

MIDDLETON AND SMERRILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Middleton and Smerrill Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Middleton by Youlgrave on Tuesday 5th May 2015

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

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

480 To receive apologies for absence

No apologies necessary

481 Variation of order of business and time constrained items

It was agreed that no variations were required.

482 Declarations of Members Interests

No declarations were required.

483 Public Speaking

Cnty Cllr Simon Spencer, Dist Cllr David Frederickson and PC Hyde sent their apologies.

484 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the meeting held in March

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 18th March 2015. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

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

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

Decisions received: NP/DDD/0215/0135 & 6 – Mount Pleasant Farm – single storey addition - Refused

Applications returned/for discussion:

NP/DDD/1215/0135 – 0415/0328 – April Cottage

Listed consent to change kitchen and utility room to utility room and shower room

Council has no objections to this application

Tor Farm update

No news.

487 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

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

PROW officer has authorised a test on the highways drains from the village to find out what flows/ is blocked. It was noted that some ruts are now 18" deep.

It was noted that potholes are worsening on all roads and individuals are requested to report online and phone to try to put pressure on the Highways.

Minor maintenance of £385 has been offered again. Clerk is liaise with Peak Ranger to find the most deserving footpath.

488 Report of the Clerk:

- i. Playground / Village Assets
Playground surface is to be power washed in the next two weeks before the next Rospa inspection.
- ii. Defibrillator installation
The painting of the box is to be costed with the clerk delegated to place an order and proceed prior to the next meeting. Cllrs H & H Brocklehurst will enquire locally and the clerk has a 3rd contractor.
- iii. Batemans Tomb
The clerk is meeting the Conservation Officer on site on Thursday 11th to draw up a spec. Sheffield Museums will be pleased to be involved in provision of details for an information board and the Archaeologist has been contacted. No photos showing the original railings leading to the tomb have yet been found. The yew will be removed shortly.
- iv. Website
The parish minutes are current and other statutory information will go up before the Government 1st July deadline. More information is requested and the site is to be kept updated.
- v. Parish Council Elections
Confirmation that Cllr Helen Brocklehurst and Cllr David Mallaband are accepted as councillors has been received. DDDC will advertise for a further poll to fill the three remaining vacancies. The earliest the new council will meet is likely to be in June. If an emergency arose then DDDC would have to supply a representative to make council quorate.

489 Village Hall and outbuildings

Council resolved that Simon Brister be instructed to proceed with formally writing and then negotiating with the Waterhouse Estate solicitor to settle for our preferred freehold option including for profit sharing clauses if required to satisfy their trustees or to get a long leasehold with appropriate right of way to our land or to submit a section 26 if all else fails.

490 Annual Governance Statement and Final Year End Accounts

The final accounts were presented to the meeting. Council approved the accounts and governance statement for signature by the Chair. The internal audit will be carried out on 8th May.

491 Items for Information, DALC & Correspondence

DALC 10-12; Came & Co newsletter, Unity Bank newsletter DCC Minerals Plan consultation, PDNPA member nominations

Dales Housing walkabout 13th May 2015 pm

492 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

Cheque No	Payee	
300018	HM Lovell (May)	£101.20
300019	HM Lovell (expenses)	£38.68
300020	HM Lovell (June)	£101.20
300021	B Wood	£28.00
300022	Broker Network Ltd	£721.01
	Total	£990.09

(b) Income

Interest – 31 Mar	£1.07	
Interest April reserve acct	£0.21	
Precept	£3000.00	
Government grant	£95.00	
	Total	£3096.28

(c) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Unity Account after above	£5250.77
Nat West account Balances	£5004.08 + 0.54

493 Date of next meeting – tba

2015: 15th July, 23rd September, 18th November

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

none

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:35 pm