

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 13th July 2022

Present: Cllr Helen Brocklehurst, Cllr Dianne Jeremy, Cllr David Mallaband (Chair)

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

Part 1 Non-confidential items

1118 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Pat Musgrave

1119 Variation of order of business and time constrained items

No items for variation.

1120 Declarations of Members Interests

No declarations required

1121 Public Speaking

Apologies received from DCCllr Simon Spencer, District Councillor Graham Elliott, PDNPA Member Andrew McCloy and PCSO Ben Morris. There is a Police meet publicised in the Square for 24th July.

1122 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 11th May 2022. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

1123 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none

1124 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting & planning related matters

Decisions received: none

Applications returned: none

for discussion: NP/DDD/0622/0863 – Land to NE and S of Upper Oldhams Farm – replacement steel silage clamp building – Phase 1

Council supports this structure to reduce effluent run off provided an adequate soakaway is installed to prevent any run off into the property below and the track to Arbor Low stone circle.

The Phase 1 label gave cause for concern at the meeting for incremental creep, as council would not favour this as the start of a major expansion given its proximity to the ancient monument and adjacent unrelated dwelling.

NP/DDD/0522/0670 Tor Farm - Listed Building consent – replacement of front and back doors (rotten) to be kept in classical style

Council supports the use of traditional style doors as an improvement to the historic look of the village and in keeping with the age of the property.

Other matters: none

1125 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

Reclassification of Whitfield Lane to a Restricted Byway – no news. The junction with Long Rake needs a better solution with multiple potholes FS-Case-436930771. DCC were complimented on the workmanship for filling the two village potholes – outside the church and on the square. Fly tipping is increasing and the District Council will remove by contacting environmenthotline@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

1126 Report of the Clerk/updates and Decisions:

- a) Village Assets: Playground –The wall repair still awaits removal of the ash dieback tree. The owner is happy to pay for the work and council will seek a contractor to progress this. Moss works on the playground and Village Hall have been carried out and the tree works arranged. The two picnic tables were assembled this morning – with thanks to the Chair and Clerk for their time, and the remaining equipment will be fitted by contractors commencing 21st September.

Lectern board grant claimed – paid in full and balance ring fenced for Bateman's Tomb. Tomb works – steps and sinking slabs are options and a price for sleeper steps sought. It was agreed to revisit the last correspondence to confirm our Right of Access to our land at the rear of the hall.

It was agreed that more notices be placed on the website especially ref road issues

- b) Village Hall Management Committee report – Bateman 200th

A busy and successful year to date for events which will see the Visit to Weston Park's Bateman Exhibition as the final 200th event on 14th September.

Monies have been spent on all the main building repairs and improvements to the inefficient heating will be the next priority.

The clash between the Village Market and an un-notified cycling event again highlights the poor dissemination of information as only one body was informed and didn't share so that Parish, District, County and PDNPA all became properly aware 3 days before the event and only timely intervention by the police and Chair raised awareness with the group concerned. Events in the Public Highway urgently needs legislation to make notifiable when they are scaled up and one body needs to have the final say as historic parish events are being affected across the area.

A reminder was given to Council that it is welcome to use the village email list for urgent information.

- c) Climate Change Group – air quality results

The data needs interpreting and the clerk will contact Environmental Health to see if they can or can advise where to get this carried out. The group has carried out further planting with a more sustainable bulb arrangement for seasonal display.

Containers are being sourced for the herb garden and the Jubilee Beech is being ordered. A hedgehog crossing sign was approved to encourage drivers to be aware. Bateman's tomb has been weeded and a padlock is being sourced.

- d) Lectern management and leaflet box

Council approved the smart leaflet box on the playground gate which is intended to hold leaflets to purchase on local history, stones of meaning and trails.

The lectern is being well used and sometimes rotated by users to compare the structures beyond with their photos. It was agreed to leave out until winter and take in for a coat of preserver, returning once the weather improves.

- e) Memorial Stone for Plaques on Square

Resolved for a Memorial stone to be chosen and placed under the wall by the bench to be of a size to accommodate about 6 discrete plaques over time.

1127 Dalc information and other e-communications

PDNPA Local Plan Review – parish comments requested for a wish list for PDNPA Policy for the next 5 years. Dalc includes a link to the Govt enquiry on increasing holiday properties effects on villages. Council considers that PDNPA policy should reflect their capability to enforce decisions and to ensure that local needs are met before holiday lets and second homes.

1128 Finance

Resolved to approve the following:

(a)	Accounts for Payment		VAT
Dpayt	D Bacon strimming	£90.00	
Dpayt	M Simpson mowing	£60.00	
Dpayt	B Wood internal audit	£48.00	
Dpayt	TDP Ltd – picnic benches	£1160.00	232.00
Dpayt	Playsafety inspection	£70.00	14.00
Dpayt	Pennine Woodworking	£485.00	97.00
Dpayt	MSVHC – jubilee	£202.50	
Dpayt	Royal Mint (30 coins)	£315.00	
Dpayt	DRB Services – strimming	£60.00	
Dpayt	M Simpson – mowing	£60.00	
Dpayt	HM Lovell expenses	£40.41	
Dpayt	HM Lovell (July salary)	£174.57	
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£12.92	
Dpayt	J Aston 6mth web	£84.00	
Dpayt	Forest Garden Centre (vs grant)	£101.19	20.24
Dpayt	DRB Services – strimming	£60.00	
Dpayt	M Simpson – mowing	£60.00	
Dpayt	HM Lovell (Aug salary)	£174.57	
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£12.92	
Total		£3634.32	

(b) Income

Coins surplus £30.00 A4A Grant £9048.00 MVHMC £372.02 PDNPA Grant £750.00
Deposit Interest £6.78

(a) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Unity Account £5488.15	after above £12053.85
Unity Instant access savings £7855.52	£7862.30

1129 Date of next meeting – 14th September at 7:15pm in the Village Hall

Forthcoming Dates: 16th November 2023: 11th January, 15th March (apm), 4th May elections, 10th May

7:15pm remains the time for future meetings

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION none

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:46 pm