

# Middleton Tyas Parish Council

## MINUTES of a Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7.00pm

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Mrs S Perks (Chairman), G Davies, Miss L Harknett, D Henderson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** PCSO Helen Sutherland, PCSO Connor Mattison,  
Mrs C Jones (Parish Clerk).

### 1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Ms Clare Lamb, Cllr M Bartle, PC Mark Wood.

### 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

All Councillors made the following declaration:

"We, as Parish Councillors, declare that we have an interest in each Agenda item as residents of Middleton Tyas."

### 3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was Resolved to accept the Draft Minutes of the last meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and they were signed as a true record of the meeting.

### 4. POLICE REPORT

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PCSO Helen Sutherland informed the meeting that she would be leaving the Ward shortly to train as a Police Officer and she introduced PCSO Connor Mattison who will be taking over her role.

PCSO Helen Sutherland reported that poaching is still an issue in the area and PC Mark Wood now has a WhatsApp group for the Border Watch patrols to use.

She said that the Police are aware of the recent graffiti in the village which is an ongoing matter. When asked if residents not quarantining after returning from holidaying abroad, in contravention of Government regulations, should be reported to the Police, PCSO Connor Mattison said that any such concerns could be reported to 101 and the Police will "have a conversation" with the alleged offenders.

Cllr Gordon Davies noted that he is organizing new dates for village Speed Watch patrols and the Police will be informed as these are confirmed.

### 5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

1. C.Cllr Thompson reported that the year had started with a £19m deficit. The cost of the Coronavirus pandemic was £73m to date, less a grant of £33m received from the Government, meaning reserves will need to be used going forward.  
C.Cllr Thompson noted that the current consultation on Devolution and Unitary Authorities (UA) was considering 2 proposals by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 – one UA for the whole of North Yorkshire; or the City of York and the rest of the County becoming two separate UAs. Each UA would be headed up by an elected Major (Teesside is a good example of this). The 2021 County Council Elections will be deferred to 2022 if either scheme goes ahead. Future savings could be around £25m p.a. if there is one UA, and between £35 - £60m p.a. if there are two UAs.

2. Cllr Mrs Perks reported on the results of the Speed Strip which had been in situ on Middleton Tyas Lane for one week in August. She noted that 7848 vehicles had passed over the strip during the week and the Mean Speed had been 35mph with the 85 percentile being 35.4mph (in the 30mph zone).
3. It was Resolved not to carry out a village consultation on the need for a VAS sign along Middleton Tyas Lane following the Speed Strip test on the grounds that one was needed and should be installed for road safety reasons. Cllr Mrs Perks voted in favour of a village survey being carried out.  
C.Cllr Thompson confirmed that other villages had not undertaken consultations before installing their VAS signs.
4. NYCC had identified their preferred location for a VAS on the wide grass verge outside Rose Hill Farm. However, as this is in the Conservation Area and the verge is of 'special interest', Cllr Mrs Perks had identified a more appropriate site for the sign. However, other Councillors were happy with the original site and it was Resolved to site the VAS sign outside Rose Hill Farm.  
Councillors agreed that a letter should be sent to those properties/ residents who will be affected by the proposed location of the VAS sign. **SP**
5. Two quotations had been received for the provision of a VAS sign at a cost of £4,000-£5,000. C.Cllr Thompson reported that he may not be able to support our project with NYCC grant funding this year after all and he will report back to us if he can. **AT**  
The total cost of the VAS will need to be raised through grant funding and from the Precept. It was also unanimously Resolved to seek public donations towards the cost of purchase of the VAS.  
Cllr Mrs Perks will review the situation and report back to Council. **SP**
6. Our letter to NYCC Highways Dept dated 31 August 2020, asking for changes to the Speed Limit along Kneeton Lane to extend both the 20mph zone to protect the School entrance, and to extend the 30mph zone beyond the new housing development, was ratified. The Clerk will seek an early response to our request. **CJ**
7. Most graffiti has been removed from the village following a recent incident, but the Council has asked NYCC Highways Dept for help in removing remaining marks and stains left by earlier cleaning from pavements and walls. They had confirmed that they would help with this, but that the graffiti on private property was the responsibility of affected householders.

## **6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

1. D.Cllr Angus Thompson reported that the new housing development on Kneeton Lane will be called Copperfield Park. The Council, and some residents, had been asked to comment on suggested street names and they will be Cuprum Drive and Middleton Close.

