

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 15th November 2017

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

In attendance: Matthew Lovell (Clerk) and 3 member of the Public

Part 1 Non-confidential items

705 To receive apologies for absence
No apologies necessary

706 Variation of order of business and time constrained items
No variations required.

707 Declarations of Members Interests
No declarations required.

708 Public Speaking

a) The sites of meaning project co-ordinator is proposing a tidy up, an additional stone and awareness for a new generation of children via a poetry project at the Primary School and residents to get involved in. The original committee has only 2 members left so is to be expanded and a grant application made to fully finance the project including for a new leaflet. Council expressed its continued commitment to the maintenance of the boundary stones and is ready to give support to the outcome of the new project.

b) County Councillor Spencer and District Councillor Elliott sent their apologies

709 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous meeting
RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 20th September 2017. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

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

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

Decisions received: none

Applications returned/for discussion:

NP/DDD/0917/0952 Middleton Hall – construction of manege

Council supports this application on the basis of it being virtually hidden from view and not for commercial use.

712 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

Report to DCC – light in centre of village has been repaired and all the reported potholes now filled. Clerk to thank DCC for its clean of the Rakes and ask that Weaddow Lane from Roughwood Hollow through to the boundary at Smerrill have the same treatment (F359649). The grit bins are now all filled.

713 Report of the Clerk:

- i. Playground / Village Assets
Further Wet and Forget has been purchased to complete the playground and Environmental Health instructs that the dead moss is green bin compatible. Whilst the moss came up the ground now seems more slippery at the hall entrance and a second spray will be tried.
Website – needs an “h” on Parish and the community pages updating.
The War Memorial Garden has new arrivals of a seat and commercial sign not associated with its dedication. The clerk is to write and ask that the sign be relocated. Discussion ensued as to the appropriateness of a bench not dedicated to the same aims as the garden with firm views each way. An adjacent location was proposed for the bench (though there are doubts to its availability) as a compromise although Council should have been formally consulted before it's erection as custodians of the War Memorial Playground and Garden.
- ii. Batemans Tomb
No prices have been received and the reduced spec is to be circulated again.
- iii. VH Management Committee
The first event – Harvest supper under the new committee was a success and the flyer has gone house to house for the Christmas party. Bateman's Arms date has been changed to Saturday 10th and the door to door signature collection has also obtained email addresses to create a network. The committee offered to ask residents whether their network could also be used for occasional Parish Council notifications.
- iv. DDDC Toilet Block
The review continues with officer report to Council now in January.
DDDC have today offered £3000 plus a repair sum of £5780 for us to take back the building and terminate the lease. The lease clause 3.4 requires them to keep in good repair and there are 25 ½ years left to run for a facility that is open all year.
DDDC have confirmed they are closing this winter again.
Council resolved to respond that as DDDC are legally obliged to pay for repairs then the £3000 offer was understated and that DDDC should abide by the conditions of the lease and reopen the block to keep with their commitment for the remainder of the lease period.

714 Village Hall Community letter

The letter has over 100 signatures and is to be sent to the Waterhouse Trust solicitor with copies for all 5 trustees. Council resolved that the Chair be authorised to sign the letter on behalf of the community. Thanks were expressed to the two individuals who went door to door to explain to the community the approach and obtain all the signatures.

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

DALC Circulars 11 & 12, Clerks and Councils Direct, BECT shopping bus service
The Data Protection course attended by the clerk has noted that Government has made every level of public service requiring an independent Data Protection Officer to advise and audit. NALC is clarifying with government and DALC looking into employing one on behalf of all its members.

716 Finance

(a)	Accounts for Payment	net	vat
	STO	Unity charges	£18.00
	300101	Wet and Forget (2nd batch)	£43.74 £8.74
	300102	J Simpson – mowing	£256.00
	300103	HM Lovell expenses	£12.06
	STO	HM Lovell (November salary)	£117.94
	DDR	NEST (monthly)	£8.73
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	Total		£591.88

(b) Income

Nat West interest £0.08
MVHMC £496.38

(c) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Unity Account £6024.75	after above	£5929.25
Nat West account Savings: £5008.31		£5008.39

717 Date of next meeting - 10th January 2018 at 8:15pm in the Village Hall.

2018:, 7th March, 16th May

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