

# 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 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022*

Present:, Cllr Dianne Jeremy, Cllr David Mallaband (Chair) and Cllr Jamie Wlgley

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

Part 1 Non-confidential items

### 1142 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies accepted from Cllr Pat Musgrave and Cllr Helen Brocklehurst

### 1143 Variation of order of business and time constrained items

No items for variation.

### 1144 Declarations of Members Interests

No declarations required

### 1145 Public Speaking

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

### 1146 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

### 1147 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none

### 1148 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting & planning related matters

Decisions received: none

Applications returned: none

for discussion:– none

Other matters: none

### 1149 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

Rights of Way have informed us the Bridleway M6 has been cleared.

The Rakes road sweep has not cleared back to the wall to uncover the drains and a return visit will be requested along with gully clearance as heavy rains are washing the leaves into the village. (Reported FS-Case-466065295)

### 1150 Report of the Clerk/updates and Decisions:

- a) Village Assets: Playground –The swings and exercise equipment was fitted by contractors on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. The Defib champion is registered with Webnos to carry out the monthly checks on ours. Website – note on Bradford Dale to be added.

Ash tree: The wall repair still awaits removal of the ash dieback tree. A tree surgeon has been found and will be instructed to proceed as this is holding up work on the wall and for planting.

- b) Village Hall Management Committee report –

The Portrait of Middleton Exhibition, the final Bateman 200<sup>th</sup> event is on 19<sup>th</sup> November and then the photos will be placed in the archive box and safely stored to be opened at a future date.

The hall has a modern temperature controlled heater on order to replace the uneconomic storage heater and gutters have arranged to be cleared at the end of this month. Timing of the newsletter is to match fit both Hall and Council meeting reports wherever possible.

Harvest supper was a success and the children's party on 4<sup>th</sup> December will be followed by the Silver band carol event and the adults party is scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup>.

c) Access to rear of hall

The solicitor's initial opinion was that as there is no mention of access is in the lease then the rights of access would most likely be from the 1978 declaration by the Waterhouse Estate that this was not their land and as we have used the access to maintain our land, for events and stored the wells boards in the shed since that time extremely difficult to challenge.

d) Climate Change Group – air quality report –passed to DCC Public Health with no response to date. Bulb planting continues with the Volunteer group meeting every Monday. The rear of Hall area is to be added to future projects following the bramble clearance and hedgehog overwinter spots are being located for dry housing.

e) Memorial Stone for Plaques on Square  
Stone to be dressed shortly.

f) Bateman's Tomb steps  
Council to meet on site to carry out step cutting shortly.

1151 Dalc information and other e-communications

An article on a group hall electricity purchase scheme was passed to the VHC

1152 Finance

Resolved to approve the following:

(a) Accounts for Payment			VAT
Dpayt	M Simpson mowing 7th	£60.00	
Dpayt	D Bacon strimming final	£60.00	
Dpayt	TDP – planters	£731.00	146.20
Dpayt	HM Lovell (Nov salary)	£213.98	
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£15.84	
Dpayt	McAfee 24/11 renewal	£9.99	
Dpayt	HM Lovell 4m expenses	£17.52	
Dpayt	M Simpson clean up	£200.00	
Dpayt	The Bugle	£30.00	
Dpayt	HM Lovell (Dec salary)	£213.98	
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£15.84	
Direct	Unity charges	£18.00	
Total		£1632.35	

(b) Income

Interest nil MVHMC Grant £877.20

(c) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Nalc Pay Award (backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> April) agreed by council

Contracts for mowing and strimming were revised for tendering for 2023

Unity Account £1750.87	after above	£935.72
Unity Instant access savings £7874.19		£7874.19

(d) Precept for 2023

Council agreed to provisionally raise the precept by £300.00 to £4500 to meet contractor rises and inflationary commitments. This will be confirmed / altered at the January meeting and amounts to an approximate 9p a week rise in Precept per household

1153 Date of next meeting – 11th January 2023 at 7:15pm in the Village Hall

Forthcoming Dates: 15<sup>th</sup> March (preceded by APM), 4<sup>th</sup> May elections,

10<sup>th</sup> May, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 15<sup>th</sup> November

7:15pm remains the time for future meetings

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

1154 Clerk's contract amended and signed by Chair

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:00 pm