

# 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 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023***

Present: Cllr Helen Brocklehurst, Cllr Dianne Jeremy (Chair) and Cllr Pat Musgrave  
In attendance: Matthew Lovell (Clerk) and 3 members of the Public

Councillors signed their declarations of office prior to commencement.

### Part 1 Non-confidential items

#### 1187 Election of Chair

Cllr Dianne Jeremy was elected chair and signed the declaration of office

#### 1188 Co-Option for 2 Vacancies

Jamie Wigley was co-opted to serve for 4 years and signed his declaration. He then joined council for this meeting. The final vacancy will be filled at the next meeting.

#### 1189 Election of Vice-Chair

Cllr Jamie Wigley was elected Vice-Chair and signed the declaration of office

#### 1190 Variation of order of business and time constrained items

No items for variation.

#### 1191 Declarations of Members Interests

No declarations required

#### 1192 Public Speaking

Apologies received from DCCllr Simon Spencer, PDNPA Member Andrew McCloy and PCSO Ben Morris. District Councillor Laura Mellstrom introduced herself to the meeting and noted that this was her first meeting with one of her parishes although she's lived in Birchover for 2 years and had not yet been inducted at DDDC. She noted the concerns of affordable housing vs 2<sup>nd</sup> and holiday homes and was appraised of the financial conundrum of listed buildings being unaffordable yet needing a local clause to stop them becoming 2<sup>nd</sup> or holiday homes as the village needs full time community commitment. All present introduced themselves and discussed the small way in which the community embraces climate and environmental issues.

#### 1193 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

#### 1194 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none

#### 1195 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting & planning related matters

Decisions received: none    Applications returned: none

for discussion: – none – we were not advised of the April planning items and the PDNPA site is experiencing difficulties currently in publishing on the portal.

Other matters: none

#### 1196 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

DCC - potholes are being reported again as the road out to Long Rake is in very poor condition. A photo of the footpath damage will be supplied to DCC with a request of

ensure the historic kerbs are left in situ. DDDC – the road sweeper for week prior to Wells was requested and our new councillor will chase this up. The trailer on the verge will be relocated inside it's property boundary prior to the Village Market. Clerk to ask DDDC to plentifully stock the loos for the Village Market and Welldressing.

#### 1197 Report of the Clerk/updates and Decisions:

- a) Village Assets: Playground – the spray was carried out without notification to the clerk so notices could not be arranged. Lectern has been recoated. Commemorative Stone is on its way back and the first plaque will be put in place to ensure others can be accommodated. Quotes for tarmac / safety surfaces will be sought – DALC to be asked what other councils recommend and who they use.
- b) Bateman's path and boards  
Root clearance has created a trip free slope around the side of the tomb. The board is being moved for frame repairs this week. The date of the next strim – path width, will be passed to the Climate Group to clear the area.
- c) Village Hall Management Committee report –  
Market 27<sup>th</sup> May is the major fund raiser for village events and the hall maintenance. All is in hand for Middleton Rocks on 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
The Coronation saw a Picnic in the Village Hall event on 8<sup>th</sup> May due to the weather. Council has sourced commemorative coins for the village children but demand has delayed giving them out.
- d) Climate and Nature Group  
The air quality analysis is awaited. The group meets weekly and continues with planting and is raising plants for the village market. The hedgehogs are becoming more active and the the Church quinquennial report notes bats are present. The Bateman path has a crab apple tree to commemorate the coronation and the Jubilee Beech tree continues to grow.

#### 1198 Dalc information and other e-communications

Election information circulated. The Chair is to be notified of next training course.

#### 1199 Approval of Governance Statement

Council approved the Governance Statement for signature

#### 1200 Approval of Final accounts for audit and Exemption certificate

Council approved the final accounts and exemption certificate for signature.

#### 1201 Finance

Resolved to approve the following:

(a)	Accounts for Payment		VAT
Dpayt	S Skinner – Bateman path	£45.00	
Dpayt	M Simpson mowing x 2	£120.00	
Dpayt	Royal Mint	£299.00	
Dpayt	D Bacon strimming	£70.00	
Dpayt	HM Lovell (May salary)	£190.99	
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£14.13	
Dpayt	Gallager Insurance (1 <sup>st</sup> June)	£842.41	
Dpayt	M Simpson mowing x 2	£120.00	
Dpayt	Playsafety inspection	£75.00	15.00
Dpayt	D Bacon strimming	£60.00	
Dpayt	HM Lovell (Jun salary)	£190.99	
Dpayt	EM audit Services	£48.00	
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£14.13	
Dpayt	Unity charges	£18.00	
Dpayt	Royal Mint (10)	£150.00	

	Total	£2272.65
(b)Income		
Precept £4500.00	Deposit interest £29.81	
Unity Account £1952.70		after above £4180.05
Unity Instant access savings £7899.71		£7936.78

(c ) Risk assessment

Insurance renewal agreed to return to AJ Gallagher brokers due to poor service by BHIB

1202 Date of next meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7:15pm in the Village Hall

Forthcoming Dates: 13<sup>th</sup> September, 15<sup>th</sup> November, 10<sup>th</sup> January, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 8<sup>th</sup> May

7:15pm remains the time for future meetings

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

none

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:50 pm