

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 12th July 2023

Present: Cllr Lisa Bingham, Cllr Helen Brocklehurst and Cllr Dianne Jeremy (Chair)
In attendance: Matthew Lovell (Clerk) and 1 member of the Public

Part 1 Non-confidential items

1212 Apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Pat Musgrave and Cllr Jamie Wigley

1213 Variation of order of business and time constrained items

No items for variation.

1214 Declarations of Members Interests

No declarations required

1215 Public Speaking

Apologies received from DCCllr Simon Spencer, PDNPA Member and PCSO Ben Morris. District Councillor Laura Mellstrom

A parishioner discussed the positioning of the commemorative stone with council and concurred with the idea of setting it in the wall but proposed the name be carved into it rather than a plaque.

1216 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 31st May 2023. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

1217 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none

1218 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting & planning related matters

Decisions received: NP/DDD/0323/0302 – replacement sillage clamp Upper Oldhams Farm – granted. NP/DDD/0323/0302 – retrospective consent for replacement agricultural building - granted

Applications returned: none

for discussion:– none

Other matters: none

1219 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

DCC - potholes need reporting regularly on the DCC Report a Road Fault page. The village sign at the Smerrill entrance has faded and a replacement will be asked for. The pavement repairs have been carried out sympathetically to a high standard and DCC complimented.

1220 Report of the Clerk/updates and Decisions:

- a) Village Assets: Playground – two quotes received with recycled material more than twice the cost of tarmac but funding needed and surfaces aren't very grant inspiring but the clerk will apply to Awards for All stressing the safety hazards and necessity of resurfacing. Website has been updated for council information.

Commemorative Stone – council agreed to investigate the idea of carving with the family as well as the proposed inset location in the adjacent wall.

Thanks were received from a family for the commemorative Coronation coins given to 28 children in the parish.

The Rear of Hall ex-school toilet block needs 3 door to secure and the roof investigating to see if it can be repaired or a price to reroof and prices will be sought by councillors and circulated prior to the next meeting,

- b) Bateman's path and boards
Board has had the frame removed and replaced. The volunteers have weeded the tomb. Final trim is scheduled for 15th September.
- c) Village Hall Management Committee report –
The Agm elected a new committee and secretary and the Annual Report is being circulated next week. The events for 2023/24 are the same as this year with the addition of the ceilidh in September.
- d) Climate and Nature Group
Clerk instructed to ask the District Councillor to chase the air monitoring report.
The planted areas are in bloom and need a water butt to catch rainwater from the toilet block and shelter. It was resolved that subject to site conditions being ok the guttering should be adjusted for reverse slope and extended around the corner on to the planting area and a water butt be purchased for this location. The rear length will be looked at too.
The group asked council to consider provision of a 10x12 greenhouse at the rear of the hall to grow seedlings for the village market and communal areas. Clerk to apply for a grant in conjunction with the surfacing to stress the community needs. Once made secure and watertight, the ex-school block could become a potting shed.

1221 Dalc information and other e-communications

PDNPA Parishes Day is on 7th October. The Chair is booked on next online training course on 5th September.

1222 Finance

Resolved to approve the following:

(a) Accounts for Payment			VAT
Dpt	M Simpson mowing	£60.00	
Dpt	HM Lovell (July salary)	£190.99	
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£14.13	
Dpt	J Aston 6 months website	£102.00	
Dpt	HM Lovell 3 month expenses	£28.44	
Dpt	HM Lovell (Aug salary)	£190.99	
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£14.13	
	Total	£600.68	
(b) Income			
	VH Insurance billed		
(c) Risk assessment			
	Unity Account £4180.05	after above	£3519.37
	Unity Instant access savings £7936.78		£7936.78

1223 Date of next meeting – 13th September 2023 at 7:15pm in the Village Hall

Forthcoming Dates:, 15th November, 10th January, 13th March, 8th May

7:15pm remains the time for future meetings

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

none

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:21 pm