

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 12th January 2022

Present: Cllr Helen Brocklehurst, Cllr Dianne Jeremy, Cllr David Mallaband

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

Part 1 Non-confidential items

1071 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Pat Musgrave

1072 Election of Chair – rotation basis

Cllr David Mallaband was elected chair for this meeting only, to allow business to take place.

1073 Variation of order of business and time constrained items

No items for variation. Appeal 3287372 – Greencroft Retrospective Caravan site – council has nothing to add to its comments so this was not included at 1078.

1074 Declarations of Members Interests

No declarations required

1075 Public Speaking

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

1076 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 10th November 2021. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

1077 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none

1078 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting & planning related matters

Decisions received: none

Applications returned: none for discussion: none

Other matters: none

1079 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

Reclassification of Whitfield Lane to a Restricted Byway – no news. Grit bins.

3 sections of collapsing wall on the Rakes reported to DCC FS-Case-394545121

1080 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 but has requested a felling order from PDNPA for other trees on the site.

A quote for replacement swings and a set of exercise equipment was circulated and it was agreed for the clerk to submit a grant application to A4A – council to bear removal costs of old.

Agreed to ask for a quote from DDDC or their contractor to remove moss from the playground and the rear of the village hall. Pollarding quotes to be sought.

DDDC dog exclusion notices to be ordered for the play area.

Website – Event notices are being updated after the Management Committee Meeting this Friday along with other areas of the website.

Kiosk light is flashing – Councillor Musgrave to be asked to investigate.

b) Bateman 200th Anniversary Year

28th May unveiling - The 50% PDNPA grant (max £750) for the second information board is available still and the layout for A1 size was presented to the meeting and agreed. Copy to be supplied to the Clerk who will commission a designer to sort the layout including pictures – originals and permissions are being sought. A suggestion was made for the frame to be moveable so it could be moved depending on event and possibly overwinter in the open playground shed as this would not need planning permission. A suggestion that a current member of the Bateman family be asked to unveil the board is being explored.

The Portrait of Middleton project now has funding and is looking for a photojournalist to visit each family.

c) Village Hall Management Committee report

Two out of three Christmas events successfully eluded Covid and were well attended. Bateman Arms on 12th February being organised currently which will include a display of photographs provided by the family of the last landlord as a contribution to the 200th. Middleton Rocks is scheduled for 4th June – part way through the Platinum Jubilee which is all to be discussed at the Management meeting this coming Friday.

d) Climate Change Group

Gardening sessions begin next week. An air quality survey has been carried out and findings need analysing. A query as to what the levels need comparing with established the idea of a parish location outside the village being used. Litterpicking is to start up again and the Haddon River Warden has been contacted regarding the promise for the results of their re-naturalisation success and proposed future. A jubilee tree sapling – Beech is to be looked into.

1081 Maintenance Contract Revisions

It was agreed to alter this as the planting is being carried out by the CCG and ask the contractor to price accordingly.

1082 Dalc information and other e-communications

Lack of information on the Platinum Jubilee to date was noted.

1083 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment			VAT
Dpayt	Asus computers	290.83	58.17
Dpayt	MS Office	28.32	5.67
Dpayt	Community Heartbeat	228.00	45.60
Dpayt	TG Wilson – Batemans Tomb	864.34	
Dpayt	The Bugle	30.00	
Dpayt	HM Lovell expenses Nov	11.34	
Dpayt	HM Lovell (Jan salary)	171.45	
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	12.68	
Dpayt	HM Lovell (Feb salary)	171.45	
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	12.68	
Direct debit	ICO renewal	35.00	
Dpayt	J Aston website 6m	84.00	

Total £2049.53

(b) Income
PDNPA Grant for Bateman's tomb repairs only £

(a) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment		
Unity Account £3751.83	after above	£1702.30
Unity Instant access savings £7850.78		£7850.78

(C) Precept for 2022/23

Council resolved to increase the precept to £4200 This is a 3% increase costing households an average 3p per week extra

1084 Date of next meeting – 16th March follows the APM at 8:15pm in the Village Hall
Forthcoming Dates: 2022: 11th May, 13th July, 14th September, 16th November

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

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