

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 18th July 2018

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

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

Part 1 Non-confidential items

- 776 To receive apologies for absence
Apologies were accepted from Cllr Claire Sutton
- 777 Variation of order of business and time constrained items
No matters
- 778 Declarations of Members Interests
No declarations required
- 779 Public Speaking
Apologies from Graham Elliott DDDCllr and PCSO Boswell who emailed the launch of their new facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/BakewellSNT/>
A new Village Event was proposed "Middleton by Walking" which will be a children's "Riddle of the Stones" family hunt incorporating the Sites of Meaning as clues and a longer walk to other stones. The organiser wished to attach a 3.5m x 1m banner to the goal posts to advertise it the website page and facebook page that will draw in participants to the event. Council is pleased to give permission for this and its support – the event takes place on 27th to 29th October 2018.
A new service 178 that appears to run around Lathkill Dale from Bakewell has appeared without notification serving Over Haddon, Monyash, Middleton by Youlgrave, Youlgrave and returning to Bakewell. Times are on their website (and a link from ours).
- 780 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous meeting
RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 16th May 2018. The minutes were signed by the Chair.
- 781 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – Clerks remuneration
- 782 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting & planning related matters
Decisions received: none
Applications returned/for discussion:
NP/DDD/0618/0523 Construction of Manege, Middleton Hall
- Council supports this application in its new location noting that its only concerns of possible light pollution and commercial use are clearly stated in the application as not applicable so is happy to fully support it.
- NP/DIS/0618/0525 Barns at Greencroft Farm – conversion of two existing redundant agricultural barns to residential and ancillary use.
Council supports this scheme for the drainage plan and completion of works to other conditions.
- NP/GDO/0718/0575 Little Rookery Farm Whitfield Lane – proposed open plan agricultural building to store fodder and straw

Noted that the new building is set against the tree line and behind other buildings so will have no visible impact on the site.

783 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

Prices for road and pavement sweeping to be sought in preparation for DDDC withdrawal of autumn leaf fall service. Gulley map to be brought to next meeting. Potholes whilst some are filled there is now a 5mph rough area at the Derbyshire Aggregates junction approach, the crossroads with the Friden road has visibility issues with high brambles to the right when approaching from Long Rake. County Councillor to be copied in on this.

784 Report of the Clerk:

a) Playground / Village Assets / Website

Rospa report passed to Mossaway – who don't provide guarantees for the washing process - only their coatings. A price is to be sought from a quarries contractor for this. The goalposts are to be replaced shortly on the playground. A DCC ID has appeared on our Rakes grit bin. The Defibrillator kiosk needs to be kept swept out and ivy removed. The clerk is to contact our mowing contractor and ask for a price for 2 cleans per year. The defibrillator itself needs a monthly check and online report to Webnos – currently the clerk carries this out when putting up agenda or minutes but this is bi-monthly. Cllr Mallaband offered to check on the alternative months.

b) War Memorial Garden 100 year commemoration wording

The suggestion was for a slab of rock to be acquired to place the plaque on in front of the garden. The wording will be finalised at the next meeting and the plaque ordered – suitable examples are to be sourced and priced for then.

c) Village Hall Management Committee report

The Village Hall teas made over £900 but their AGM resolved to give an arbitrary £540 to Council as its last contribution. This is less than the £600 budgeted for and will inevitably lead to the precept being raised next year to cover the loss of annual income. VHMC are to be queried why this sum was picked rather than £600.

d) Village Hall Community letter update

The impasse caused by two trustees not responding puts us back to no progress. It was agreed for Cllr Mallaband to draft out the alternatives to discuss council's way forward at the next meeting. It is recognised that for now the status quo use is the short term fix and the VH Management Committee are costing essential repairs to keep the hall in the same condition as now.

e) Broadband update

The structure has been built and is going through quality assurance and commissioning, provided no issues are identified, it is anticipated that it will be ready for ordering by the end of the month.

f) Damage to Site of Meaning

Hiscox has paid out £200 to effect repairs to the sheepwash stones – the quote was for £450 but we have a £250 excess on policy. Resolved to pay the £450.00 repair but to ask the VHC to consider a 50% donation ie £125 as they are using the Sites for fund raising. The defaced faces stone is to be repaired by the artist next week free of charge but with a request that the area be strimmed before she starts – Cllr Wigley volunteered to carry this out.

g) PDNPA clerks meeting (Bradford Dale and Bateman's Tomb)

The recent meeting of Peak Parish clerks at Aldern House attended by officers from all sections gave the opportunity to raise items of concern with the new Cultural Heritage Manager. Subsequently the correspondence on Bradford Dale has been forwarded to PDNPA to have a fresh look at preserving the heritage of Bradford Dale and the clerk has twice met with officers at Batemans Tomb to express our desire to do a manageable preservation scheme. The officers

were pleased to be involved and can offer a 75% grant to £1500 plus their expertise to carry out initial works. Council resolved to set aside £500 and apply for £1500.

785 Community Involvement Scheme
Resolved to note that most of the reporting is already done by Council but to express a cautious interest in case money is to be made directly available to carry out these tasks.

786 Standing Orders 2018
Resolved to adopt the amended Standing orders as circulated.

787 Items for information and DALC (already circulated by email)
DALC Circulars 7-9, Clerks and Councils Direct, PDNPA Bulletins

788 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

UBddr	Play Inspection Co Ltd	£66.50	£13.30
Ubdd	Unity fee	£18.00	
STO	HM Lovell (July salary)	£123.17	
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£9.11	
Ubddr	Haddon landscapes – 2 strims	£60.00	
Ubddr	B Tabbenor – relocating bench	£60.00	£12.00
ubddr	J Aston website fee	£39.00	
STO	HM Lovell (August salary)	£123.17	
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£9.11	
	Total	£494.36	

(b) Income

Nat West interest £0.63
Village Hall Teas £540.00
Hall insurance contribution £522.05
Hiscox insurance £200.00

(a) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Unity Account £7750.17	after above	£8517.86
Nat West account Savings: £5009.38		£5010.01

789 Date of next meeting - 12th September 2018 at 8:15pm in the Village Hall.
Remaining 2018: 14th November; 2019: 16th January, 13th March, 15th May (post elections)

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

790 The clerk's contract was signed

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:06 pm