

# MIDDLETON AND SMERRILL PARISH COUNCIL

## ***Minutes of the Meeting of Middleton and Smerrill Parish Council held by Zoom under Covid lockdown conditions at 8:15pm on Wednesday 11th November 2020***

Present: Cllr Helen Brocklehurst, Cllr Dianne Jeremy, Cllr David Mallaband (Chair), Cllr Pat Musgrave

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

Part 1 Non-confidential items

971 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies accepted from Cllr James Wigley

972 Variation of order of business and time constrained items

Council agreed that the Upper Oldhams planning Application could be included in item 977

973 Declarations of Members Interests

Declaration was made by Cllr D Musgrave as applicant for Castle Farm at item 977 who left the meeting while council debated and decided their response.

974 Public Speaking

Apologies received from DC Cllr Simon Spencer, District Councillor Graham Elliott, PDNPA Member Andrew McCloy and PCSO Ben Morris

No matters

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

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

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

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

Decisions received: NP/DDD/0820/0713 Erection of an agricultural barn for the housing of livestock and storage – land near to Dale Farm – refused by Planning Committee – Council had supported and asked for it to go to Committee

Applications for discussion:

NP/DDD/1020/0910 Castle Farm - Proposed replacement of redundant buildings with triple garage and ancillary leisure building.

Council supports the replacement of poor wooden frame end of life structures with stone built slate roof buildings that will enhance the appearance and better match the listed farm that they will compliment. The buildings are not visible from the road so will have no effect on public views.

NP/DDD/1020/1005 Upper Oldhams Farm - Conversion of farm buildings and the re-build of a former portion to form holiday accommodation

Council supports this application and in particular the rebuild of the ruin to re-create the historic C shape as a part of the accommodation. The courtyard created will greatly enhance the appearance of the property and reduce views to the modern farm buildings beyond. None of the buildings in this application would have a practical use in modern farming methods and to be merely reconstructed for agricultural purposes would be of no purpose. This design and use

will greatly enhance and improve the site. Council like the PDNPA wishes to encourage local enterprise to keep our parishioners livelihoods flourishing and provide sustainable tourism.

PDNPA Related: no matters

#### 978 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

The autumn leaf sweep was requested before the leaves are washed into the village. A pothole at the bottom of Whitfield Lane is to be reported. We have some grit in stock and levels will be checked.

Reclassification of Whitfield Lane to a Restricted Byway – no news

#### 979 Report of the Clerk/updates and Decisions:

- a) Village Assets: Playground – moss is causing a problem and the sweep will be requested. Cllr Musgrave offered to dispose of the debris on completion of the sweep.  
The 2 plaque bench has received a maintenance donation.  
Website – the new look was approved and a request for the main page to be headed "Middleton and Smerrill" agreed. Clerk to check for out of date information on Council contributions.  
The Defibrillator will next require pads at the end of 2021 and its battery life is due to expire in January 2024 – which is the assumed end of life for the unit – clerk to check.
- b) Batemans Tomb Grant Works  
Agreed that the anniversary celebrations will start next November at the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary and run through the following year. The ideas so far were all met with enthusiasm and under Paul Jeremy's co-ordination a plan will be presented to the next meeting so each of the three groups – Council, Events Committee and History Group can spearhead the planning for their contributions. Ideas were expressed and all felt that this needs to have maximum community involvement.
- c) Village Hall Management Committee report  
Closed again but pre-planning for potential Bateman Arms and the Village Market will proceed in case. The Christmas tree lights will go up on 5<sup>th</sup> volunteer assistance much appreciated due to its height.
- d) Village Hall next steps  
Greencroft Farm – interest to be maintained.  
DDDC solicitors – a response but no comment yet, clerk is chasing. The structural repairs to door and window need a quote and then a decision on whether to present to the owners – clerk will chase this aspect with DDDC for advice.
- e) Climate Change Group  
A meeting will be held before year end and a Dalc Climate Change Pack is being chased for comment along with other useful web seminar information. Council welcomes any progress and encourages the group to independently look into all aspects. It stands ready to look for funding if ideas turn to practical community action.

#### 980 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment			VAT
Dpayt	HM Lovell (Nov salary)	£131.11	
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£9.70	
Dpayt	HM Lovell (Dec salary)	£131.11	
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£9.70	
Dpayt	HM Lovell (expenses 4m)	£10.86	
Cheque 121	J Simpson maintenance	£346.00	
Dpayt	Unity charges	£18.00	
Total		£656.48	
(b) Income			

Bench Donation £105.00

(a) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Unity Account £3408.16

after above £2856.68

Unity Instant access savings £7850.78

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Council placed the mowing contract for 2021 with J Simpson

981 Date of next meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 8:15pm in the Village Hall (unless Covid 19 requirements back in force)

Forthcoming Dates 2021:, 10<sup>th</sup> March(APM), 12<sup>th</sup> May

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

none

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:35 pm