

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 22nd November 2023

Present: Cllr Lisa Bingham, Cllr Helen Brocklehurst, Cllr Dianne Jeremy (Chair), and Cllr Jamie Wigley
In attendance: Matthew Lovell (Clerk) and 4 members of the Public

Part 1 Non-confidential items

1249 Apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Pat Musgrave

1250 Variation of order of business and time constrained items

No items for variation.

1251 Declarations of Members Interests

No other interests were noted.

1252 Public Speaking

The applicant for Green Farm attended to outline plans for the barn conversions including the necessity to schedule work around the bats to minimise disturbance. A parishioner raised the issue of privacy for residents in neighbouring gardens for which screening is proposed and noted the approval for the design and plan to bring the buildings back to their best condition externally.

Apologies received from DCCllr Simon Spencer and DDDCllr Laura Mellstrom. PCSO Anthony Boswell has taken back our patch but there is 1 PC and 2 PCSO's to cover 53 villages. He warned that the adjacent Hathersage and Bradwell area is subject to burglaries with cars and cycles targeted. Registering cycles and providing cctv – ensuring its date stamps are correct, locks and bolts delay villains and suspicious activity needs reporting as this is often casing the area prior to an offence.

1253 Planning Applications

For decision:

NP/DDD/1123/1336(listed consent) and 1337 Green Farm Church Barns – Repair and conversion of barns into two C3 dwellings/holiday lets

Council supports this application that will see 4 derelict structures given new life and be externally restored to their former glory. Whilst Council is disappointed that these will be holiday lets, it understands the impossibility to meet affordable requirements in restoration projects and notes that the units created will not take from existing housing stock which needs to remain in full time occupation to keep the village alive. The preservation of the buildings, adaptations to keep the bat population and green screening to address privacy fit with Council's environmental and heritage objectives.

It was noted that the Yellow notices haven't yet gone up and that this application is open to comment by the public at PDNPA until 25th December.

1254 Date of next meeting - 10th January 2024 at 7:15pm in the Village Hall

Forthcoming Dates:13th March, 8th May, 10th July, 11th September, 20th November

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION none

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8: 15 pm