

MIDDLETON AND SMERRILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Middleton and Smerrill Parish Council held in Middleton by Youlgrave Village Hall at 8:15pm on Wednesday 10th November 2021

Present: Cllr Dianne Jeremy, Cllr David Mallaband and Cllr Pat Musgrave and Cllr Jamie Wigley

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

Part 1 Non-confidential items

1056 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Helen Brocklehurst,

1057 Election of Chair – rotation basis

Cllr Dianne Jeremy was elected to chair this meeting only, to allow business to take place.

1058 Variation of order of business and time constrained items

No items for variation.

1059 Declarations of Members Interests

No declarations required

1060 Public Speaking

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

1061 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 15th September 2021. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

1062 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – discussion on changes to Clerks hours

1063 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting & planning related matters

Decisions received: NP/DDD/0721/0749 Greenacres – Proposed extensions and alterations to bungalow - granted

Applications returned: none for discussion: none

Other matters: PDNPA to be queried on misleading information supplied regarding holiday lets.

1064 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

Reclassification of Whitfield Lane to a Restricted Byway – no news. Grit bins to be checked and replenished before winter. Water run off is cutting a new channel in the road down to the dale. A DCC gulley cleaner report is to ask for all village gullies to be cleared (F869610) and to repair a section of wall on the Rakes (F869617). A road sweep of the Rake is being sorted locally with a request to DDDC once all have fallen for the final clearance.

1065 Report of the Clerk/updates and Decisions:

- a) Village Assets: Playground – the wall repair – landowner not yet responded to letter regarding removal of the tree causing the collapse.

Councillors are meeting at 10am Sunday 21st November to assess the play equipment needs.

Website – no issues other than out of date information needing update.

- b) Bateman 200th Anniversary Year

Unveiling of the board on Sunday followed by teas and the inaugural exhibition in the

refreshed village hall was a great success with thanks to Oliver Stephenson for cutting the ribbon, the climate group and others for clearance and Cllr Musgrave reaffirmed.
 28th May unveiling - The separate 50% PDNPA grant (max £750) for the second information board and further repair works needs spending before end of March 2022. It was agreed that an A1 board is better for the amount of information proposed with 2 oak posts and the design and layout will be completed by the January meeting to meet the deadline.

c) Village Hall Management Committee report

Thanks was expressed by Council to Paul Jeremy, the history group for the exhibition and the tea team for their work for Sunday's event.

Bateman Arms on 12th February: Jamie Wigley confirmed that he will be organising this event - licence to be applied for by the VHC - this is the next public 200th event. The 1st post-covid event was the Harvest supper and Christmas children and community parties well underway with the Youlgrave Silver Band hired to play carols in the square.

d) Climate Change Group

The picnic garden, memorial garden and trough have been sown with bulbs and the area at the top of the dale has an experimental wildflower patch. The air quality monitor is en-route for placement in the square. Planting a Platinum Jubilee tree has been suggested and council agreed that the slope up to the tomb could accommodate it on the left hand side away from the listed area. Haddon Estates are being contacted for the report on the conclusions on the dale dams future.

1066 Bateman's Tomb grant repairs

The railings contract and paint need claiming from PDNPA Foundation grant once invoices are received. PDNPA Conservation Manager has inspected and was very pleased with the painting and internal clearance.

PDNPA agreed that the final position of the board would be suitable just below the upturned baths to the left side of the path as this is out of the direct line of view from the road and is a gentler slope to reach for those not wishing to climb to the tomb. PDNPA are happy that steps may be needed on the mound and practically these are better around the outer fence line to give a hand hold to assist the less able. The rangers were offered as a possible team though some roots may need cutting out.

1067 Dalc information and other e-communications

PSPO consultation - dog exclusion on children's playgrounds is automatically being renewed.

1068 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment			VAT
Dpayt	HM Lovell (Nov salary)	171.45	
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	12.68	
Dpayt	HM Lovell (Dec salary)	171.45	
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	12.68	
Ddr	Unity charges	18.00	
Cheque	J Simpson – grounds maintenance	180.00	
laptop replacement – authorised at meeting and delegated to clerk to purchase			
Total		£566.26	

(b) Income nil

Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Unity Account £4318.09	after above	£3751.83
Unity Instant access savings £7850.78		£7850.78

1069 Date of next meeting – 12th January at 8:15pm in the Village Hall

Forthcoming Dates: 2022: 16th March (+APM), 11th May

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

1070 Clerks Hours: Council resolved to increase the hours to 17 per month from 1st November

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:37 pm