

MIDDLETON AND SMERRILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Middleton and Smerrill Parish Council held in Middleton by Youlgrave Village Hall at 7:15pm on Wednesday 11th May 2022

Present: Cllr Helen Brocklehurst, Cllr Dianne Jeremy, Cllr David Mallaband and Cllr Jamie Wigley

In attendance: Matthew Lovell (Clerk) and 4 members of the Public

Part 1 Non-confidential items

1100 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Pat Musgrave

1101 Election of Chair

Cllr David Mallaband was elected chair and signed the declaration of office

1102 Election of Vice-Chair

Cllr Dianne Jeremy was elected Vice-Chair and signed the declaration of office

1103 Variation of order of business and time constrained items

No items for variation.

1104 Declarations of Members Interests

No declarations required

1105 Public Speaking

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

The family requesting a plaque on the square attended to explain they were unaware that the existing bench was already dedicated but wouldn't like to see the bench moved and an additional one added. A discussion ensued regarding an appropriate place to put a plaque on our land with councillors agreeing to visit the site at the end of the meeting to see if the trough was appropriate although it was thought a piece of flat stone next to the bench probably the best with room to add further memorials. Council will finalise this at the next meeting.

The applicant for the planning for the silage pit attended but as this is an officer determined GDO application, council is not asked to comment on this type of application. It was commented that as this area is already used for silage bags the alteration will be more environmentally friendly.

1106 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 16th March 2022. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

1107 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none

1108 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting & planning related matters

Decisions received: none

Applications returned: none

for discussion: NP/DDD/0422/0498 – Flaxdale House

Listed Building consent - Demolition of existing conservatory link building due to dilapidation and rebuild in new design

Council supports this application. There are no overlooking issues and the design is in keeping with the structure.

Other matters: none

1109 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

Reclassification of Whitfield Lane to a Restricted Byway – no news. A pothole in the centre of the square is to be urgently reported on the DCC system as a pedestrian hazard for the village market. A pothole has also appeared outside the church and will be asked for filling at the same time. Road through Youlgrave closed Saturday 21st May for surface dressing. The storm drains are blocked and will be reported on DCC system. A request for a pre-market road sweep will be sent to DDDC. DCC not yet responded to request to cut back trees overhanging the route down to the dale and volunteers will sort this to allow the boards to travel safely for welldressing. No parking signs near the kiosk have disappeared – Clerk to ask for a quote to urgently replace.

1110 Report of the Clerk/updates and Decisions:

- a) Village Assets: Playground – PSPO renewed for the Playground to exclude dogs. The wall repair still awaits removal of the ash dieback tree and a phone number is sought to progress this as work is being held up. Moss works on the playground and Village Hall and tree works – T Scoggins quote approved for all works though clarification of the tree prices is sought before the tree section is awarded.
- b) Bateman 200th Anniversary Year
28th May unveiling – The design still en-route, the clerk delegated to deliver the board and agree design at the workshop in Bradwell.
Bateman Arms – history display still on view in the Village Hall.
Bateman themed Market for the Well and Village Trail on 28th/29th May. The unveiling of the board will take place at 2pm in front of the playground. Council asked Paul Jeremy to introduce the descendant who will carry out the ceremony.
- c) Village Hall Management Committee report
A request to give extra cleaning and supplies at the toilet block will be passed to facilities at DDDC for the Village Market. A good number of volunteers are joining the committee to run the event. Stalls are being borrowed again from Gt Hucklow at a greatly reduced price compared to DDDC charges.
The hall has taken a big step forward in repairs thanks to Covid grants with a new kitchen door and window and repairs to the main windows. A painter is booked for 23rd May. We continue to work under protected squatters rights.
The historic photos have been reframed and the replacement of the ancient storage heaters are the next project.
The Portrait of Middleton project is underway with photographer recording the whole welldressing process and family groups underway.
The History Exhibition has been delayed until 2023 to enable the cataloguing of private collections to be completed due to Covid delays.
- d) Climate Change Group
Bulbs in the planters to be swapped out for summer flowering ones. The herb garden is in planning stage. The wildflower planting was unsuccessful but hundreds of snow bulb bulbs have been successfully done. A Magnolia is to be planted in the Picnic Area. The tomb has been cleared again and will be visited throughout the year to keep weed free.
- e) Jubilee Grant
Agreed to purchase a £5 commemorative coin for all U16s in the parish from Royal Mint. The balance of the £500 DDDC grant will be given to support the Village Hall Jubilee Party. The letter from previous jubilee to be found and tweaked.

1111 A4A Equipment Grant

The second attempt was successful and Project 20201033 for £9048 will shortly arrive in our account. Council agreed to place Option B order with Premier Play Solutions and order 2 picnic benches from TDP

1112 Dalc information and other e-communications

No matters highlighted.

1113 Approval of Governance Statement

Council approved the Governance Statement for signature

1114 Approval of Final accounts for audit and Exemption certificate

Council approved the final accounts and exemption certificate for signature.

1115 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment			VAT
Dpayt	SS Design – Bateman board	£400.00	
Dpayt	AR Signs – A1 board	£120.00	£24.00
Dpayt	M Simpson mowing	£100.00	
Dpayt	HM Lovell (May salary)	£174.57	
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£12.92	
Dpayt	BHIB Insurance	£744.04	
Dpayt	M Simpson mowing	£60.00	
Dpayt	HM Lovell (Jun salary)	£174.57	
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£12.92	
Dpayt	Unity charges	£18.00	
Total		£1841.02	
(b) Income			
Precept £4200.00 DDCD Jubilee Grant £500 Interest £4.26			
(a) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment			
Unity Account £2629.17		after above	£5488.15
Unity Instant access savings £7851.26			£7855.52

1116 Date of next meeting – 13th July at 7:15pm in the Village Hall

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

7:15pm remains the time for future meetings

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

1117 The Tomb Strimming Contract was awarded to DRB Services.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:10 pm