

# 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 June 2024*

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

Part 1 Non-confidential items

### 1295 Apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Pat Musgrave and Cllr Jamie Wigley

### 1296 Variation of order of business and time constrained items - No items for variation.

### 1297 Declarations of Members Interests - No other interests were noted.

### 1298 Public Speaking

All Parishioners attending spoke to object to the planning application and its design that will undermine the ample family status as one of the larger cottages in the village. Apologies received from PCSO Anthony Boswell

### 1299 Planning Applications

For decision: NP/DDD/0424/0352 - 2 Castle Cottage – proposed alterations and extensions – amended plans

Council continues to object to this application as the amended plans show little change to the original only altering one detail that creates a pitched roof extension highly visible from the footpath and road. This will change Area A of the Conservation Area in an obtrusive way that is contrary to the scale of cottages throughout the village. This semi-detached pair of cottages are some of the largest cottage dwellings in this community requiring no addition to the footprint – which the existing extension has already used on a percentage permissible basis (carried out with materials sourced from the same reclamation as the 1914 dwellings were built from and therefore doubtful that further can be obtained to match). Council has noted 18 published objections from our community at the time of the meeting including several already objecting to this amendment and was made aware by public attendance at our meeting of several more not yet uploaded to your website. It agrees with the strong feeling that to alter one side of this historic pair will damage the cottage scale irrecoverably and affect its family layout with a single small downstairs shower room in the entrance that is more akin to holiday let requirements. The Village Statement published by the PDNPA notes – “Community Aspirations - To remain a rural focused community maintaining its local population, providing a suitable village hall, encouraging family homes and looking to conserve its historic legacy” which this application fails to address as it's current layout meets family usage throughout the community and preserves its highly regarded size and historic importance to the conservation area. No other cottage properties within the conservation area have extensions of this scale and a bad precedent would be set if this were permitted. The layout of the cottages to the curve of the road means that the extension can be regarded as frontage so highly visible, obtrusive and contrary to PDNPA Conservation Area Policy.

Council asks that should officers be minded to approve this application then it be taken to Planning Committee to enable full public representation and Committee decision.

### 1300 Date of next meeting - 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 7:15pm in the Village Hall

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION none

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:00 pm