

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 13th September 2023

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

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

Part 1 Non-confidential items

1224 Apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from – none required

1225 Variation of order of business and time constrained items

No items for variation.

1226 Declarations of Members Interests

No declarations required

1227 Public Speaking

Apologies received from DCCllr Simon Spencer, District Councillor Laura Mellstrom PDNPA Member not known yet and PCSO Ben Morris has become a PC so PCSO Anthony Boswell is looking after us until the new PCSO is trained up.

1228 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 12th July 2023. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

1229 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none

1230 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting & planning related matters

Decisions received: none

Applications returned: none

for discussion:– none

Other matters: none

1231 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

DCC - potholes – outside toilet block – deep and another nearby to report.

Plenty of stock for the grit bins.

1232 Report of the Clerk/updates and Decisions:

- a) Village Assets: Playground – awaiting grant news for the surface
Commemorative Stone – council has agreed the siting to the right of the gateway in the way and Cllr Musgrave will liaise with the family to finalise the block to be used.
- b) Bateman's Tomb
Final strim is scheduled for 15th September. Tomb to be weeded this week. The information board has been sorted to cope with the weather – there is a spare if needed.
- c) The Rear of Village Hall – grant news awaited for greenhouse. Ex-school toilet block price to reroof received. The clerk has asked our County Councillor for a grant to cover or part pay for it and Council resolved to place an order for £3650 to be paid for

out of grant or reserves with GPN Specialist Leadworks. Additional cost for boarding up entrances until usage agreed to be agreed at the site meeting.

d) Village Hall Management Committee report –

The ceilidh had to be cancelled due to a clash with an event in Youlgrave Village Hall that would have divided support. Harvest supper is the next event and a full programme is planned for Christmas and 2024.

e) Climate and Nature Group

Air monitoring report finally received and circulated. Equipment provider is liaising with DDDC over details with results to be explained in Village newsletter. It was agreed that the Water Butt to catch the shed/toilet roof run off should be placed on the strip being reclaimed with agreement from Greencroft Farm. A child proof covered water butt was approved for purchase. More hedgehogs have been seen this year but sadly one has been run over.

1233 Dalc information and other e-communications

PDNPA Parishes Day is on 7th October Cllr D Jeremy plans to attend.

The Chair attended online training on 5th September.

1234 Finance

Resolved to approve the following:

(a) Accounts for Payment		VAT
Dp	HM Lovell (Sept salary)	£190.99
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£14.13
Dp	DDDC election paperwork	£107.00
Dp	D Bacon strim	£70.00
Dp	M Simpson mowing x2	£120.00
Dp	HM Lovell (Oct salary)	£190.99
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£14.13

Total £707.24

(b) Income

Interest £44.70 VHI

Unity Account £4050.57	after above	£3343.33
Unity Instant access savings £7981.48		£7936.78

1235 Date of next meeting -15th November 2023 at 7:15pm in the Village Hall

Forthcoming Dates 2024:10th 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 8:10 pm