

# 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 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019*

Present: Cllr Helen Brocklehurst, Cllr Henry Brocklehurst, Cllr David Mallaband (Chair) & Cllr Jamie Wigley  
In attendance: Matthew Lovell (Clerk) and 2 members of the Public

Part 1 Non-confidential items

820 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Claire Sutton

821 Variation of order of business and time constrained items

No matters

822 Declarations of Members Interests

No declarations required

823 Public Speaking

Apologies from PDNPA A McCloy, DCCLr Spencer and PCSO Boswell

DDCCllr Graham Elliott sent apologies and noted that despite all efforts DCC will not consider extending the gritting route beyond Youlgrave allotment car park until the scheme next comes up for review.

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

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

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

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

Decisions received: NP/DDD/1018/0926&0928 – Barn to Store, 0972 – Internal door – granted

Applications returned/for discussion:

NP/DDD/1218/1172(listed) and 1171 – Castle Farm – Proposed use of Yard as Garden

Council supports the conversion of the yard back to its pre-war garden status.

827 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

If LED lights have replaced those that were on the previous part night system (off midnight to 5:30am) they should still be. Highways will investigate to adjust the angle or as a last resort fit a shield if discomfort is experienced.

The pothole in the pavement opposite the Village Hall has been reported to DCC.

828 Report of the Clerk:

a) Playground / Village Assets / Website / defibrillator / benches

Prices are awaited for maintaining the four benches around the square.

The Grit Bins were filled prior to new year. The website has been updated.

b) Village Hall Management Committee report

Following Batemans Arms on 9<sup>th</sup> plans are already underway for Well Dressing weekend with stalls and traditional childrens games as per last year and Morris Dancers and an extended Open gardens and trail

c) Village Hall next steps

The Right of Access to our land review is promised soon. Clerk to ask Post Office costs of delivering an introductory letter to all parish properties advising of a questionnaire and the proposals to end hall use and the alternatives to be considered. A draft questionnaire is to be circulated round council and hall committee members and a joint meeting planned for end of January to tweak ready to circulate. A Joint group will then analyse and decide a way forward.

d) Bradford Dale

PDNPA are investigating the Sheepwash and Dale and are being chased by our PDNPA member for their report.

e) Road sweeping and gulley map

DDDC have made another visit and gullies are being emptied. The Gulley map was presented to the meeting and will be copied to DCC.

f) FOI request and response

A request for financial information for the last 5 years was received at Christmas in a specific format. Advice was taken and the enquirer referred to the website for the audited information and the clerk provided figures for the current year. It was also advised that as a consequence we needed to be registered with ICO who charge £40/year and this has been carried out. It is noted that most councils haven't yet signed up as the change to the law to no longer require a DPO is imminent and the current online process does not reflect this.

829 Batemans Tomb Grant Works

The grant has been withdrawn for this financial year and will be issued after April due to the workload of the Conservation Team at PDNPA.

830 Bank account closure / deposit account

The NatWest account has an out of date mandate as current instead of that submitted following the departure of the last clerk John Warren in 2011. Consequently the final transfer hasn't yet occurred. Having consulted the local branch, Council authorises the one remaining signatory Helen Brocklehurst to sign the closure letter transferring the monies direct to our account with Unity Bank. The letter will be countersigned by the other Unity Bank signatories and submitted with a copy of these minutes.

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

DALC Circulars 15-16,1, Clerks and Councils Direct

832 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

STO	HM Lovell (January salary)	£123.17
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£9.11
Drr	ICO Registration	£40.00
Dr	The Bugle	£30.00
Drr	J Aston Website maintenance	£45.00
STO	HM Lovell (February salary)	£123.17
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£9.11
	Total	£379.56

(b) Income - Nat West interest £1.67

(c) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Unity online savings account £0.00

Unity Account £6520.26

Nat West account Savings: £5011.47

after above £6140.70

£5013.14

833 Date of next meeting - 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 8:15pm in the Village Hall.

2019: 15<sup>th</sup> May (post elections), 10<sup>th</sup> July, 11<sup>th</sup> September, 20<sup>th</sup> November

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

834 SC18 / 8 agreement – Council agreed to the rate increase from 1<sup>st</sup> April

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:46 pm