

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 28th September 2022

Present: Cllr Dianne Jeremy, Cllr David Mallaband (Chair) and Cllr Pat Musgrave

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

Part 1 Non-confidential items

1130 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Helen Brocklehurst

1131 Variation of order of business and time constrained items

No items for variation.

1132 Declarations of Members Interests

No declarations required

1133 Public Speaking

Apologies received from DCCllr Simon Spencer, PDNPA Member Andrew McCloy and PCSO Ben Morris. District Councillor Graham Elliott attended and noted DDDC preoccupation with finding land for Traveller accommodation.

1134 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 13th July 2022. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

1135 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none

1136 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting & planning related matters

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

Applications returned: none

for discussion:– none

Other matters: none

1137 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

Forthcoming Road Closures have been advertised on the website.

Our Snow Warden will check the grit bins and organise with the clerk to get a pallet of grit from Long Rake Spar.

Rights of Way have not informed us if the Bridleway has been cleared as they promised to carry out – Clerk to chase.

1138 Report of the Clerk/updates and Decisions:

- a) Village Assets: Playground –The swings and exercise equipment was fitted by contractors on 22nd September. A Defib champion has moved to the village and the clerk will arrange to meet and register him with Webnos to carry out the monthly checks on ours. Website updated.
- b) Ash tree: The wall repair still awaits removal of the ash dieback tree. A tree surgeon is to be contacted as the owner has asked us to find one and pass the costs on to him.
- c) Village Hall Management Committee report – Bateman 200th

The Visit to Weston Park's Bateman Exhibition took place on 14th September. The Portrait of Middleton Exhibition will be the final event in November. The night heater in the hall is due to be replaced and Harvest Festival is the next event.

- d) Climate Change Group – air quality report – DDDC passed our enquiry to DCC Public Health with no response. Clerk to receive data and forward to Public Health to ask if there are other factors than the high sulphur in the centre of the village which is put down to burning of coal over the winter period the analysis took place. Regular meetings are taking place and funds are being donated to Council to purchase 4 recycled material planters from TDP to place in the WMP picnic area for a community herb garden. Hedgehog notices are up and advice on feeding noted.

- e) Access to Rear of Village Hall
To next meeting

- f) Memorial Stone for Plaques on Square
A stone has been found and Cllr Musgrave is organising for one face to be dressed prior to mounting in front of the boundary wall by the bench which will have space for 6 discrete plaques.

- g) Bateman's Tomb steps
Council resolved to meet on site to cut the roots and insert natural stone pieces into the slope as agreed with PDNPA on site, as the formal step option would require a Listed Monument architect to design a scheme for presentation to PDNPA for agreement.

1139 Dalc information and other e-communications

PDNPA Local Plan Review – was submitted. PDNPA Parishes Day 1st October

1140 Finance

Resolved to approve the following:

(a) Accounts for Payment			VAT
Dpayt	D Bacon strimming	£60.00	
Dpayt	M Simpson mowing	£70.00	
Dpayt	HM Lovell (Sep salary)	£174.57	
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£12.92	
Dpayt	M Simpson mowing	£60.00	
Dpayt	Premier Play Solutions Ltd	£8100.00	£1620.00
Direct	Unity charges	£18.00	
Dpayt	HM Lovell (Oct salary)	£174.57	
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£12.92	

Total £10302.98

- (b) Income
Interest £11.89

(a) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment	
Unity Account £12053.85	after above £1750.87
Unity Instant access savings £7862.30	£7874.19

1141 Date of next meeting – 16th November at 7:15pm in the Village Hall

Forthcoming Dates: 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 9:02 pm