

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 January 2020

Present: Cllr Helen Brocklehurst, Cllr Dianne Jeremy, Cllr David Mallaband, Cllr Pat Musgrave and Cllr James Wigley

In attendance: Matthew Lovell (Clerk) and 1 member of the Public

Part 1 Non-confidential items

918 To receive apologies for absence
No apologies necessary

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

920 Declarations of Members Interests
No declarations required

921 Public Speaking
Apologies received from DCCllr Simon Spencer, District Councillor Graham Elliott, PDNPA Member Andrew McCloy and PCSO Boswell.

922 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous meeting
RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 20th November 2019. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

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

924 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting & planning related matters
Decisions received: None
Applications returned/for discussion: none

925 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

The light opposite the village hall is still of concern and an update on progress will be chased as DCC have promised to return. The Pre- Wells street clean is to be asked for now.

Dog fouling signs are to be erected along Weaddow Lane near Castle Farm and up the Rakes opposite the entrance to Middleton Hall. The manhole cover opposite the church has still not been repaired. All three grit bins have now been filled.

The request for an additional plaque on the bench near the post box has been approved with a request for a donation towards upkeep of the bench that has been recently refurbished.

926 Report of the Clerk:

- a) Village Assets: Playground / garden / Website / defibrillator / benches / Batemans Tomb
Playground remedial items need sorting. A volunteer to paint the rust on the play frames has come forward. Council will reimburse for materials used.
Clerk to ask waller for updated contact details as no price received for the playground and sheepwash.
The moss accumulation on the playground shed roof is to be looked at.
The website fees have doubled due to enforced server space supplier costs – the fee is still very competitive.
Dianne reported on the recent BRAG meeting and we are to invite the Haddon Estates Manager to a future council meeting to explain our dissatisfaction of the state of Bradford Dale at the Middleton end and our wish to return it to its industrial heritage condition.

b) Batemans Tomb Grant Works

Contact has been re-established with the PDNPA Conservation Team and prices sought for the lock and railings by the gate. One asked for payment to quote and one quote of £1600 received but not including any stonework associated with the railings. DDDC have given a £300 grant to tidy up and make safe the access footpath. Council notes the 200th anniversary on 8th November 2021 and agreed our immediate responsibility is to make the site access safe. A meeting will be held on Friday to discuss the practical measures to secure the boundaries and make safe the site.

A series of events were discussed including refurbishment, information boards and historical display in the village hall.

c) Village Hall Management Committee report

Batemans Arms is to be held on 8th February and plans are progressing for Well Dressing and village market on 23/5 and Middleton Rocks on 30/5. It is noted that window repairs will be needed next year if the hall is to be preserved as is.

d) Village Hall next steps

Brooke-Taylor – final attempt to establish contact before a personal visit to ask about rights of access.

Greencroft Farm sale – the draft request letter was discussed and will be recirculated before sending to the new owner.

927 Precept for 2020/21

Resolved to set at the same level as last year ie £4000

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

DALC Circulars 13&14, Clerks and Councils Direct

929 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

STO	HM Lovell (Jan salary)	£127.59
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£9.44
Direct debit	Information Commissioner	£35.00
Ubddr	J Aston 6 months website	£81.00
STO	HM Lovell (Feb salary)	£127.59
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£9.44
	Total	£390.06

(b) Income

Deposit Interest	£12.03
DDDC Grant BT	£300.00

(a) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Unity Account £1056.09	after above	£966.03
Unity Instant access savings £11020.17		£10832.30

930 Date of next meeting – 11th March (preceded by APM) at 8:15pm in the Village Hall.

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

931 Agreed to award the annual Maintenance Contract to Mrs J Simpson

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