

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 7th March 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

744 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Claire Sutton

745 Variation of order of business and time constrained items

None required.

746 Declarations of Members Interests

No declarations required in respect of this meeting.

747 Public Speaking

a) No matters raised

b) PCSO Boswell and DCCouncillor Spencer sent their apologies.

District Councillor Elliott Councillor noted that tomorrow's meeting was receiving a lot of interest with speakers restricted to 3 minutes.

748 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 7th February 2018. The minutes were signed by the Chair subject to noting an accounting error in the brought forward balance that hadn't taken off the December bank charge of £18.00

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

750 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting & planning related matters Decisions received: none

Applications returned/for discussion: none

751 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

Report to DCC – 17 potholes between Middleton and Long Rake. Speeding HGVs – both foreign and local are forcing cars off the road on Long Rake.

752 Report of the Clerk:

i. Playground / Village Assets / Grit / Website

All 3 Grit bins are empty and an order placed for Long Rake to refill as soon as possible.

ii. War Memorial Garden

No alternative site has been received yet. Cllr Wigley to ask for an alternative location this week. Clerk to be informed and delegated to sort out the memorial bench as soon as practicable.

- iii. Batemans Tomb
PDNPA are happy with a general clean up and like for like gate repair, but as it is a listed monument want details if the Urn is to be fixed, or other methods, however no prices have been received. Clerk to attempt to simplify the spec and submit to the Peak Park to see what is acceptable.
- iv. VH Management Committee
The 101st anniversary of the closure of the Bateman Arms was a great success and well attended. A new Events newsletter has gone out today and plans for the Welldressing/village market with other community events culminating in Middleton Rocks are progressing.
- v. Village Hall Community Letter
The Trust solicitor still awaits a response from 2 trustees.

753 DDDC Toilet Block – representation at 8th March DDDC Committee meeting

A 3 minute slot is booked for the Chair to speak at tomorrow's DDDC meeting at 6pm. Council resolved that the draft read to the meeting covering the legal position of 52 week opening combined with running costs for the block being more than our current precept for such a small community needed making clear to the committee and accepted it unaltered.

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

DALC Circulars 4, Clerks and Councils Direct

755 Finance

(a)	Accounts for Payment	net	vat
STO	HM Lovell (March salary)		£117.94
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)		£8.73
Direct debit	Bank charges		£18.00
300107	HM Lovell expenses		£16.14
300108	DALC		£65.11
STO	HM Lovell (April salary)		£117.94
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)		£8.73
	Total		£352.59
(b) Income			
	Nat West interest £0.23		

(a) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Unity Account £5488.83	after above	£5136.24
Nat West account Savings: £5008.76		£5008.99

756 Date of next meeting - 16th May – Annual Council and Annual Parish Meetings at 8:15pm

2018: 11th July, 12th September, 14th November

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:05 pm