

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 11th September 2019

Present: Cllr Dianne Jeremy, Cllr David Mallaband, Cllr Pat Musgrave and Cllr James Wigley
In attendance: Matthew Lovell (Clerk) and 2 members of the Public

Part 1 Non-confidential items

- 881 To receive apologies for absence
Cllr Helen Brocklehurst sent apologies
- 882 Variation of order of business and time constrained items
No variations or time constrained items to add.
- 883 Declarations of Members Interests
No declarations required
- 884 Public Speaking
Apologies received from District Councillor Graham Elliott, DCCllr Simon Spencer and PCSO Boswell
A member of the public raised the noise pollution caused by a Castrol sponsored Enduro Motorcycle event in Rakes Wood. The Chair has approached the owner of the wood who apologised as he thought the trees would mask the 50 vintage motorcycles attending and promised to let residents know in advance of the next event – only one a year at this site is planned. He also promised to ensure no vehicles park on the road in future.
- 885 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous meeting
RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 10th July 2019. The minutes were signed by the Chair.
- 886 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none
- 887 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting & planning related matters

Decisions received: NP/GDO/0719/0801 Notification – Tor Farm - Erection of a mono pitch extensions to an existing portal frame agricultural barn for the storage of hay and straw – Prior approval not required

Applications returned/for discussion:
NP/DDD/0719/0804 Long Rake Farm - Proposed Agricultural Workers Dwelling
Council supports this application to house a family on their working farm to tend to livestock needs.

NP/DDD/0719/0795 Mere Farm - Proposed extension to dwelling
Council supports the replacement of the flat roofed structure with matching pitched roof as this is more in keeping with the original structure and materials.
- 888 Footpaths and Highways and related issues
A request to cut back bridleway No.6 was received – the DCC grant can be used for this and Council asked for the work to be carried out now to promote die back. Clerk to report a pot hole by the Middleton sign on the Rakes and a cracked manhole cover outside the public toilets in the highway. Clerk to ask DDDC for some dog fouling signs.
- 889 Report of the Clerk:
a) Village Assets: Playground / garden / Website / defibrillator / benches / Batemans Tomb
Playground remedial items need sorting. Clerk to contact regarding play frames and Cllr Wigley to chase the waller for the playground and sheepwash.

Clerk still awaiting response from PDNPA for the Conservation Team project for Bateman's Tomb. The website is first in searches for Middleton by Youlgrave and the designer will be asked how often it is viewed. The defibrillator needs a new battery as well as the pads – Council committed to its replacement and noted that in 4 years time the unit will be due for replacement. Cllr Musgrave will investigate the occasional tripping out of the defib cabinet.

b) Village Hall Management Committee report

The report noted that the diary for 2019/20 is now published, risk assessments are being standardised for all events and a clearing the moss working party is planned for the hall grounds. The next newsletter is to be published this week,

c) Village Hall next steps

Solicitor – clerk to ask Franklin & Co for an opinion on the right of access.

Cllr Wigley's approach to Middleton Estates has been superseded by the farm being put on the market for sale by closed bids at the end of October so an approach will need to be made to a new owner. Cllr Jeremy reported on a very positive meeting with Diocese and the PCC for extending the church which had its enthusiasm dampened by the PDNPA opinion that the church style would not lead them to receive an application favourably although Diocese is confident that the community case would sway this unlisted building. Council agreed to see what openings might arise by the next meeting.

890 Middleton Wood Scrambling Track

The PDNPA have noted that this falls into the 28 day alternative use rule but the owner assures us that this will be an annual event only.

891 Greencroft Camp Site

The 15 day temporary Caravan site (No camping) is a prelude to the application for change of use to give this mown field a new venture as a caravan site to enhance the income for the farm. Precedent as already been set by other farms diversifying their ventures and an initial conversation shows this a positive business model. The temporary 10 plot width has been realised to be too congested in practice so will be reduced to 8. Council has no concerns with the proposals as stated but will look at the application on its merits when received.

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

DALC Circulars 10, Clerks and Councils Direct PDNPA Parishes Day 12th October,

893 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

300116	J Simpson (July)	£89.00	
STO	HM Lovell (Sept salary)	£127.59	
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£9.44	
Ubddr	DDDC Election expenses	£101.60	
Ubddr	Haddon Landscapes	£40.00	
Ubddr	Unity bank charges	£18.00	
STO	HM Lovell (Oct salary)	£127.59	
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£9.44	
Ubd	Community Heartbeat	£228.00	£45.60
	Total	£796.26	

(b) Income - nil

(c) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Unity Account £1250.00	after above	£453.74
Unity Instant access savings £12008.38		£12008.38

894 Date of next meeting – 20th November 2019 at 8:15pm in the Village Hall.

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

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9: 40 pm