

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 January 2023

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

In attendance: Matthew Lovell (Clerk) and 2 members of the Public

Part 1 Non-confidential items

1161 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies accepted from Cllr Helen Brocklehurst and Cllr Jamie Wigley

1162 Variation of order of business and time constrained items

No items for variation.

1163 Declarations of Members Interests

No declarations required

1164 Public Speaking

Apologies received from DCCllr Simon Spencer, , PDNPA Member Andrew McCloy and PCSO Ben Morris. District Councillor Graham Elliott attended and noted the District elections also take place in May for our new Ward. Discussions on event clashes with last year's village market noted that Derbyshire County Council informs DDDC who ask the relevant District Councillor to liaise with parishes but on that occasion no information was passed to District by County.

1165 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 November and 14th December 2022. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

1166 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none

1167 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting & planning related matters

Decisions received: none

Applications returned: none

for discussion:– none

Other matters:

Council noted that the Greencroft Drawings appear to suggest a strip of land is being donated to council. Older maps show that this area is actually being returned to council as there is access to the rear shown. (Derbyshire Mapping Portal).

Council's complaint regarding PDNPA pre-application advice promoting holiday lets to be again challenged noting our desire to see the Section 106 suggestion for compensation to the community if properties become holiday lets become a clause in all sales to keep communities thriving.

1168 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

DCC/DDDC events to be notified to ensure no clash of cycling or other events that could impact our Village Market on 27th May.

Long Rake Spar order for a pallet of grit collection to be placed tomorrow.

1169 Report of the Clerk/updates and Decisions:

- a) Village Assets: Playground – the ash tree is down and the wall repair expected before spring. Comment was received as the huge improvement the area has received this year is very welcome. Council noted that the moss is the greatest concern and a spray will be arranged prior to the Easter school holidays.

- b) Village Hall Management Committee report –
After a successful full year of events culminating in the Portrait of Middleton which brought nearly every family together in village and outlying community the committee expressed formal thanks last night to Charles Monkhouse for his conception through to completion as a great service to our community. The full event list has been compiled for this year commencing with Bateman Arms on 11th February and to include a ceilidh in early September.
- c) Adverse possession investigations
Opinion has been sought to exhaust all avenues available to us.
- d) Climate Change Group –
The air quality analysis is to be chased again. A litter pick is planned shortly using the remaining pink bags. Spring flowers are emerging in the picnic garden and the group will recommence meeting in two weeks. The PCC are very happy for the use of the church garden area for hedgehogs. The jubilee tree has survived winter so far but a bramble patch needs keeping back on the Bateman Tomb approach.
- e) Memorial Stone for Plaques on Square
Stone to be removed for dressing imminently.
- f) Bateman's Tomb steps
Council agreed the roots want levelling and protrusions and trip hazards removed to give basic safety as this is the only route to the rear.

1170 Dalc information and other e-communications

Coronation Bank Holiday Monday 8th May not as advertised by DALC – to next agenda

1171 Finance

Resolved to approve the following:

(a) Accounts for Payment		VAT
Dpayt	HM Lovell (Jan salary)	£213.98
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£15.84
Dpayt	HM Lovell (Feb salary)	£213.98
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£15.84
Total		£459.64
(b)Income		
Interest £25.52 VAT refund £2293.59		
(c) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment		
Unity Account £935.72		after above £2729.67
Unity Instant access savings £7874.19		£7899.71

(d) Confirmation of Precept for 2023

Council confirmed raising the precept to £4700 to meet contractor rises and inflationary commitments and small projects. This amounts to £4.56 or an approximate 9p a week rise in Precept per household

1173 Date of next meeting – 15th March 2023 after the Annual Parish Meeting which commences at 7:15pm in the Village Hall

Forthcoming Dates: 4th May elections, 10th May, 12th July, 13th September, 15th November

7:15pm remains the time for future meetings