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 20th September 2017

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

In attendance: Matthew Lovell (Clerk) and 1 member of the Public (VH meeting + 7)

Part 1 Non-confidential items

692 <u>To receive apologies for absence</u> No apologies necessary

- 693 <u>Variation of order of business and time constrained items</u>
 No variations required.
- 694 <u>Declarations of Members Interests</u>
 No declarations required.
- 695 Public Speaking
 - a) None (see below re VHMC and Council VH meeting)
 - b) District Councillor Graham Elliott sent his apologies and apologies were received for County Councillor Spencer the meeting wished him a speedy recovery.
- 696 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 19th July 2017. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

- 697 <u>To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public</u> excluded none
- 698 <u>Planning decisions/applications</u> received since last meeting & planning related matters <u>Decisions received:</u> none Applications returned/for discussion: none
- 699 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

Report to DCC – pothole in middle of square and junction on Rakes (towards Long Rake) Grit box on Rakes still needs filling by our supplier

700 Report of the Clerk:

- i. Playground / Village Assets Village Hall paths have been sprayed and the dead moss needs scraping up. A query as to where you can dispose of will be passed to DDDC. Additional fluid will be needed to complete the whole playground.
 - Website direct input by the designer for VHMC has started with new banner headlines on the front page.
- Batemans Tomb
 Strimming contract proposed for next season to comprise 3 cuts per year. The
 latest stonemason to be contacted has stopped doing historic repairs and it was

agreed to circulate the spec to councillors to approach their contacts in the trade.

iii. VH Management Committee

Event dates are now on the website and the new committee regularly meeting. The treasurer is looking in to how much it actually costs to run the hall.

iv. DDDC Toilet Block

The review continues – an interim decision allows officers to price up charging for the largest blocks and look at grants for Business provision of own loos. A survey of this is now available online. Clerk to ask what progress has been made on our facility – the officer report goes for District decision in December.

v. Broadband update

Phase 2 early next year should finally see the installation of fibre to the village.

701 Village Hall

In the hour-long discussion prior to the start of this meeting it was agreed by Council and all members of the Management Committee that the Trustees should make one last attempt to resolve the lease situation by writing to the Waterhouse Trust to ask for the hall to be given to the community, highlighting the historic connections and to approach residents on a door to door basis to ask them to sign this community letter. The Chair of Trustees is to draft and circulate the letter around two each from Council and Committee to ensure its contents express a broad consensus before going door to door.

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

DALC Circulars 9&10, Clerks and Councils Direct, DCC Parishes Liaison County Hall 21st September, DDDC Parish conferences, PDNPA Parishes Day 30th September

703 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment		net	vat	
STO	HM Lovell (September salary)	£117.94		
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£8.73		
Direct debit	Haddon Landscapes (tomb strim)	£20.00		
Direct debit	DALC training	£10.00		
STO	HM Lovell (October salary)	£117.94		
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£8.73		
	Total	£283.34		

(b)Income

Nat West interest £0.08 MVHMC £680.00

(a) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Unity Account £5628.09 after above £6024.75 Nat West account Savings: £5008.23 £5008.31

Completion of Audit – a clean bill of health was given and all details are already published on our website to comply with audit rules.

704 Date of next meeting - 15th November 2017 at 8:15pm in the Village Hall. 2018: 17th January, 7th March, 16th May

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:25 pm