

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 7th February 2018

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

In attendance: Matthew Lovell (Clerk) and 4 members of the Public

Part 1 Non-confidential items

733 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received for Cllr Claire Sutton

734 Variation of order of business and time constrained items

None required.

735 Declarations of Members Interests

Item 739 – Cllr Wigley declared an interest in the Greencroft Farm application which the meeting deemed non-prejudicial.

736 Public Speaking

a) No matters

b) PCSO Boswell sent his apologies.

Sandra Lamb Head of Democratic Services DDDC informed the meeting of a new idea to hand the toilet block back with monies already offered and entrance 20p pay locks in the doors that she considered would self-finance it. There was a slim chance in her view that the requirement for DDDC to return to 52 week opening was possible as the current cleaning budget is inadequate in providing a quality service for the 26 blocks. She also noted the possibilities of advertising using dwell time marketing for local businesses that DDDC are looking at for the blocks they intend to keep open.

Councillors and those present noted that walkers visit all year and there is no business opportunity in this village. Council considered that nothing had changed and that our legal agreement was the right course to uphold. Whilst Sandra Lamb noted that all 26 blocks are unique we are the only one with a lease and councillors will be presented with a range of options to decide on. District Councillor Elliott Councillor agreed that DDDC budget savings require hard choices and he is only 1 of 30 councillors many of whom have no toilet blocks in their ward. Sandra Lamb noted that the neighbouring District Councils do not run toilet blocks. She promised to send a copy of her report on 28th February with its recommendations that will be decided at the District Council meeting on 8th March.

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

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 10th January 2018. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

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

739 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting & planning related matters
Decisions received: NP/DDD/1117/1194 – Home Farm Weaddow Lane – Manege – granted – Council has received an apology from the officer and parish liaison officer for all our emails having gone to their spam folder, this has now been corrected and tested.

Applications returned/for discussion:

NP/DDD/0118/0060 – Castle Farm – Proposed alterations and extension to dwelling

Council fully supports this application which will return the external appearance to that of its original features especially for the windows. The roof material choice for the house was seen to be an improvement on the existing.

NP/DDD/0118/0037 – Greencroft Farm – Demolition of cattle housing sheds and removal of concrete ramp

Council supports the removal of these structures which will enhance the appearance of the surrounding buildings.

NP/DDD/0118/0052 – 17 Holly Tree Cottage The Square – retrospective application for Listed Building consent for internal fabric alterations 2004-2017

Council supports this application as there are no external changes and the recent internal works appear to correct the modernisation of 2004.

740 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

Report to DCC – drains and gullies have been cleared with an extra one discovered. The pothole outside the church is deepening and it was noted that the white lining of junctions needed the potholes sorting before doing – clerk to report.

741 DDDC Toilet Block

Council reaffirmed its commitment to pursuing the legal agreement conditions of our lease and resolved to send the Chairman to the meeting on 8th March to state our unique case so that all District Councillors are aware.

742 Finance

(a)	Accounts for Payment	net	vat
	Ubdd Long Rake – grit refills	83.40	16.68
	Total	£100.08	

(b) Income
nil

Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Unity Account	£5606.91	after above	£5506.83
Nat West account Savings:	£5008.76		£5008.76

743 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 9:30 pm