

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 March 2015

Present: Cllr Henry Brocklehurst, Cllr Claire Sutton (Acting-Chair) and Cllr Jamie Wigley
In attendance: Matthew Lovell (Clerk) and 1 member of the Public

- 463 To receive apologies for absence
Apologies – Cllr David Mallaband and Cllr Helen Brocklehurst
- 464 Variation of order of business and time constrained items
It was agreed that no variations were required.
- 465 Declarations of Members Interests
No declarations were required.
- 466 Public Speaking
Cnty Cllr Simon Spencer and PC Hyde sent their apologies.
Dist Cllr David Frederickson promised to chase Highways to find out when the repair team is next due in the area.
- 467 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the meeting held in January
RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 28th January 2015. The minutes were signed by the Chair.
- 468 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none
- 469 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting & planning related matters
Decisions received: NP/DDD/1214/1298 – Rock Farm conversion of 1 to 2 dwellings - Refused

Applications returned/for discussion:

NP/DDD/1215/0135 – Mount Pleasant Farm – single storey addition

Council objects to this extension as it still seems disproportionate in size to its surroundings. It notes that the design is improved with less flat roof and a matching roof line to the barns but considers that this listed stone pillar hay barn is of historical importance and should not have a new extension attached to it. Comments from the Historic Buildings Officer report for the rejected application are still relevant to this. It is noted that with the disappearance of many mature trees this will become a very visible extension if built.

Tor Farm update

The new Enforcement Officer at PDNPA reports that he has visited this week but he will return shortly to discuss the trailer as it is still parked on the verge.

470 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

DCC Footpaths – SBS 884465 – item 4 – Footpath down The Dale

PROW officer has not completed his investigations yet.

It was noted that potholes are a major issue, Weaddow Lane was never finished by DCC in November and both sides of the road now urgently need repair. The section between the crossroads and Long Rake has several new ones as well as where the fill has worn away.

471 Report of the Clerk:

- i. Playground / Village Assets
Playground surface is to be power washed before May when the next inspection is booked.
- ii. Defibrillator installation
The BT equipment is gone and a team to refurbish the box is being advertised for in the next Bugle. The paint and box are currently being stored in the village hall and Cllr Wigley offered a power supply to enable power tools to be used to prepare the surfaces.
- iii. Batemans Tomb
The trees came down yesterday and the clerk with the PDNPA will produce a spec for the restoration to send out to stone masons and iron workers to price to reinstate the monument with grant aid. An article in the Bugle seeks old photos showing the original position of the railings and the clerk is contacting Sheffield Museums and B Marsden.
- iv. Website
A meeting with the web designer has seen the site handed over to the clerk with Peter Tapping also being able to upload and Jack Aston ready to resolve any technical teething problems. The parish minutes are now on the site and other statutory information will go up before the Government 1st July deadline.

472 Village Hall and outbuildings

Council agreed to apply for a new lease due to the impasse in getting the title and authorised Simon Brister to act on our behalf to carry this out.

473 DALC Subscription/training package

Agreed to pay the training at £25 per person rather than pay up front.

474 Year End accounts and internal audit

The costs born for the start of Bateman's tomb will be offset hopefully before year end by £325 from PDNPA grant. Otherwise due to this and the playground repairs Council has overspent on the year but this is easily covered by reserves. Council appointed Brian Wood to carry out the internal audit based on these figures. The grant monies will be reserved towards future Restoration costs.

475 Items for Information, DALC & Correspondence

Clerks and Councils Direct, NHS North Derbyshire; Plant Monitoring Survey, PDNPA member appointments DALC 4- 7

Dales Housing walkabout 13th May 2015 pm

476 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

Cheque No	Payee	
300013	HM Lovell (March)	£107.74
300014	HM Lovell (expenses)	£31.74
300015	Jack Aston (website 6m)	£42.32
300016	Dalc subscription	£62.03
300017	HM Lovell (April)	£101.20
Total		£345.03

(b) Income

Interest –	£0.19
Total	£0.19

(c) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Unity Account after above	£3141.64
Nat West account Balances	£5003.65 + 0.54

461 Date of next meeting – 20th May 2015

2015: 15th July, 23rd September, 18th November

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

462 Mowing Contract

It was agreed to place this with J Simpson

463 Clerks additional hours for the website

Council agreed to pay the clerk for the hours worked to set up the site. The clerk will keep a log for submission to Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:09 pm