

MIDDLETON AND SMERRILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Middleton and Smerrill Parish Council held in Middleton by Youlgrave Village Hall at 8:30 pm on Wednesday 16th March 2022

Present: Cllr Helen Brocklehurst, Cllr Dianne Jeremy, Cllr Pat Musgrave and Cllr Jamie Wigley

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

Part 1 Non-confidential items

1085 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr David Mallaband

1086 Election of Chair – rotation basis

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

1087 Variation of order of business and time constrained items

No items for variation.

1088 Declarations of Members Interests

No declarations required

1089 Public Speaking

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

1090 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 12th January 2022. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

1091 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none

1092 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting & planning related matters

Decisions received: none

Applications returned: none

for discussion: NP/DDD/0222/0147 Jasmine Cottage, The Square

External insulation and render to bathroom extension. Install Air Source heat pump

Council supports this application noting that the air source pump is not visible from the public highway.

Other matters: none

1093 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

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

Trees at Tor Farm hanging across the highway making access to the dale for well dressing boards difficult – Highways notified FS-Case-409299265

1094 Report of the Clerk/updates and Decisions:

- a) Village Assets: Playground – the wall repair still awaits removal of the ash dieback tree and a local tree surgeon's name was passed to Cllr Wigley to give the owner.

DDDC subcontractor has visited site last Friday but the quote did not arrive in time for the meeting. Alternatives and quote to be circulated by email for delegated decision to get

the moss from the playground and the rear of the village hall removed and pollarding of lime trees plus a beech sapling.

DDDC dog exclusion notices handed over for fixing at the playground and picnic area gates. The picnic garden has been used by locals to dump garden waste which has resulted in time and effort by the volunteers to remove.

Seat in square - proposal to move the existing near the trough as two could be accommodated here was approved by council.

Website – now up to date.

b) Bateman 200th Anniversary Year

28th May unveiling - The 50% PDNPA grant (max £750) for the second information board is now available after April. The designer's proof was agreed subject to the minor amendments noted. A local company to produce the moveable A1 frame is being sought. A current member of the Bateman family is honoured to accept the unveiling of the board on 28th May.

The Portrait of Middleton project has 3 photographers and a local journalist to support the 'mentors' and any families who request his help. One photographer will provide a record of the well dressing process this year. Households will receive a copy of their portrait and a display will be put up in the hall and then the copies sealed away in a box for 200 years.

Bateman Arms – history display is on view in the Village Hall.

The market is having a Bateman theme for the Well and Village Trail on 28th/29th May.

c) Village Hall Management Committee report

Thanks were expressed to Cllr Wigley for a successful Bateman Arms evening.

Following the Village Market, Middleton Rocks takes place on 4th June and a Platinum Jubilee village tea party is planned for 5th June.

The grants received have enabled the makeover of the hall with plans for the historic pictures to be re-framed. A contractor has finally been found to do the essential window and kitchen repairs and a modest kitchen review is planned with an extractor being installed.

d) Climate Change Group

Resumed on 7th February with priorities remaining the public areas and Bateman's Tomb. The Air quality results are to be forwarded to the clerk to ask DDDC

Environmental Health if they can provide an interpretation. A heritage lottery grant is to provide planters for a community herb garden and climate information boards for the picnic area. Snowdrop bulbs are to be planted as a memorial to a recently lost member.

1095 Grant application evidence

Clerk failed with grant due to lack of evidence for support from parishioners for the improvements. Expressions of support have been received by villagers. Alternative suggestions for funding were received but A4A will be sent a new application now we have Pilates, increasing child population statistics and running group comments.

DDDC are providing a £500 grant to parishes for Jubilee Events – council is to apply and spend the monies on a commemorative coin for the U16 children as well as use to support the proposed street party event for the Platinum Jubilee on 5th June.

1096 Dalc information and other e-communications

No matters highlighted.

1097 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment		VAT
Dpayt	HM Lovell (Mar salary)	198.15
Dpayt	HMRC	5.60
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	15.08
Dpayt	HM Lovell expenses Mar	15.75
Dpayt	J Aston – Domain fees	14.00
Dpayt	DALC	70.89
Ub	Unity fee	18.00
Dpayt	HM Lovell (Apr salary)	174.57
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	12.92
Total		£524.96
(b) Income		
PDNPA Trust grant for Bateman's Tomb £1451.83 Interest 0.48		
(c) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment		
Unity Account £1702.30	after above	£2629.17
Unity Instant access savings £7850.78		£7851.26
The clerk's revised hours contract was signed by the Chair.		

1098 Date of next meeting – 11th May at 7:15pm in the Village Hall

Forthcoming Dates: 2022: 13th July, 14th September, 16th November

Council resolved to make 7:15pm the new start time for future meetings

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

1099 The Mowing Contract was awarded to M. Simpson

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:31 pm