

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 July 2015

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

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

- 511 Co-Option of members for two vacancies
One candidate came forward and councillors agreed to co-opt Henry Brocklehurst as a member.
- 512 To receive apologies for absence
No apologies necessary
- 513 Variation of order of business and time constrained items
It was agreed that no variations were required.
- 514 Declarations of Members Interests
No declarations were required. Councillors filled in the Declaration of Pecuniary interest Forms.
- 515 Public Speaking
Cnly Cllr Simon Spencer sent his apologies.
PC Hyde was due to attend but other duties kept him away. It was noted that Bakewell police station is currently operational but not for public access.
- 516 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the meeting held in June
RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 3rd June 2015 subject to amendment of the Unity bank balance figure typing error to £6562.53. The minutes were signed by the Chair.
- 517 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none
- 518 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting & planning related matters
Decisions received: NP/DDD/0415/0328 – April Cottage kitchen conversion – Granted
NP/DDD/0515/0483 Tor Farm – Erection of general purpose Agricultural Barn - Granted

Applications returned/for discussion: none

Tor Farm update
The Enforcement Officer has discussed the trailer being moved inside the boundary and will continue to pursue this but is informed that the owner is trying to sell it.
- 519 Footpaths and Highways and related issues
The potholes have been filled to Smerrill but no further. The grant is to be used on the Bridleway and an order placed for its clearance.
DCC Footpaths – SBS 884465 – item 4 – Footpath down The Dale

No news on the footpath into the Dale

520 Report of the Clerk:

- i. Playground / Village Assets – ROSPA Report
DDDC maintenance team has replaced the tyres with a normal and a toddler swing seat. The report had noted that they were wearing and too low. It was agreed to ask the painting contractor to paint the goal posts.
- ii. Defibrillator installation
The painting of the box is to be carried out shortly and was delegated to the clerk to place an order.
- iii. Batemans Tomb
The Conservation Officer is currently drawing up a spec. The clerk has asked for a price for the dry stone wall to cover this aspect for the project grant. The tree contractor has still not supplied a receipt to the Peak Park who are withholding our payment.
- iv. Website
Council transparency requirements were met by 1st July deadline with all required information being published.
- v. Village Hall and outbuildings
Simon Brister has received a letter indicating the hall could be transferred but with us bearing approx. £6000 solicitors costs. Council determined that this London weighting is excessive and instructed that we will pay for copies of the documents and find a local solicitor to carry out this work.
- vi. Co-option of members and meeting dates
We still have one vacancy but providing three councillors can attend the meetings don't need to change days for now.

521 Employers statutory pension scheme

Council agreed to set up a scheme with NEST at 8% total contribution - (Employers contribution as per clerks contract 3.75%) with the sum to date transferred.

522 Tree survey and pollarding

Tree inspections are required in the War memorial playground and village hall areas. PDNPA was asked but are currently working out how much to charge for this service. It was agreed to ask the contractor for Bateman's Tomb to price for the two trees at the Village Hall, two in the playground and two in the picnic area.

523 Noticeboard – larger replacement and placement of commercial notices

It was considered that the board is adequate size and needs a clean, catch repair and stain. It was agreed that parish and surrounding area notices take precedence and any further afield should be removed to make room for them and no commercial notices stay up longer than 3 months.

524 Planting the Parish Trough

Agreed to ask the mowing contractor to include for this as an extra on the existing contract.

525 Items for Information, DALC & Correspondence

Completion of Audit, DALC 14-17, DDDC community Forums (ABC 28th July)

526 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

Cheque No	Payee	
300024	HM Lovell (July salary)	£101.20
300025	HM Lovell (expenses)	£25.42
300026	Playsafety Ltd	£78.00
300027	HM Lovell (August salary)	£101.20
	Total	£305.82

(b) Income

Interest Nat West	£0.85	
Interest Unity	£1.27	
	Total	£2.12

(c) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Unity Account after above	£6257.56
Nat West account Balances	£5004.50 + 0.54

A set of accounts to date was presented to councillors.

527 Date of next meeting – 23rd September 8:15pm in the Village Hall

2015/16:, 18th November, 20th January, 16th March, 18th May

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

none

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9: 25 pm