

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 10th July 2019

Present: Cllr Helen Brocklehurst, Cllr Dianne Jeremy, Cllr David Mallaband and Cllr Pat Musgrave
In attendance: Matthew Lovell (Clerk) and 4 members of the Public

Part 1 Non-confidential items

868 To receive apologies for absence
Cllr J Wigley sent apologies

869 Variation of order of business and time constrained items
No variations or time constrained items to add.

870 Declarations of Members Interests
No declarations required

871 Public Speaking
Apologies received from DC Cllr Simon Spencer and PCSO Boswell

The applicants for 0408 summarised their plans and need for an extension.

Concern was raised as to the collapsed Sheepwash wall section next to the Stones of Meaning and Council was happy to assure the parishioner that we are in continued correspondence with the Estate and PDNPA Conservation team to try to preserve the Industrial Heritage of Bradford Dale for future generations to appreciate. Council will offer to repair this section before stones go missing as we are instructing a waller for our own works as noted below.

District Councillor Graham Elliott noted that the Conservative majority in the new council is reduced to 1 so the Independent Councillors views are in great demand. He has checked on the status of Village Cleans and established that the 2 cleans we are set are for March and September but to contact him direct in good time as there may be movement – Council would prefer pre-Spring bank holiday and after leaf fall. He also noted the forthcoming boundary change review and this District being publicised as having too low a population.

872 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous meeting
RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 15th May 2019. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

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

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

Applications returned/for discussion:

NP/DDD/0419/0408 – Plantation View, Rake Lane – Part two storey part single storey extension following demolition of existing garage

Council supports this application as the materials proposed are in keeping with the existing house, sympathetic to its surroundings and the extension provides a local family with the essential space to remain in the community. Being such a small community Council is keen to support the retention of families and local residency and the proposals appear to fully meet design and material requirements in our conservation area.

NP/DDD/0619/0620 – 14 The Square – Retrospective and proposed consent for works to a listed building

Council supports this application as the alterations both proposed and retrospective appear in keeping with the design, listed status and features of surrounding buildings within our conservation area.

875 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

Council thanked DCC as all actions requested at the last meeting have been carried out.

876 Report of the Clerk:

- a) Village Assets: Playground / garden / Website / defibrillator / benches / Batemans Tomb
The ROSPA playground inspection highlighted some rust to the lower legs that Council has agreed to have cleaned and Hammerite and a section of loose wall that it agreed to repair. Clerk still awaiting response from PDNPA for the Conservation Team project for Bateman's Tomb. The website is now virtually up to date. Measures to try to raise its profile suggested by the designer were approved. There was a query as to how many hits we actually get.
- b) Village Hall Management Committee report / Welldressing
The report from the AGM and new officers are available on www.middletonbyyoulgrave.org.uk
The committee are discussing revising their pages on the website currently.
Middleton Rocks raised £545 for Ashgate Hospice.
- c) Village Hall next steps
Clerk to chase solicitor for definitive opinion and a conversation is to be had with a barrister to see if there are any legal avenues left to get an answer for the hall. Cllr Wigley has approached Middleton Estates who are going to discuss their option at their next trustees meeting and Cllr Jeremy has arranged a meeting on 7th August with Diocese which will be attended by Council, PCC and those who wished to be on the steering committee invited. PDNPA has been approached for an opinion as to the viability of the church from Planning perspective which is expected in the next two weeks ready for the Diocese meeting, we already have a favourable opinion for the playground.

877 PDNPA Draft Parish Statement

Council discussed the initial draft and agreed to submit the suggestions for inclusion and amendment proposed. Its aspirations are to remain a rural focused community maintaining its local population, welcoming families not second homes and looking to conserve its historic legacy. It looks forward to receipt of the second draft for further comment.

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

DALC Circulars 7-9, Clerks and Councils Direct PDNPA Parishes Day 12th October, PDNPA Ballot – 2 of our candidate choices were successful – Andrew McCloy, Peter Tapping, Kath Potter and Patrick Brady are the Dales representatives.

DDDC Electoral Boundary review 25th July 6pm Town Hall Matlock – with our District Ward highlighted as one needing additional population or splitting up to other wards, Council is maintaining an interest. A request has already been sent by Over Haddon PC to rejoin Lathkill and Bradford Ward (it was moved to Bakewell in 2011) which would bring the population back in line with requirements but this may be fought by Bakewell as they would almost certainly lose one of their 3 District Councillors as a consequence. Document available on our website.

879 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

300115	J Simpson	£164.00
STO	HM Lovell (July salary)	£127.59
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£9.44
Ubddr	DALC training	£50.00
Ubddr	HM Lovell expenses	£14.04
STO	HM Lovell (August salary)	£127.59
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£9.44
Ubddr	T Wilson bench maintenance	£400.00
Ubddr	J Aston 6m website	£45.00

Total £947.10

(b) Income

VH Insurance contribution £534.30
VAT Refund £340.56
Unity Interest £7.34

(a) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Unity Account £3322.24 after above £3250.00
Unity Instant access savings £10001.04 £10008.38
Clerk to move £2000 to Instant access savings account

880 Date of next meeting – 11th September 2019 at 8:15pm in the Village Hall.
20th November; 2020: 15th January, 11th March (preceded by APM)

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:02 pm