

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 13th January 2021

Present: Cllr Helen Brocklehurst, Cllr Dianne Jeremy, Cllr David Mallaband, Cllr Pat Musgrave, Cllr James Wigley (Vice-Chair),

In attendance: Matthew Lovell (Clerk) and 2 members of the Public

Part 1 Non-confidential items

982 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies accepted from various councillors for zoom problems

983 Variation of order of business and time constrained items

No items

984 Declarations of Members Interests

Declaration was made by Cllr P Musgrave as applicant for Castle Farm at item 988 who left the meeting while council debated and decided their response.

985 Public Speaking

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

No matters

986 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 November 2020. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

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

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

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

Applications for discussion:

NP/DDD/1220/1218 Castle Farm - S.73 application for the variation of condition 15 on NP/DDD/1020/0910

Council supports this application to remove leylandii, classed by us as invasive species of tree and replace with appropriate species. It also welcomes news that the applicant has permission to plant a wood on another part of their land and supports these environmental benefits.

PDNPA Related: query with Officers – Do Holiday lets still need Change of Use permission

989 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

Grit levels will be checked.

Reclassification of Whitfield Lane to a Restricted Byway – no news

990 Report of the Clerk/updates and Decisions:

a) Village Assets: Playground – no items

Website – the new site was welcomed, please let us know if any anomalies show up.

Bateman Tomb – PDNPA are fundraising towards repairs through their charity and their support and advice is welcomed for the listed repairs this will cover.

b) Bateman 200th Anniversary Year

A Seven part plan was presented and discussed. All sections are worth pursuing and will be fleshed out at the next meeting. It was proposed that they be split as follows:

Information boards: Tomb and Bateman History (in the square) to be progressed by the Parish Council. We have an offer of sponsorship for the Tomb board and new fingerpost and the clerk is asking Weston Park and Buxton Museums for ideas for wording/pictures etc. The Bateman history board is to be a locally compiled layout with PC finding grants to pay for. (Items 1 & 3)

The Village Hall Exhibition and Visits to Weston Park/Arbor Low and Barrows will be pioneered by the History Society. (Items 2 and 5)

The Village Hall Committee at next week's meeting are proposed to organise the events for the year on a Bateman theme – ie incorporated into 2022 Bateman Arms, Market, Harvest meal. A Bateman trail leaflet for the Market and to support "Making Middleton History – Record of a Village" which Charles Monkhouse has offered to find grants for and is liaising with County Records Office. (Items 4 , 6 and 7)

The plan is that the Tomb board be unveiled on the anniversary in November 2021 and the other events spaced out through 2022 with the Bateman History board unveiled at the Village Market.

- c) Village Hall Management Committee report
Closed and thoughts on 2021 events are not good as it is extremely unlikely there will be a village market, Middleton Rocks and Bateman Arms are off so whether autumn events occur is likely to be the focus of the meeting next Thursday.
- d) Village Hall next steps
Greencroft Farm – interest to be maintained.
DDDC solicitors – a response but no comment yet, clerk is still chasing.
The structural repairs to door and window need further quotes and then a decision on whether to present to the owners.
- e) Climate Change Group
Members are studying the NE Derbyshire Climate Pack in preparation for their next meeting. The 2021 priority is "Bee Friendly Middleton" with an idea to provide seed packs around the 70 parish properties and plant in all the village spaces. Council is happy for this to proceed liaising with our grounds maintenance and seeking other local advice on the memorial garden to avoid duplication of effort.

991 Precept for 2021

Council resolved to keep the precept at £4000. whilst there are projects potentially needing support spending is unlikely to take place until the following year.

992 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment			VAT
Dpayt	The Bugle	£30.00	
Dpayt	HM Lovell (Jan salary)	£131.11	
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£9.70	
Dpyt	Sonata 6mnth hosting	£81.00	
Dpyt	Sonata website WAR upgrade	£260.00	
Dpayt	HM Lovell (Feb salary)	£131.11	
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£9.70	
Total		£652.62	

(b) Income
nil

(a) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment		
Unity Account	£2856.68	after above £2204.06
Unity Instant access savings	£7850.78	£7850.78

993 Date of next meeting – 10th March 2021 following the Annual Parish Meeting starting at 8:15pm by Zoom (assuming Covid 19 requirements still in force)
Forthcoming Dates: 12th May, 14th July, 15th September, 10th November

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION - none

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9: 55 pm