

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 10th January 2018

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

In attendance: Matthew Lovell (Clerk) and 2 members of the Public

Part 1 Non-confidential items

718 To receive apologies for absence

No apologies necessary

719 Variation of order of business and time constrained items

Item 722 – Home Farm Manege was moved to the end of the meeting to allow the applicant to leave before discussion.

720 Declarations of Members Interests

Item 722 – Cllr Sutton declared a pecuniary interest as the applicant and left the meeting before the application was discussed. Cllr Mallaband declared a personal interest through family connection at Home Farm and abstained from the decision.

721 Public Speaking

a) No matters

b) District Councillor Elliott sent his apologies. PCSO Boswell attended and noted that there were no issues for the parish and asked that should any arise and be shared on social media that the post include a crime or incident number as the 101 service is receiving offers of information by members of the public in other areas and without this valuable time is lost identifying the issue. 101 can be used to contact the Rural Crime Team at Matlock when required as operators can put callers through. One PC and 2 PCSOs (including PC Boswell) cover 52 villages in our Neighbourhood area.

722 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 15th November 2017. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

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

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

Decisions received: NP/DDD/0917/0952 Middleton Hall – construction of Manege – Refused

Applications returned/for discussion:

NP/DDD/1117/1194 Home Farm Weaddow Lane – construction of manege - GRANTED

Council supports this application noting that the area cannot be seen from the road and enhances a working farm.

PDNPA also to note that council specifically brought forward its meeting by a week to 10th January to discuss this application in public and return this before the officer's decision deadline, having previously contacted the officer in early December to ask if this was acceptable as the applicant is a parish councillor. It is therefore concerned to

have received no response and seen that a delegated decision was published on the PDNPA website dated 5th January.

NP/DDD/1217/1310 Castle Farm - listed consent to reopen blocked window and door openings

Council supports this application as an improvement in reinstating the original features

723 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

Report to DCC – 3 drains blocked opposite the chapel, Roughwood Hollow blocked gully, 2 blocked gullies outside Church and one drain below The Rakes grit bin as well as one by and one opposite the defibrillator kiosk

724 Report of the Clerk:

- i. Playground / Village Assets
Grit bins refilled, another moss spray will be carried out on the playground when weather stabilises.
- ii. War Memorial Garden
The garden has been in existence for 70 years to commemorate the fallen. It was agreed due to the misunderstanding that the Parish Council will pay to move the bench to an alternative location – the picnic area was suggested. The owners of the commercial sign in front of the garden are to be asked again to relocate it.
- iii. Batemans Tomb
No prices have been received. Clerk to contact Conservation Area Officer to ask whether we can effect basic careful repairs or whether the specification has to be followed to the letter as no quotes are being received.
- iv. VH Management Committee
The next meeting tomorrow evening will sort the logistics for the Bateman Arms and start the process for the village market. A review of all current commitments is due at the AGM in June and the Village Hall Teas with therefore remain a Council funder for this year.
- v. DDDC Toilet Block
Awaiting the committee review
- vi. Village Hall Community Letter
The letter was copied to each trustee as promised by the Trust solicitors and three have responded to their solicitor who is now taking instruction from the other two.

725 No parking signs in a Conservation Area

Advice from the Peak Park is to submit locations, designs and need formally for consideration. Council has no objection to discrete notices placed for valid reasons eg disabled access, but would prefer not to see more and notes their legal invalidity where placed on the public highway.

726 General Data Protection Regulation Compliance

Dalc advises all councils to budget for £300 to cover the compulsory Data Protection Officer however they are still seeking advice and hope to provide a service to enable groups of parish councils to jointly employ one. Emphasis for now is on getting all

systems ready for the tightened-up FOI requests and personal data rules. Clerk is investigating basic protection through encryption software and local backup.

729 Precept for 2018/19

Resolved to set at the same level as last year - £3300

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

DALC Circulars 13-15, 1-2, Clerks and Councils Direct, PDNPA policy reviews

731 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment		net	vat
Dir	Bank charge (Dec)	£18.00	
STO	HM Lovell (January salary)	£117.94	
	Direct debit NEST (monthly)	£8.73	
STO	HM Lovell (February salary)	£117.94	
	Direct debit NEST (monthly)	£8.73	
	100104 The Bugle	£30.00	
	100105 J Aston website maintenance	£39.00	
Total		£340.34	
(b) Income			
Nat West interest £0.37			
Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment			
Unity Account £5929.25		after above	£5988.91
Nat West account Savings: £5008.39			£5008.76

732 Date of next meeting - 7th March 2018 at 8:15pm in the Village Hall.

2018: 16th May – Annual Council and Annual Parish Meetings

11th July, 12th September, 14th November

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:45 pm