

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 20th November 2019

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

Part 1 Non-confidential items

903 To receive apologies for absence
Cllr Pat Musgrave sent apologies

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

905 Declarations of Members Interests
No declarations required

906 Public Speaking
Apologies received from DCCLr Simon Spencer, PDNPA Member Andrew McCloy and PCSO Boswell. District Councillor Graham Elliott noted that the flooding had meant cancellation of recent meetings so had little to report on DDDC, he reminded council of his small grant pot. A parishioner had raised concerns of smells from the sewers down to the dale which councillors will monitor.

907 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous meeting
RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 11th September and 16th October 2019. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

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

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

Decisions received: NP/DDD/0919/1015 Land near to Dale Farm, Weaddow Lane - refused

Applications returned/for discussion: none

910 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

12/9 F605609 – manhole cover. There is a meeting of BRAG in Youlgrave Reading Room next Monday where the new River Warden and Severn Trent are expected to detail plans for Middleton Dale.

911 Report of the Clerk:

- a) Village Assets: Playground / garden / Website / defibrillator / benches / Batemans Tomb
Playground remedial items need sorting. Price for painting play frames still sought.
Clerk to ask waller for contact details as no price received for the playground and sheepwash.
Defibrillator has new pads and a new battery.
Clerk still awaiting response from PDNPA for the Conservation Team project for Bateman's Tomb but has been asked to send details to our PDNPA member to chase up. Agreed to ask DDDC for a grant to secure the gate and replace the lock on the Listed railings.
The website is first in searches for Middleton by Youlgrave and the designer has noted over 200 visits during the summer months.
- b) Village Hall Management Committee report
The harvest supper was well attended and the 2 Christmas parties (Children/adults) are all in hand for early December.

c) Village Hall next steps

Franklin & Co opinion on Right of Access not received for meeting - agreed to try Brooke-Taylor in Buxton.

Greencroft Farm sale is still under offer but it was agreed to draft a letter outlining our request for a strip of land and asking to meet if favourable be prepared and circulated.

912 Dog Fouling

Notices have been received and distributed. The issue is visibly increasing but perpetrators not yet identified, the £1000 fine was noted.

913 Village Statement Draft

To note aspirations for a village hall, works to Bateman's tomb, a flourishing History society – more detail on listed/historic legacies to be included and the draft will be circulated to councillors before return.

914 Adoption of updated Financial Regulations

Resolved to adopt as circulated – updates wording and statutory duties from the 2016 issue.

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

DALC Circulars 11&12, Clerks and Councils Direct, BRAG meeting 25/11

916 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

STO	HM Lovell (Nov salary)	£127.59
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£9.44
Ubddr	Hm Lovell expenses (inc McAfee)	£22.59
300118	J Simpson – mowing maintenance	£169.00
Ubddr	The Bugle	£30.00
STO	HM Lovell (Dec salary)	£127.59
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£9.44
Ubddr	Unity bank charges	£18.00
	Total	£513.65

(b) Income

Deposit Interest £11.89
Transfer Savings to Current £200.00 22/11/19 and £1000.00 6/1/20

(a) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Unity Account	£369.74	end December	£56.09	6/1/20	£1056.09
Unity Instant access savings	£12008.38	after both transfers			£10820.17

Draft Precept 2020 – Council resolved to note the expected inflationary increases and will decide on the level at the January meeting.

917 Date of next meeting – 15th January 2020 at 8:15pm in the Village Hall.

2020: 11th March (preceded by APM)

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:05 pm