

# MIDDLETON AND SMERRILL PARISH COUNCIL

## *Minutes of the Meeting of Middleton and Smerrill Parish Council held under Covid conditions in Middleton by Youlgrave Village Hall at 8:15pm on Wednesday 14th July 2021*

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

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

Part 1 Non-confidential items

1025 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr James Wigley

1026 Election of Chair

Cllr Musgrave agreed to chair this meeting only to allow business to take place. An election will be held at the next meeting or councillors will chair future meetings by rotation.

1027 Election of Vice-Chair

Not held.

1028 Variation of order of business and time constrained items

No items for variation. Planning application for Greenacres is included due to time constraint

1029 Declarations of Members Interests

No declarations required

1030 Public Speaking

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

Thanks were offered to Council for its tremendous service to residents in its excellent submission to the Boundaries Commission objecting to the abolition of the Lathkill and Bradford Ward which has resulted in final proposals for a new rural ward expanding the existing to be named Youlgrave.

1031 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

1032 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none

1033 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting & planning related matters

Decisions received: NP/ DDD/0820/0753 Greencroft Farm - Retrospective permission for change of use from agricultural land to a caravan site (10 pitches) – refused

Applications returned: NP/DDD/0521/0558 – Mere Farm gateway – supported

for discussion: NP/DDD/0721/0749 Greenacres – proposed extensions and alterations to bungalow

Council supports this application which will be a visual improvement on the existing structure.

#### 1034 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

Reclassification of Whitfield Lane to a Restricted Byway – no news

Green Lane – many potholes have been filled in. The potholes along the route out to Long Rake need notifying to DCC online system again F837851

Stiles – Whitfield Lane area is to be proposed to PDNPA Rangers to add to their accessibility list.

DDDC Environmental Health is the body complaints need to be registered to for noise nuisance.

#### 1035 Report of the Clerk/updates and Decisions:

- a) Village Assets: Playground – the wall repair is to be carried out this week along with the small Rake Lane section. The inspection report is awaited. Prices for the trees are to be obtained in Autumn after leaf fall. A price for the wall repair in the picnic area needs clarification.

Prices and ideas are to be sourced for a recycled material planter to use for commemorative plaques. Website – no issues.

- b) Bateman 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year

PDNPA grant for the village square noticeboard has been confirmed. Copy for the boards needs writing – clerk to ask the museums for assistance for the tomb and finalise this by email to give time for a design and board construction. It was suggested a local dignitary unveils the board on the afternoon of 7<sup>th</sup> November as 8<sup>th</sup> is a Monday.

The 4 input bodies to the anniversary year are gaining momentum in planning. Village local October and December events will be themed. Batemans Arms is scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> February, the Well Dressing Market on 28<sup>th</sup> May will have a Bateman theme with a Bateman trail and unveiling of second board – a position for this on the square needs agreeing.

- c) Village Hall Management Committee report

The hall committee is planning events commencing in Autumn – Covid restriction permitting. The AGM saw 3 new committee members join and noted the restart grant just received helps with the lost 2 village market revenues and is to be utilised for indoor display and lighting improvements that are essential in the short term.

- d) Village Hall next steps

Greencroft Farm/Church – interest to be maintained.

DDDC solicitors – clarification of whole process still being prepared. DDDC are unable to comment of passing on repair charges which would need legal advice. A new member of the VHC has a legal background and will be lent the files. A decision on essential repairs is needed before winter and the quotes gathered so far were passed to the VHC.

- e) Climate Change Group

Regular meetings in the garden by the children playground will continue to improve the area. The wildflower seeds have been distributed. The next push will be for Big Green Week 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> September with a major litter pick one of the planned event and an exhibition.

### 1036 Bateman's Tomb grant repairs

We have a spec for volunteers to paint the railings. This is with the PDNPA for listed consent and the initial repairs on the road and tomb gates are being carried out with thanks to Marsh Bros for their donated works. It is hoped to carry the painting add a gate lock and fix the urn in position ready for the 200<sup>th</sup>. A working party to sort the area out will be organised at the next meeting.

### 1037 Dalc information and other e-communications

Local Government Boundary changes are being consulted anew in October due to statistical errors in other parts of Derbyshire Dales. It is hoped the final proposals are the start point.

### 1038 Finance

(a)	Accounts for Payment		VAT
Dpayt	B Wood internal audit	37.50	
Dpayt	J Aston website domain	14.00	
300121	J Simpson mowing	226.00	
Dpayt	Rospa Play Inspection	68.50	13.70
Dpayt	HM Lovell (July salary)	131.11	
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	9.70	
Dpayt	HM Lovell (Aug salary)	131.11	
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	9.70	
Dpayt	HM Lovell expenses	12.21	
Dpayt	J Aston 6 months website	81.00	

Total £734.53

#### (b) Income

Village Hall MC £336.00

#### (a) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Unity Account £5117.23	after above	£4718.70
Unity Instant access savings £7850.78		£7850.78

### 1039 Date of next meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> September, at 8:15pm in the Village Hall

Forthcoming Dates: 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2022: 12<sup>th</sup> January, 16<sup>th</sup> March (+APM), 11<sup>th</sup> May

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION - none

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:40 pm