

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 15th May 2019

Present: Cllr Helen Brocklehurst, Cllr Dianne Jeremy, Cllr David Mallaband, Cllr Pat Musgrave & Cllr Jamie Wigley
In attendance: Matthew Lovell (Clerk) and 3 members of the Public

Part 1 Non-confidential items

850 To Elect the Chair

David Mallaband was elected Chair

851 To Elect the Vice-Chair

James Wigley was elected Vice-Chair

852 Co-option of 2 Members

Helen Brocklehurst and Dianne Jeremy were proposed and accepted for the vacancies and signed their acceptance declarations.

853 To receive apologies for absence

No apologies required

854 Variation of order of business and time constrained items

The PDNPA election falls between meetings – the clerk will circulate the candidates and collate councillor responses to submit the parish vote.

855 Declarations of Members Interests

No declarations required

856 Public Speaking

No matters – apologies given to APM

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

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 13th March 2019. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

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

859 Standing Orders, Financial Regulation, Risk and Policy amendments

No amendments, new councillors have been issued with current documents and policies are displayed on our website.

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

Decisions received: none

Applications returned/for discussion: none

861 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

Gulleys are blocked following recent rain – report to DCC - F573094

Request for Street Clean to be made by DDDC prior to Well Dressing – 10008957

Potholes have reappeared on the stretch before the Long Rake junction.

The light opposite the hall is being chased again for part night operation.

862 Report of the Clerk:

- a) Village Assets: Playground / garden / Website / defibrillator / benches / Batemans Tomb
Price for maintaining the four benches around the square received and accepted – with a request that the work be completed before 25th May if at all possible. Clerk to chase PDNPA to try and get a date from the Conservation Team for the Bateman's Tomb project.

The website needs tweaking for forthcoming village events. The tomb needs a strim prior to the Village Market.

b) Village Hall Management Committee report / Welldressing

The website pages are being updated prior to the Village Market and Middleton Rocks. Village Market and Welldressing preparations are being finalised. The Committee thanked the PC for it's involvement in the village tidy up and noted that with an increase in families in the village the theme which will be reflected in the Welldressing design is "Children in the Community" and the family activities on the market day are being expanded. More petallers are sought for the welldressing.

c) Village Hall next steps

The solicitor noted by phone today that 20 years is the normally accepted time period for the creation of a right of access. Parishioners have been accessing the rear area since the hall was created but legal rights may vary and a written response is awaited. The survey had a 53% response – all wanting a hall with variations as to which option and comments showing that more detailed investigation of the options is needed before a final decision. It was agreed that Cllr Wigley should approach Middleton Estates to explore the case for a small strip of land behind the toilet/covered area and Cllr Jeremy will approach Diocese for more detail on the joint use option. Those offering to be on the steering committee / design will be approached for a joint meeting along with the VHMC and PC once more information has been gleaned.

863 Annual Governance Statement

The Chair was authorised to sign to note due diligence has been undertaken.

864 Internally audited Year End Accounts and Exemption Certificate signature

The accounts were circulated and approved and the meeting authorised signature of the Exemption Certificate. The accounts will be published on the website shortly.

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

DALC Circulars 5-6, Clerks and Councils Direct

866 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

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| STO | HM Lovell (May salary) | £127.59 | |
| Direct debit | NEST (monthly) | £9.44 | |
| Ddr | Came and Company | £844.75 | |
| Ubddr | ROSPA Play inspection | £68.50 | £13.70 |
| Ubddr | B Wood (internal audit) | £27.40 | |
| Ubddr | Mandale Memorials | £85.00 | |
| STO | HM Lovell (June salary) | £127.59 | |
| Direct debit | NEST (June monthly) | £9.44 | |
| Ddr | Unity charge | £18.00 | |
| | Total | £1331.41 | |

(b) Income

Nat West transfer £5016.41

Precept £4000.00

Unity Interest £1.04

(a) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Nat West Closure transfer £5000.00 to Unity Savings

New bank signature mandates

Unity Account £655.44 after above £3322.24

Unity Instant access savings £5000.00 £10001.04

Nat West account Savings: £5014.76 £0.00

867 Date of next meeting - 10th July 2019 at 8:15pm in the Village Hall.

11th September, 20th November;

2020: 15th January, 11th March (preceded by APM)

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:14 pm