Proposals for a new house along the Lane/Public Footpath off the South side of Middleton Tyas Lane will go before the Full Planning Committee for a decision in due course.

RDC has spent £25,000 with KPMG for them to review the Unitary Authority consultation.

D.Cllr Thompson suggested that any complaints about the working of Scotch Corner Roundabout should be directed to Rishi Sunak, MP.

2. As part of the Great British September Clean Campaign, it was agreed to hold a village Litter Pick on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September; volunteers to meet at 11.00am on the Green. Litter pickers, bin bags, sanitiser, will be provided. **SP/CL/CJ**

## **7. DEVOLVED COUNCILS**

Cllr Mrs Perks had attended the Zoom consultation event on 16<sup>th</sup> August to better understand the proposals. (See item 5.1 above.)

## **8. PLANNING MATTERS**

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1. Lime tree on the Green – Notice of Intention to Carry Out Works to Prune and Remove Dead Wood and Sprouting Around the Base of 1 No Lime tree at Village Green, Main Street – It was noted that this application has been GRANTED.
2. Unit 65 Scotch Corner Designer Outlet Village – Full Planning Permission for Proposed Occupation of Unit 65 by a Local Cheese Manufacturer – It was noted that this application has been GRANTED.
3. Orchard House, Main Street – Full Planning Permission to Build a Timber Greenhouse with an 850mm Dwarf Wall in Bradford Stone to the Rear – It was Resolved to ratify our letter of response to RDC Planning dated 22 July 2020.  
Orchard House, Main Street – Listed Building Consent to Build a Timber Greenhouse with an 850mm Dwarf Wall in Bradford Stone to the Rear – It was Resolved to ratify our letter of response to RDC Planning dated 22 July 2020.
4. 11 Village Farm – Full Planning Permission for New Vertical Sliding Sash Windows and Composite Door – It was Resolved to ratify our letter of response to RDC Planning dated 9 August 2020.
5. Longfield Farm, Main Street – Full Planning Permission for Two Storey Rear Extension. It was Resolved to submit ‘No comment’ on this application.  
Longfield Farm, Main Street – Listed Building Consent for Two Storey Rear Extension. It was Resolved to submit ‘No comment’ on this application.
6. To decide and respond to NALC on the following Consultations:
  - a. Planning for the Future - Government White Paper Planning Consultation as suggested by Cllr Mrs Perks.  
[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/907956/Planning\\_for\\_the\\_Future\\_web\\_accessible\\_version.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/907956/Planning_for_the_Future_web_accessible_version.pdf)  
It was Resolved to approve the draft comments prepared by Cllr Mrs Perks and to submit these as Council’s response.
  - b. Changes to the Current Planning System -  
[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/907215/200805\\_Changes\\_to\\_the\\_current\\_planning\\_system\\_FINAL\\_version.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/907215/200805_Changes_to_the_current_planning_system_FINAL_version.pdf)  
It was Resolved to approve the draft comments prepared by Cllr Mrs Perks and to submit these as Council’s response.

- c. Data on Land Control –  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/transparency-and-competition-a-call-for-evidence-on-data-on-land-control>  
 It was Resolved not to respond to this Consultation as it relates mainly to Land Registry matters.

7. Cllr Mrs Perks reported on the ‘Permitted Development’ changes now in effect, some relevant ones being:
- Developers can apply for temporary extensions to working hours to allow for time lost finishes, weekend and bank holiday working;
  - Companies with a turnover of less than £45million can now defer Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payments. This will be removed with economic recovery;
  - Planners can advertise developments on ‘social media’ instead of a printed notice on the site;
  - Planning Meetings can be held ‘virtually’;
  - Up to 2 extra storeys can be added onto a house up to 18m high (1 storey added onto 1 storey), excluding in Conservation Areas.

