

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 14th May 2025

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

Part 1 Non-confidential items

1361 Election of Chair

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

1362 Election of Vice-Chair

Cllr Jamie Wigley was elected Vice-Chair and will sign the declaration of office at the next meeting

1363 Apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from – Cllr Jamie Wigley

1364 Variation of order of business and time constrained items

No items for variation.

1365 Declarations of Members Interests

No interests were required.

1366 Public Speaking

Apologies received from DDDCllr Laura Mellstrom and PCSO Anthony Boswell. No official email address yet received for the new County Councillor Nick Adams

1367 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 March 2025. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

1368 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none

1369 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting & planning related matters

Decisions received: none

Applications returned: none

for discussion:– none

Other matters: none

1370 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

DCC- potholes continue to be reported on the DCC portal <https://my.derbyshire.gov.uk/>
The Seat wall has been repaired FS-Case-641015726 but the iron back rail is missing – Clerk to enquire of DCC when it's to be reinstalled. A street sweep is needed before the Village Market.

1371 Report of the Clerk/updates and Decisions:

- a) Village Assets: Playground – inspection report noted the wood on the play tower is coming to end of life. Council agreed to seek quotes for replacement and funding to cover this via grants and/or local businesses.
Bateman's Tomb – grant for rose hedging and shrubs to improve the path up awaits approval.

Rear of Village Hall – drain clearance carried out but jetting advised. Clerk to investigate if this is covered by insurance. Website – will be updated with audit information shortly. The memorial tree steel protective basket on the Rakes is to be carefully removed and reused for a young sapling as it is digging into the well established tree.

- b) Insurance renewal – 3 year agreement in year 3 – the £28 increase was agreed.
- c) Village Hall Management Committee report
 Village Market on 24th May – plans finalised. Middleton Rocks 7th June – in hand. AGM for the Committee is on 17th June with changes to officers expected. A Project with the support of Derbyshire Aggregates is looking at the ancient paths and roads of Middleton with a pack per house proposed and an exhibition.

A Village Hall Event jointly run with the Parish Council to use the fund from DDDC to commemorate the fallen and the end of the war was agreed for Sunday 31st August. It will be proposed to the PCC that a memorial church service form a part of this.

- d) Climate and Nature Group
 The area behind the hall is now clear thanks to the skip and a new composter full – another is proposed. The VHMC have agreed an outside tap to assist watering and the community greenhouse will again be available to residents after the village market. DWT Church garden is developing with the new seat installed. A visit to Hartington Wildflower group is planned in June.

1372 Dalc information and other e-communications
 Latest bulletins received.

1373 Approval of Governance Statement
 Council approved the Governance Statement for signature

1374 Approval of Final accounts for audit and Exemption certificate
 The accounts have been Internally audited with no matters arising.
 Council approved the final accounts and exemption certificate for signature.

1375 Finance

Resolved to approve the following:

(a) Accounts for Payment	VAT
UB J Aston domain	£14.00
UB D Bacon drains/strimming	£40.00+£90.00
UB EM audit Services	£60.38
UB HM Lovell (May salary)	£218.09
Dirdebit NEST (monthly)	£16.14
UB Play Safety inspection	£80.00
UB Gallager Insurance (1 st June)	£979.44
UB HM Lovell (Jun salary)	£218.09
Dirdebit NEST (monthly)	£16.14
UB YPC printer	£35.00
UB Unity charges x 2	£12.00
Total	£1795.28

(b) Income

Precept £5230.00 Deposit interest(Mar) £26.41 MSVH skip £172.50
 DDDC VEVJ80th £250.00

Unity Account £2181.13 after above £6038.35
 Unity Instant access savings £4194.22 £4220.63

1294 Date of next meeting - 16th July at 7:15pm in the Village Hall
Forthcoming Dates: 10th September, 19th November

2026: 14th January, 11th March, 13th 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