

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 11th September 2024

Present:, Cllr Helen Brocklehurst, Cllr Dianne Jeremy (Chair) and Cllr Jamie Wigley
In attendance: Matthew Lovell (Clerk) and 1 member of the Public

Part 1 Non-confidential items

1314 Apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from – Cllr Lisa Bingham, Cllr Pat Musgrave

1315 Variation of order of business and time constrained items

No items for variation.

1316 Declarations of Members Interests

No interests were required.

1317 Public Speaking

Apologies received from DDDCllr Laura Mellstrom, DCCllr Simon Spencer and PCSO Anthony Boswell who sent a report noting one crime of criminal damage to a residential property since the last meeting.

1318 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 July 2024. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

1319 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none

1320 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting & planning related matters

Decisions received: NP/DDD/0424/0352 2 Castle Cottage – proposed alterations and extensions – granted

NP/DDD/0723/0803 AND 0804 Castle Farm – conversion of barn to ancilliary living accommodation - refused

Applications returned: none

for discussion:– NP/DDD/0824/0898 – Stones Barn, East Of Weaddow Lane and north of Wilmadah, Middleton by Youlgrave - Conversion of traditional agricultural building to dwelling house

Council supports this application as the best way to preserve a traditional stone barn not fit for modern agricultural practice. It notes the desire for a dwelling for long term and not for holiday use in accordance with our PDNPA village statement and would prefer to see a condition placed to meet this. It notes the materials are in keeping with the current build and view and would expect the extension to conform to the proportional requirements for the original footprint.

Other matters: none

1321 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

DCC- potholes continue to be reported on the DCC portal <https://my.derbyshire.gov.uk/>

Roughwood Hollow wall has been reported to DCC FS-Case-641015726 as this section is slipping including our Stone of Meaning seat slab which has been taped off to warn against use. No response has been received to our two enquiries to Highways Inspectors and the County Councillor will be contacted to chase up.
 FS-Case-646897348 – Finger post on Youlgrave Friden junction missing.
 The wall enclosing the post box is showing signs of movement.

1322 Report of the Clerk/updates and Decisions:

- a) Village Assets: Playground – moss removal ongoing. Outbuildings – a skip is to be ordered once the CNG volunteers are available to load it.

- b) Village Hall Management Committee report
 Batemans Arms is to be held on 21st September. Defibrillator Training is scheduled for the end of the month and the Harvest supper is on 11th October. VHMC has offered to pay half the costs towards the CNG skip as they benefit from use of the outbuildings.

- c) Climate and Nature Group
 A replacement is being investigated for the crab apple Silver Jubilee commemorative tree that is in a poor state. Works around the church and its garden are ongoing with families of hedgehogs regularly spotted. Planting for screening is being investigated. Work is planned to complete the debris removal behind the village hall and in outbuildings.

1323 Dalc information and other e-communications

Latest bulletins received. Parishes Day 12th October, DCC Forum 15th October
 PDNPA Climate Change Online Survey – email of 3rd September from PDNPA.

1324 Finance

Resolved to approve the following:

(a) Accounts for Payment		VAT
Dpayt	Play Inspection Ltd	£78.00
Dpayt	D Bacon strimming July	£75.00
Dpayt	HM Lovell (Sep salary)	£207.41
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£15.35
Dpayt	D Bacon strimming Aug	£75.00
Ddr	Unity ¼ charges	£18.00
Dpayt	HM Lovell (Oct salary)	£207.41
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£15.35
	Total	£707.12
 (b) Income		
Unity Account	£5820.17	after above £5113.05
Unity Instant access savings	£4137.64	£4137.64
Completion of audit		

1325 Date of next meeting - 20th November at 7:15pm in the Village Hall
 Forthcoming Dates 2025: 15th January, 12th March, 14th May

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

none

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:02 pm