

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 16th November 2016

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

- 614 To receive apologies for absence
Cllr Clare Sutton.

- 615 Variation of order of business and time constrained items
It was agreed that no variations were required.

- 616 Declarations of Members Interests
No declarations were required.

- 617 Public Speaking
Apologies were received from the PDNPA representative and County Councillor. PCSO Anthony Boswell replaced PCSO Grundy on 18th October as our local liaison and introduced himself to the meeting, where he was thanked by all present for attending. The District Councillor attended but noted that apart from the squeeze on finances the main issues for the Dales concern new housing outside the Peak Park.

- 618 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous meeting
RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 14th September 2016. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

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

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

Decisions received: none

Applications returned/for discussion: none

- 621 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

DCC Footpaths – SBS 884465 – item 4 – Footpath down The Dale – no news. Clerk to contact. Clerk has chased the road repairs and reported that the County Councillor received a report of those outstanding with a promise of action. The pothole outside the church needs adding to his list and will be reported again.

DDDC road sweep is not the last and another will be carried out once leaf fall has completed – Council asked that Rake Lane be sorted now as the carriageway is almost single track through the leaves.

- 622 Report of the Clerk:

- i. Playground / Village Assets
A jet washer for the algae is being chased.

ii. Batemans Tomb

Clerk has received no further information on this and needs 3 quotes to seek grant assistance from Awards for All and a project figure to give the Heritage Fund. Further quotes will again be sought.

iii. Website

No issues reported. The new laptop is now set up and in use.

iv. Village Hall Management Committee Report

The September meeting was held to organise the Harvest supper and a further meeting is to be held to finalise the Christmas party 7:30 for 8pm on 9th December. This will be advertised on the website.

v. Church Roof Repairs

Thanks were received from the PCC for our donation.

623 Village Hall options

The solicitor has been engaged for an opinion on the "Open Spaces Act" for a sum not to exceed £500+vat. If this proves feasible a design incorporating the existing toilet block will be explored. A proposal was made that we ask the Trust how much they would sell the village hall for as this direct approach has not been explored in negotiations to date.

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

DALC Circulars, Clerks and Councils Direct

625 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

Cheque No	Payee	net	vat
Unity dd	3 months service charge	£18.00	
300093	HM Lovell (expenses)	£5.76	
STO	HM Lovell (November salary)	£116.78	
Direct debit	NEST (November)	£8.64	
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300094	J Simpson (mowing contract)	£248.00	
	Total	£522.60	

(b) Income

Nat West interest £0.65

(a) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Unity Account £5983.46	after above	£5460.86
Nat West account Savings: £5007.21		£5007.86

626 Date of next meeting – 18th January 2017 at 8:15pm in the Village Hall

2017:, 15th March, 17th May (+APM), 19th July, 20th September, 15th November

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION none

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:00 pm