a Tuesday evening – date to be confirmed.
- 497 To receive apologies for absence
No apologies necessary
- 498 Variation of order of business and time constrained items
It was agreed that no variations were required.
- 499 Declarations of Members Interests
No declarations were required. Councillors filled in the Declaration of Pecuniary interest Forms.
- 500 Public Speaking
Cnty Cllr Simon Spencer, and PC Hyde sent their apologies.
- 501 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the meeting held in May
RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 5th May 2015. The minutes were signed by the Chair.
- 502 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none
- 503 Dates of meetings and amendments to Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, asset register and risks, bank signatures, electronic summons and committee members
All remain unchanged.
- 504 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting & planning related matters
Decisions received: none
- Applications returned/for discussion:

Council supports this essential provision for a working farm. It notes that whilst mostly hidden from sight there may be a desire for more screening on the Lowfield Lane boundary. Council also noted that this will be the last building allowed within the Peak Park designated building line.

Tor Farm update

No news. Council remains desirous to see the trailer removed inside the boundary and will continue to pursue this.

505 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

Council was horrified to hear that DCC considers Weaddow Lane now repaired considers one pothole out of so many a totally inadequate response.

It also noted that there are now 17 potholes on the road that connects Rakes Lane and Long Rake and the clerk and councillors will continue to report these.

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

No news on the footpath into the Dale

Minor maintenance of £385 available. Peak Ranger has suggested an area of the bridleway which is currently ok and use of the grant will be revisited later in the year.

506 Report of the Clerk:

i. Playground / Village Assets

Council was pleased to note that Playground repairs were carried out by DDDC maintenance team within 24 hours of our request. It was agreed for the clerk to obtain prices for the tree inspections/pollarding required in the War memorial playground and village hall areas.

ii. Defibrillator installation

The painting of the box is to be carried out this weekend. Once ready arrangements will be made to install the unit.

iii. Batemans Tomb

The Conservation Officer is currently drawing up a spec which the clerk will send out to approved contractors for prices once received. No photos showing the original railings leading to the tomb have yet been found.

iv. Website

The confusion over the date of Middleton Rocks with the wrong one published on the website highlighted the need to keep the site current and the clerk will in future act as the point of contact for all diary dates to avoid confusion.

v. Village Hall and outbuildings

Simon Brister is continuing his negotiations with the Waterhouse Solicitor.

vi. Middleton Rocks

20th June – preparations are in hand, the licence was applied for back in February with the accompanying layout plan to show traffic flow for emergencies during the road closure etc.

The complications of the clash with the High Sheriff's concert at Lomberdale Hall have led to a compromise being reached for performance times and bus

turning access as per the appendix to these minutes. It is hoped the two events will run smoothly. See attached appendix for the agreement reached between the events.

507 PDNPA Member elections

Council agreed to vote for Andrew McCloy

508 Items for Information, DALC & Correspondence

DALC 13-14, Whitworth Hospital is having an Open Day on 20th June.

509 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

Cheque No	Payee		
300023	HM Lovell (expenses)	£12.09	
	Total		£12.09

(b) Income

Well dressing teas	£971.77		
Village hall insurance contribution	£456.01		
	Total		£1427.78

(c) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Unity Account after above	£7415.47
Nat West account Balances	£5003.65 + 0.54

Thanks were expressed to Councillor Brocklehurst and her team for all their hard work at the Village Hall teas. The Chairman's report and thanks will be published in the next edition of the Bugle.

510 Date of next meeting – 15th July 8:15pm in the Village Hall

2015/16: 23rd September, 18th November, 20th January, 16th March, 18th May (are all provisional due to the possibility of moving the day).

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

none

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:48 pm