

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 10th January 2024

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

In attendance: Matthew Lovell (Clerk) and 4 members of the Public

Part 1 Non-confidential items

1267 Apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from – none required

1268 Variation of order of business and time constrained items

No items for variation.

1269 Declarations of Members Interests

No interests were required.

1270 Public Speaking

Apologies received from DCCllr Simon Spencer.
PCSO Anthony Boswell noted.

District Councillor Laura Mellstrom noted
A member of the public voiced concerns

1271 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 10th January 2024. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

1272 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none

1273 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting & planning related matters

Decisions received: NP/DDD/1123/1423 Corner Cottage insulation & solar - withdrawn
NP/DDD/12223/1440 Proposed rainwater harvester system for use with existing agricultural buildings – Arbor Low Farm, adjacent to Upper Oldhams.

Applications returned: none
for discussion:– none

Other matters: none

1274 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

DCC - potholes continue to be reported. The grid is blocked and Cllr Wigley thanked for volunteering to clear again. The grit bins are full with 10 bags remaining – if snows arrive next week, the clerk will liaise and order a 70 bag pallet for collection. Noted that footpath 27 bridge is underwater and the steep path needs attention.

1275 Report of the Clerk/updates and Decisions:

- a) Village Assets: Playground – tarmac completed.
Council has reapplied to register the Village Hall as an asset of community value and will receive confirmation next month when the committee meets. Note that this automatically expires after 5 years so will need renewing if the title isn't resolved by 2029.
- b) Maintenance contracts – Mowing and strimming
Agreed to send out mowing as is but check extra items and leave the number of strims the same. Tenders to be sent out shortly.
- c) The Rear of Village Hall – greenhouse to be ordered. £2000 received from County Councillor to provide doors for the refurbished block. Quotes to be asked for within the budget.
- d) Village Hall Management Committee report – Batemans Arms is open on 10th February from 6pm. Planning is underway for the market on 25th May and Middleton Rocks will take place on 1st June. The Hall has joined Rural Action Derbyshire's affiliate scheme
- e) Climate and Nature Group - gardeners are keen to get going with lots of clear up behind the village hall in preparation for the greenhouse. DDDC will be asked to remove debris in the Square.

1264 Dalc information and other e-communications
Latest bulletin received.

1265 Finance

Resolved to approve the following:

(a) Accounts for Payment		VAT
DP	N Fox tarmac	£6500.00
		£1300.00
Dp	HM Lovell (Jan salary)	£207.41
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£15.35
Direct debit	ICO registration	£35.00
DP	J Aston 6m website	£102.00
Dp	DJ chair presentation	£60.00
Dp	HM Lovell (Feb salary)	£207.41
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£15.35
	Total	£8442.52

(b) Income

Interest £38.94 DCC Grant £2000.00

Unity Account £11595.56	after above	£5153.04
Unity Instant access savings £5535.69		£5574.63

1266 Date of next meeting - 13th March 2024 commencing after the conclusion of the Annual Parish Meeting which starts at 7:15pm in the Village Hall
Forthcoming Dates 2024: 8th May, 10th July, 11th September, 20th November

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