## 9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. The following items were approved for payment and cheques duly signed:
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| 1. Clerk’s Salary – July 2020                            | £ | 327.33 |
| 2. Clerk’s Expenses – July 2020                          | £ | 44.07  |
| 3. Handyman’s Salary – July 2020                         | £ | 87.20  |
| 4. Handyman’s Expenses – July 2020                       | £ | 20.27  |
| 5. HMRC – PAYE – July 2020                               | £ | 69.60  |
| 6. Information Commissioner - Data Protection            | £ | 40.00  |
| 7. Citizens’ Advice (Richmond) – Donation                | £ | 50.00  |
| 8. Robertson’s Garden Services – Grass Cutting July 2020 | £ | 520.00 |
| 9. Community Heartbeat Trust – VETS 3 years to May 2021  | £ | 360.00 |
| 10. YLCA – Councillor training                           | £ | 48.00  |
| 11. TP Jones & Co LLP – Payroll April-June               | £ | 53.46  |
| 12. Vision ICT Ltd – Website Accessibility Report        | £ | 102.00 |
| 13. Clerk’s Salary – August 2020                         | £ | 327.13 |
| 14. Clerk’s Expenses – August 2020                       | £ | 18.80  |
| 15. Handyman’s Salary – August 2020                      | £ | 69.76  |
| 16. Handyman’s Expenses – August 2020                    | £ | 3.20   |
| 17. HMRC – PAYE – August 2020                            | £ | 69.80  |
| 18. Robertson’s Gardening Services – August 2020         | £ | 520.00 |

The following receipts were noted:

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| 19. NYCC – Grass cutting grant 2020-21 | £ | 472.50 |
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2. Bank Transfer

It was noted that no suitable bank Savings Account had yet been found to replace the current one at YBL and further investigation will take place.

**CL/CJ**

3. Mobile Phone

It was Resolved to provide a mobile phone for the Clerk’s use, details to be agreed in due course.

**ALL/CJ**

4. LGA Salary Scales

It was noted that the Local Government Salary Scales for 2020-21 have now been agreed, with pay increases effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020. It was Resolved that the Clerk's pay rate will increase according to those Scales, back-dated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020. The Payroll company will be informed. **SP/CJ**

**10. DOG WASTE BIN ON COW LANE**

It was Resolved to purchase a Glasdon Fido 25 Dog Waste Bin for Cow Lane at a cost of £117.47 + VAT. The Clerk will place an order and the Village Handyman will install it, and will also empty the bin on a regular basis. **CJ**

**11. FOOTPATHS AND RIGHTS OF WAY**

Councillors agreed to taking the lead ensuring that all footpaths and Rights of Way through the village are registered on the 'Definitive Map of Rights of Way' by 2026.

Cllr Mrs Perks believes that all our footpaths are noted thereon and will include a piece for the Village News asking residents to report any Rights of Way which existed pre 1949 and are believed to be missing from the Definitive Map.

Councillors are asked to walk paths and/or ask other residents for information on any damaged footpaths and stiles so these can be noted, and any necessary repairs carried out. **ALL**

The Clerk will report damaged or locked stiles to NYCC on receipt of information. **CJ**

Details of the current consultation will be put in the Village News. **SP**

Cllr Mrs Perks will respond to the Consultation in due course. **SP**

**12. PLAYING FIELD & PLAY PARK**

1. Playing Field

The monthly Maintenance status report was received and all is in order.

It was noted that the quality of the grass cutting is much improved this year.

2. Play Park

The monthly Safety Inspection report has been undertaken and all is in order.

Cllr Gordon Davies noted that the annual inspection is due and Enviroplay who used to carry out this inspection are no longer operating their scheme.

Cllr Davies will seek advice from Kompan and RoSPA on other inspection companies to approach to undertake this work. **GD**

It was suggested that we might train someone to carry out these annual inspections but Councillors agreed that it would be preferable to employ an independent company.

**13. DEFIBRILLATOR**

It was confirmed that the monthly inspection had been carried out by Cllr Bartle. He noted that the main attached pads were dated up to 2022, but the spare ones had an egg timer to 2018, which he then reported to Community Heartbeat Trust. They said that both sets were 2022, which it says on the machine info. He has asked for a replacement set to be sent to us. **MB**  
He confirmed that the Defibrillator has not been used.

**14. SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER**

No report of any items from or for the School.

**15. FACEBOOK – MIDDLETON TYAS COMMUNITY & VILLAGE WEBSITE**

The Facebook page now has 334 Followers with some new Views.

**16. CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

**17. RESIDENTS' QUESTIONS**

There were no residents' questions.

**18. ITEMS FOR THE VILLAGE NEWS / D&S TIMES**

**CJ**

Copy for next issue needed before 20<sup>th</sup> September:

Fred Mence Construction – Roadworks on Kneeton Lane.

Footpaths and Rights of Way – Update of village map

Speed Watch to resume

Speed Sign (VAS) on Middleton Tyas Lane – location and funding

**19. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT MEETING**

Brook House – Planning application to divert Bridleway.

**20. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020 via the Zoom platform. Joining details can be obtained from the Parish Clerk.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_