

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 13th March 2019

Present: Cllr Helen Brocklehurst, Cllr Henry Brocklehurst, Cllr David Mallaband (Chair), Cllr Claire Sutton & Cllr Jamie Wigley

In attendance: Matthew Lovell (Clerk) and 3 members of the Public

Part 1 Non-confidential items

835 To receive apologies for absence
No apologies required

836 Variation of order of business and time constrained items
No matters

837 Declarations of Members Interests
No declarations required

838 Public Speaking
Apologies from PDNPA A McCloy, DCCllr Spencer and PCSO Boswell
DDDCllr Graham Elliott noted DCC will only consider extending the gritting route at next review. DDDC is increasing council tax by 10p per week and is looking at the waste contract in 2020 but in the meantime is expected to start charging for green waste collection at tomorrow evening's meeting which will be broadcast on Utube.

The meeting was suspended for a presentation to Councillor Henry Brocklehurst for his 40 years service as a parish councillor to this parish. Thanks were given by the meeting and Cllr Brocklehurst remarked that he'd only missed 4 meetings in that time and wished council all the best for the future. Councillor Claire Sutton who is also stepping down was recognised and thanked for over 20 years service to the parish.

839 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous meeting
RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 16th January 2019. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

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

841 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting & planning related matters
Decisions received: NP/DDD/1218/1172(listed) and 1171 – Castle Farm – Proposed use of Yard as Garden - granted

Applications returned/for discussion: none

842 Footpaths and Highways and related issues
Highways are still to investigate the on all night Part night lamp and to adjust the angle or as a last resort fit a shield if discomfort is experienced.
The pothole by the church will be reported again to DCC. The gulleys are overflowing and need reporting online to DCC

843 Report of the Clerk:

- a) Village Assets: Playground / garden / Website / defibrillator / benches / Batemans Tomb
Prices are awaited for maintaining the four benches around the square. The website is to have out of date items removed shortly.

b) Village Hall Management Committee report

The annual cycle of events has completed and 60% of parishioners attended at least one event. Well Dressing and Market plans are well under way for May with the Village Trail being repeated and Hardy's Cave included.

c) Village Hall next steps

The Right of Access to our land review has been chased. The survey was posted today to all 68 properties with a return date of 2nd April. The village email system will send a reminder a week before the deadline. It is now available on the village website as well.

d) Bradford Dale

It is hoped with the management changes that a new era of co-operation will commence on the worst event to befall the parish in 40 years. Council is ready to continue joint action with Youlgrave PC on this matter if necessary.

844 Nat West Bank account closure

The Clerk visited Bakewell branch on 28th February who checked their records and noted that our letter of 16th January finally arrived into their system on 27th February and a response was due out, nothing has arrived and a phone call today established that the account is open but got nowhere as the bank will only investigate if a signature asks them to. Cllr Brocklehurst will phone them to try to resolve this.

845 Draft final accounts and Internal Audit

Subject to amendments for payments agreed at this meeting the accounts were agreed as ready for internal audit. They will be presented in full to the next meeting.

846 DALC Subscription normal vs enhanced

Agreed to pay the lower fee of £66.35 and send new councillors on training @£50 rather than pay £141.35 up front.

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

DALC Circulars 2-3, Clerks and Councils Direct

848 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

STO	HM Lovell (March salary)	£123.17
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£9.11
Drr	Post Office stamps	£46.90
Drr	Expenses	£37.70
300113	D Mallaband – Chairs expenses	£65.00
STO	HM Lovell (April salary)	£127.59
Direct debit	NEST (April monthly)	£9.44
300114	Dalc subscription ¼	£66.35
	Total	£485.36

(b) Income

Nat West interest £0.85+£0.77
Internal transfer of monies to interest account

(a) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Unity Account	£6140.70	after above	£655.44
Unity Instant access savings	£0.00		£5000.00
Nat West account Savings:	£5013.14		£5014.76

849 Date of next meeting - 15th May 2019 at 8:15pm in the Village Hall.

Parish Council Elections 2nd May

2019: 10th July, 11th September, 20th November