

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 27th November 2024

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

Part 1 Non-confidential items

1326 Apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from – Cllr Pat Musgrave and Cllr Jamie Wigley

1327 Variation of order of business and time constrained items

No items for variation.

1328 Declarations of Members Interests

No interests were required.

1329 Public Speaking

Apologies received from DDDCllr Laura Mellstrom, DCCllr Simon Spencer and PCSO Anthony Boswell

1330 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 11th September 2024. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

1331 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none

1332 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting & planning related matters

Decisions received: 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 – granted conditionally

Applications returned: none

for discussion:– none

Other matters: none

1333 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 - work is being programmed by DCC. Post Box wall has been reported. The signpost at the Youlgrave junction has no arms fitted yet.

1334 Report of the Clerk/updates and Decisions:

- a) Village Assets: website – clerk has investigated .gov.uk domain but this is not available for sites shared with other parties and not yet mandatory so will not be applied for.
Playground – the bench is being moved out of the play area on Friday.
Outbuildings – skip to be ordered after Christmas. The second drain in this area needs unblocking. Bateman's tomb autumn clear is taking place tomorrow. Noted that the DDDC breach of the lease for 365 day opening is tabled for their next toilet block review meeting according to DDDCllr Mellstrom.

- b) Village Hall Management Committee report
Batemans Arms return was appreciated with a good atmosphere and the Harvest supper a success. The Christmas programme is per the usual Children's party, Light up with the Youlgrave Silver Band leading the Carols and a community party. An new email network is being compiled.
- c) Climate and Nature Group
Community Greenhouse has been cleaned ready for Plant Stall preparation and then residents slots for use for the remainder of the season thereafter. Pallets will create compost bays nearby. An £800 grant application has been made to Derbyshire Wildlife Trust to create St Michael and All Angels Church Nature Garden – the VHMC has offered £250 in addition to this.
- d) Underground water pipe request on Batemans Tomb path
With the sale of the property on the access route being completed this has been shelved as that route would be a better option.
- e) Sites of Meaning 25th Anniversary
Advice is to be sought on any repairs necessary and it was agreed that a working party including a councillor, VHMC member, youth generation and Charles Monkhouse will take this forward. An estimated £4-8000 in grants is likely to be sought from funders to provide a photo set for now, renewal of publicity, modernise the web pages and next generation children's activity.
- f) Parish Statement update
The revised Village aspiration statement was agreed for submission.
- g) PDNPA Local Plan Review Consultation response
The draft circulated was agreed at the meeting for submission.

1335 Dalc information and other e-communications

Latest bulletins received. Planning training hosted by PPPF at PDNPA is taking place on 13th January from 2pm to 5pm. Council agreed it was time they joined the PPPF.

1336 Finance

Resolved to approve the following:

| (a) Accounts for Payment | VAT |
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| Dpayt D Bacon Sept Strim | £65.00 |
| Dpayt HM Lovell (Nov salary inc arrears) | £292.81 |
| Direct debit NEST (monthly) | £21.67 |
| Dpayt HM Lovell 4 mnth expenses | £30.78 |
| Ddr Unity monthly charges x3 | £16.20 |
| Dpayt HM Lovell (Dec salary) | £218.09 |
| Direct debit NEST (monthly) | £16.14 |
| Total | £660.69 |

(b) Income

Interest Sept £28.68

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| Unity Account £5113.05 | after above | £4452.36 |
| Unity Instant access savings £4137.64 | | £4166.32 |

c) To note NALC Pay award – accepted by Council in accordance with Clerk's contract.

d) Precept for 2025/26

Resolved to set the precept at £5130 – A 3% increase or 4p per week per household from 1st April.

1337 Date of next meeting - 15th January at 7:15pm in the Village Hall

Forthcoming Dates 2025: 12th March, 14th May

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

none

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7:57 pm