

# 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 11<sup>th</sup> March 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

932 To receive apologies for absence  
No apologies necessary

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

934 Declarations of Members Interests  
No declarations required

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

936 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous meeting  
RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

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

938 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting & planning related matters  
Decisions received: None  
Applications returned/for discussion: NP/DDD/0120/0030 & 0031 Flaxdale House - Internal alterations, re-roofing, new rooflights and replacement windows and doors

Council supports this application providing it meets PDNPA Conservation Team Listed requirements and notes that the only external changes – the rooflights, are facing away from the road as other properties do, leaving the front face unchanged.

939 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

The light opposite the hall still needs adjusting – Clerk to chase. Multiple potholes are affecting the road from the crossroads towards Derbyshier Aggregates again. The damaged manhole has blue marker paint and the hole by the church drain is getting larger. Dog fouling notices were passed on.

The footpath through the wood is unaffected by change of ownership as the new owner is keen to encourage educational use.

Road Closure – Youlgrave Alport Lane by the church is scheduled for two weeks over Easter – add to website.

940 Report of the Clerk:

a) Village Assets: Playground / garden / Website / defibrillator / benches / Batemans Tomb  
Playground play frames to be painted shortly. Waller still not responded over play area and sheepwash – Cllr Wigley to look at play area.

b) Batemans Tomb Grant Works

Works commenced today to make safe the area for visitors and repair and replace the outer boundary fences. Council would like to express its thanks to Henry Brocklehurst for confirming the Land Registry boundary after some confusion due to the tangled rail fence.

- c) Village Hall Management Committee report  
 Bateman's Arms was a success despite the weather. Village Market planning all in hand with good support. All event insurance and risks have been reviewed.  
 Bateman bi-centenary is being considered with locally preserved information collected by the new history group for a display.
- d) Village Hall next steps  
 Brooke-Taylor – have given a verbal opinion which will be backed up with a letter. Clerk to contact and ask about any compulsory purchase options.  
 Greencroft Farm sale – the request letter is awaiting a forwarding address for the new owner. Clerk to query contact details with the agent.
- e) Bradford Dale  
 No actions other than a watching brief on this year and to be involved in the end of season review.

941 Items for information and DALC (already circulated by email)  
 DALC Circulars 1-3, Clerks and Councils Direct, PDNPA Bulletins

#### 942 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment		VAT	
STO	HM Lovell (Mar salary)	£127.59	
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£9.44	
Ubpayt	HM Lovell (expenses)	£15.18	
Ubpayt	Long Rake Spar	£100.80	20.16
Ubpayt	Irony Fireside (Bateman's Tomb	£2465.00	493.00
Dpayt	DALC Subscription	£68.34	
Dd	Unity bank charge	£18.00	
STO	HM Lovell (Apr salary)	£127.59	
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£9.44	
Total		£3454.24	

(b) Income  
 Nil transfer £3000 from Saving to Current

(c Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment  
 Unity Account £966.03 after above £511.49  
 Unity Instant access savings £7832.30  
 Draft Year end Accounts – approved for internal audit

943 Date of next meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> May at 8:15pm in the Village Hall. Agenda to include a topic on Climate Change.

#### PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:45 pm

#### POSTSCRIPT

COVID19 – meetings are to be held by public video conferencing until further notice. The process will be advertised on the website and noticeboard when the Agenda is published.

Other updates please see Website. VHMC has cancelled the Village Market and Middleton Rocks. The Playground is closed due to health risks. DDDC are not opening the Public Toilets.

DDDC has reduced its Waste collection service – No Green Bin collection and Food Caddies emptied with General Waste – ie every 2 weeks. Due to staff illness collections are not guaranteed – see their website where you can subscribe to an email update service