

# MIDDLETON AND SMERRILL PARISH COUNCIL

## *Minutes of the Meeting of Middleton and Smerrill Parish Council held in Middleton by Youlgrave Village Hall at 8:08pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025*

Present: Cllr Lisa Bingham, Cllr Helen Brocklehurst, Cllr Dianne Jeremy (Chair)  
In attendance: Matthew Lovell (Clerk) and 2 members of the Public

Part 1 Non-confidential items

1349 Apologies for absence

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

1350 Variation of order of business and time constrained items

No items for variation.

1351 Declarations of Members Interests

No interests were required.

1352 Public Speaking

Apologies received from DCCllr Simon Spencer and PCSO Anthony Boswell

DDDCllr Laura Mellstrom noted the temporary housed Banking hub at the ABC in Bakewell with the 5 major banks providing a day cover each. There is a vote next week on giving a small sum to every parish to celebrate VE/VJ day 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

1353 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

1354 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none

1355 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting & planning related matters

Decisions received: NP/DDD/0125/0036 – 2 Castle Cottages

S.73 application for the variation of condition 2 (change to plans to show Air Source Heat Pump) on NP/DDD/0424/0352 – granted conditionally

Applications returned: none

for discussion:– none

Other matters: none

1356 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

DCC- potholes continue to be reported on the DCC portal <https://my.derbyshire.gov.uk/>  
Clerk asked officers for urgent works on Roughwood Hollow seat at the DCC Liaison meeting. The junction post finally has direction fingers. The request from the Annual Parish Meeting for a toilets direction sign on the "school" signpost will be asked of DCC

1357 Report of the Clerk/updates and Decisions:

a) Village Assets: website – being upgraded

Playground – a moss watch continues. The Play tower is to be looked at for grants to replace. The Defibrillator is now registered on The Circuit to ensure East Midlands Ambulance Service are aware of it now CHT has lost its direct link to them.  
 Outbuildings – skip on site – a road licence cost was incurred and filling will take place over the weekend. The Village Hall will be billed for 50% as agreed.

- b) Village Hall Management Committee report  
 Market/Well Dressing on 24<sup>th</sup> May - all in hand and progressing and Middleton Rocks 7<sup>th</sup> June has a working group coordinating the event. Another successful Bateman Arms with a repeat in September now planned annually. The storage area in the outbuildings has greatly assisted in sorting out the community event assets and plant stall needs. The second drain to the rear is blocked by a tree sapling and Council will look into its removal.
- c) Climate and Nature Group  
 Derbyshire Wildlife Trust works ongoing as this is a two year project with further expenditure for the Church Garden Project. The PDNP Foundation Community Nature Fund is being reapplied to as they requested alterations to the application for wild rose hedging to the fence border of the path to Batemans Tomb and we will hear back from them after 30<sup>th</sup> April. The Community Greenhouse is well stocked for the Village Market and compost bays planned next.
- d) Sites of Meaning 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary update  
 A group has been set up and awaits funding information.

1358 Dalc information and other e-communications

Latest bulletins received. DCC Liaison attended by Chair and Clerk

1359 Finance

Resolved to approve the following:

(a) Accounts for Payment		VAT
ub	HM Lovell (Mar salary)	£218.09
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£16.14
ub	Unity monthly charge x2	£12.00
ub	HM Lovell expenses	£32.52
ub	Bug hotel	£36.64 £7.33
ub	Peak Waste	£345.00 £69.00
ub	TDP – bench grant	£318.25 £63.65
ub	DALC subscription	£109.09
ub	PPPF subscription	£6.00
ub	HM Lovell (Apr salary)	£218.09
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£16.14

Total £1467.94

(b) Income

Unity Account £3649.07	after above	£2181.13
Unity Instant access savings £4194.22		£4194.22

1360 Date of next meeting - 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7:15pm in the Village Hall  
 Forthcoming Dates 2025: 16<sup>th</sup> July, 10<sup>th</sup> September, 19<sup>th</sup> November

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

1361 Strimming Contract

Resolved to place with DB Services

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8: 30 pm