

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 14th November 2018

Present: Cllr Henry Brocklehurst, Cllr David Mallaband (Chair) & Cllr Jamie Wigley
In attendance: Matthew Lovell (Clerk) and 3 members of the Public

Part 1 Non-confidential items

805 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Helen Brocklehurst and Cllr Claire Sutton

806 Variation of order of business and time constrained items

No matters

807 Declarations of Members Interests

No declarations required

808 Public Speaking

Apologies from DDDCllr Graham Elliott, PDNPA A McCloy, DCCllr Spencer and PCSO Boswell

2 members of the public expressed concern that clearance of the Sheepwash seen this morning included removing moss from the walls. The state of the area being allowed to return to pre-industrialisation was deplored for its loss of heritage and queries raised as to whether the PDNPA could designate it a Conservation Area to protect and conserve it. Council noted a cautious approach as PDNPA are talking with the landowner but with no response to letters from both Parish Councils and lack of progress for several years agreed that awareness needed raising if no agreement was reached with PDNPA shortly.

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

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 12th September 2018. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

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

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

Decisions received: NP/DDD/ 0618/0523 Middleton Hall -Construction of Manege – Granted

Applications returned/for discussion:

NP/DDD/1018/0928(listed) and 0926 – Castle Farm – part barn conversion to store and plant room inc replacement windows and doors

Parish Council supports these improvements as sympathetic and in keeping with the site architecture and function.

0972(listed) – Castle Farm - raising internal door height

Council supports the replacement of a poorly constructed alteration with a style more in keeping with the structure

812 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

The new LED across from the Village Hall has received complaint of shining into the property. Clerk to contact DCC to ask if the new lights are to be switched off at midnight as were the old or if not whether a hood to shield it from the house can be added. Whitfield Lane – part pothole fill – clerk to chase remainder.

813 Report of the Clerk:

a) Playground / Village Assets / Website

A price is to be sought for maintaining the four benches around the square.

Our 3 NO. Grit Bins are to be refilled ready for winter.

Once the nil business rate on Public Toilets becomes statute, DDDC are to be contacted to ask that the monies saved on business rates be diverted to honour their lease commitment to year round opening of the toilet block.

b) Village Hall Management Committee report

Harvest supper was a success and Middleton by Walking didn't generate the numbers hoped for but was profitable and lessons learnt for next year. Preparations for the Christmas party are in hand and a newsletter will go out this week. The essential work to the hall – fixing of gutters is now complete.

c) Village Hall next steps

The Trustees price to sell the hall to the village has received no reaction apart from a short missive on the third ask to say the trustees hadn't responded. With their acknowledgement of the cessation of the Trust in 2010 it is considered that we have no obligation to maintain the building any further.

The Right of Access to our land review is underway and a report expected shortly.

The alternative options were agreed for a joint meeting between parish councillors and hall committee to agree what to put to the community as the future village hall. The discussions with the Community Development Officer appear very amenable to take further.

d) Bradford Dale

Clerk raised with officers at PDNPA Parishes Day. The Conservation team is consulting with their Agricultural team on this and due to visit the dale and report back. In light of the public concern Clerk will urgently chase their report.

e) Road sweeping and gulley map

DDDC have made a surprise visit and cleared leaves and according to their website are scheduled to visit villages twice and meet H&S requirements at leaf fall etc. Gulley map to be emailed to Clerk on completion of the survey. A reminder will be sent to Highways at month end by which time all leaves should be down.

814 1918-2018 Commemorative Plaque

The original plaque is being moved this week and new one was fixed to the stone wall at the centre of the garden in time for the celebrations. The 100 yr WW1 plaque position is to balance a future WW2 plaque at it's centenary 30 years hence.

815 Batemans Tomb Grant Works

The grant is reserved with PDNPA Officers specifying repairs to the gate and resetting the front flags with a small investigative trench as covered by this grant. One volunteer came forward but as this is heavy lifting and handball work Cllr Wigley agreed to get together a team to work under the supervision of PDNPA Officers with the PC providing a small payment to participants.

816 Precept 2019/20

Resolved to increase by £700 to £4000 to meet rising costs but mainly due to the loss of the annual income provided by the Welldressing teas.

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

DALC Circulars 12-14, Clerks and Councils Direct, PDNPA DofE survey – please take your litter home

818 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

Ubdirect	Anglia Cast Sign	£151.18	£30.24
Ubdirect	C Monkhouse insurance repair	£450.00	
STO	HM Lovell (November salary)	£123.17	
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£9.11	
STO	HM Lovell (Dec salary)	£123.17	
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£9.11	
Direct	Unity Charge (Dec)	£18.00	
300111	J Simpson	£233.00	
Direct	Youlgrave Royal British Legion	£20.00	
	Total	£1166.98	

(b) Income

Nat West interest £1.03

(a) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Contract for mowing for 2019 placed with J Simpson

Unity Account £7687.24 after above £6520.26

Nat West account Savings: £5010.44 £5011.47

819 Date of next meeting - 16th January 2019 at 8:15pm in the Village Hall.

2019: 13th March, 15th May (post elections)

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

None

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:20 pm