

# 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 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023***

Present: Cllr Helen Brocklehurst, Cllr Dianne Jeremy, Cllr David Mallaband (Chair), Cllr Pat Musgrave and Cllr Jamie Wigley

In attendance: Matthew Lovell (Clerk) and 1 members of the Public  
Part 1 Non-confidential items

1174 To receive apologies for absence  
No Apologies necessary

1175 Variation of order of business and time constrained items  
No items for variation.

1176 Declarations of Members Interests  
No declarations required

1177 Public Speaking  
Apologies received from DCCllr Simon Spencer, District Councillor Graham Elliott, PDNPA Member Andrew McCloy and PCSO Ben Morris.

1178 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous meeting  
RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

1179 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none

1180 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting & planning related matters  
Decisions received: NP/DDD/1122/1448 Church Barn - Installation of Air Source Heat Pump – granted conditionally

Applications returned: none

for discussion:– none

Other matters: Concerns over a beech hedge placed to hide the gritstone wall inside the boundary for Greencroft were raised.

1181 Footpaths and Highways and related issues  
DCC - trailer on Highway verge – owner to be contacted with offer to relocate inside boundary or dispose of so verge can be tidied.  
Grit bins being replenished from stock. Noted that there is an old private ash bin at the top of Lowfield being used for dog waste bags. A dog bin at this location would be welcomed from DDDC.  
Pavement edge near Yew Tree House needs attention but the gritstone kerbs are part of the heritage so need sympathetic repair in the conservation area.  
Potholes are plaguing the area mainly as the fill for all the repairs has come out.  
The Road closure noted on the website will have a map to show the diversion route added.

1182 Report of the Clerk/updates and Decisions:  
a) Village Assets: Playground – waller to be chased for completion before month end.  
Lectern recoat – to be moved to open shed to dry out and then recoated in Danish Oil type product. A moss spray has been requested before month end and once a date is received notices will be put up to give 48 hours closure following the spray.

- b) Village Hall Management Committee report –  
Market 27<sup>th</sup> May and Middleton Rocks 3<sup>rd</sup> June and a Ceilidh planned for September. The Hall Gallery is being put together as the final Bateman / Portrait of Middleton commemorative. Farming was chosen as the key element of the parish and the portraits of the farming families in the parish will go up on the walls to complement the re-mastered old photos and the donated paintings.  
The Coronation will see a Picnic in the Playground “bring your own” event. Council will source and provide commemorative coins for the village children. A tree is to be planted on the Bateman approach.
- c) Climate Change Group – Hedgehog Highway Project  
The air quality analysis is awaited. The leaflets for the Hedgehog project will be available at the Village Market but the scheme is for urban areas and our own efforts are already underway. More planting is proposed – the planters are in flower with natural garden pollinators and a scented corner is planned.
- d) Bradford and Sheepwash update  
Council fully approves and supports the measures being taken by Haddon Estates to return the weirs ponds and Sheepwash to their historic post industrialisation setting.
- e) Memorial Stone for Plaques on Square  
Dressed stone arriving shortly for a potential 6 plaques. First request to be contacted.
- f) Bateman's Tomb steps  
Contractor with stump grinder to be contacted to created steps.

#### 1183 Dalc information and other e-communications

Election forms need downloading from DDDC and delivering by candidates.

#### 1184 Finance

Resolved to approve the following:

(a) Accounts for Payment			VAT
Dpayt	Long Rake Spar grit	£145.63	29.13
Dpayt	ICO annual fee	£35.00	
Dpayt	HM Lovell (Mar salary)	£213.98	
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£15.84	
Dpayt	HM Lovell 3mnth exp	£19.62	
Dpayt	J Aston 6mn website	£84.00	
Dpayt	DALC membership	£78.25	
Dpayt	DDDC PSPO notices	£2.00	0.40
Dpayt	Unity charges	£18.00	
Dpayt	HM Lovell (Apr salary)	£190.99	
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£14.13	
Total		£844.57	
(b) Income			
Interest £nil			
(c) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment			
Unity Account £2729.67		after above	£1882.70
Unity Instant access savings £7899.71			£7899.71

#### 1185 Date of next meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7:15pm in the Village Hall

Forthcoming Dates: 4<sup>th</sup> May elections, , 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

1186 Mowing Contract

Agreed to award the mowing to M Simpson and the Strimming of Bateman's tomb to D Bacon

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

Thanks were expressed by a parishioner for all the work of the current council and especially to the Councillor Mallaband who is stepping down after 15 years of service to our community – 10 of which as Chair. All those present wholeheartedly concurred with his summation for Cllr Mallaband and expressed their thanks.