

Middleton Tyas Parish Council

MINUTES of a Meeting held via Zoom™ on Thursday, 14th January 2021 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs S Perks (Chairman), G Davies, M Bartle, D Henderson, Ms C Lamb.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs C Jones (Parish Clerk); D.Cllr/C.Cllr Angus Thompson

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Miss L Harknett, 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 12th November 2020 and they were signed as a true record of the meeting.

4. POLICE REPORT

The latest Crime Report was received, and is on the website (www.middletontyas.org/parish-council/agendas-and-minutes/ 14 January 2021). There was little to report other than some poaching on private land.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

1. Unitary Authority (UA) - C.Cllr Thompson updated the meeting on the UA which is now in Consultation and should be decided by July.

He noted that the May 2021 Elections are uncertain at the moment.

The County Council deficit over 3 years is £82 million, which is better than expected and any Unitary Authority savings could amount to £25 million per annum.

2. Double Yellow Lines on Middleton Tyas Lane – NYCC have received several objections to this scheme which means it will have to be put before a Full Committee meeting in due course. C.Cllr Thompson will receive a copy of Ian Beighton's report and the date of the meeting. He will go back to NYCC Highways and push for the scheme to be undertaken as proposed. **AT**

3. Speed Zone Changes, Kneeton Lane – C.Cllr Thompson has been consulted on the scheme proposed by NYCC Highways and recommends that it should be approved as is. The Council had put in a formal objection to that scheme, proposing a revised scheme which would include the School within the 20mph zone and extend the 30mph zone further beyond the village boundary than the Highways' proposal. After some discussion, it was Resolved (by 4 votes for and 1 against) to support a motion to have the 30mph zone moved further beyond the village boundary, but to accept the 20mph zone will stay where it is for the time being. Anticipated changes to the Law on speed zones may be imminent and may change the situation re the 20mph zone. **ALL**

6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Unitary Authorities – See notes under 5.1 above.

D.Cllr Thompson noted that the Council Tax charges will be approved in April 2021.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

www.middletontyas.org.uk / *The Council / Planning page for Richmondshire District Council / Public Access planning application service.*

1. Full Planning Permission to Replace Existing 24' x 10' Steel Cabin used for Welfare and Office Space including Weigh Bridge Equipment with a 3.048m x 2.7432m x 9.144m Steel Cabin of the Same Colour to Enable the DVSA Better Facilities and a 3.048m x 2.7432m x 6.096m Container for Storage Purposes at Weighbridge A1 Slip Road, Road from Scotch Corner Roundabout to A1(M) on Slip Road, Scotch Corner, DL10 6R -
The Council's letter of comment dated 14 December 2020 was Ratified.
2. Full Planning Permission to Replace Existing Front Windows with Vertical Sliding Sash uPVC Windows at 15 Village Farm –
The Council's letter of comment dated 14 December 2020 was Ratified.
3. Listed Building Consent to Replace 5 Existing 1960s Single Paned Flush Casement Windows with Double Glazed Yorkshire Sliding Windows the Same Size and Type at Cote House, Main Street –
The Council's letter of comment dated 14 December 2020 was Ratified.
4. Full Planning Permission to Replace White uPVC Windows and Doors on North Elevation and to Replace White uPVC Window on South Elevation to Create a New Opening or Bi-Fold Doors at Nest Cottage/Rookery Gardens, Cow Lane –
It was Resolved that the Council had no objections to make to this application. **CJ**

8. Financial Matters

1. The following items were approved for payment and cheques duly signed:

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| 1. Clerk's Salary – December 2020 | £ 335.88 |
| 2. Clerk's Expenses – December 2020 | £ 48.54 |
| 3. Handyman's Salary – December 2020 | £ 69.76 |
| 4. Handyman's Expenses – December 2020 | £ 3.20 |
| 5. HMRC – PAYE – December 2020 | £ 71.80 |
| 6. TP Jones & Co LLP – Oct-Dec 2020 Payroll | £ 53.46 |
- Receipts

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| 7. Dales Academy (MT Primary School) – Hire of Playing Field | £ 200.00 |
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2. Treasurer's Financial Report
Cllr Lamb reported that all is as it should be.
3. Budget 2021-22
It was Resolved to accept the Budget proposal for the year ending 31st March 2022.
4. Precept 2021-22
It was Resolved to request the sum of £15,000 from RDC as the Council's Precept for the year ending 31st March 2022. This reflects a Nil increase on last year's Precept.
5. Bank Debit Card
It was Resolved to apply for a Debit Card on the YBL Current Account to facilitate purchasing goods via the Internet. The Clerk will circulate the necessary forms for signature by Councillors. **CJ**

9. GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT 2021

It was Resolved that the current fixed-price contract with Robertson's Garden Services will continue during 2021 under the same terms and conditions. Cllr Ms Lamb will continue to liaise with the Robertsons, monitor their work and keep an eye on budget spending. **CL**

10. CLERK'S SALARY REVIEW

1. It was Resolved that the Clerk's annual salary will rise from 1st January 2021 in accordance with the LGA Scales, subject to satisfactory review. Cllr Mrs Perks will carry out a review with the Clerk before the end of January. **SP/CJ**
2. It was Resolved that the Clerk will receive any National Salary Award which may be agreed from 1 April 2021 in line with Local Government recommendations.

11. HANDYMAN'S HOURS OF WORK REVIEW

It was Resolved that the Handyman's hours of work should remain at 'up to 12 hours per month' from 1 January 2021, as agreed in this year's Budget.

12. CENSUS 2021

It was noted that there will be a National Census on 21st March 2021 and it was agreed to advertise the process on notice boards, Village News and Facebook, etc, and particularly to try to reach residents with no access to technology or with any particular needs.

13. MOTION TO SUPPORT THE CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY (CEE) BILL

It was Resolved that the Council will not support this CEE Bill as they do not have sufficient information about the group proposing the motion.

It was Resolved to support any official Government moves regarding this matter. **ALL**

14. PLAYING FIELD & PLAY PARK

1. Playing Field
The monthly Maintenance status report was received and all is in order.
It was noted that there is a high output of dog waste but that the waste bins are being well used.
2. Play Park
Cllr Davies reported that he and the Handyman will assess some minor repairs and arrange for them to be carried out. This includes damage to some of the grass matting which needs re-seeding or replacing. **GD**
Cllr Davies noted that there has been no response to the plea for more volunteers to join the fundraising group. He said it is difficult for the group to meet with potential funding providers at the moment but will keep Councillors informed. **GD**

15. DEFIBRILLATOR

Cllr Bartle confirmed that the Defibrillator was checked on 11th January and is active. He is waiting for a new strap for the cover to arrive from CHT which he will fit in place. It was confirmed that Mrs Christine Bryant is happy to take over monitoring of the Defibrillator and it was Resolved that she will do this on behalf of the Council. Cllr Bartle will assist with the handover and the Clerk will put her in touch with CHT for access and training. **MB/CJ**

16. SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER

1. No report.
2. The Clerk will continue to chase the School for a replacement padlock for the field gate which has not been forthcoming. Also, repairs to the Grit Bin and the broken marker post in the Car Park.

CJ

17. FACEBOOK – MIDDLETON TYAS COMMUNITY & VILLAGE WEBSITE

No Report.

18. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

19. RESIDENTS' QUESTIONS

1. A resident had witnessed a lady fixing a white box to 3 telegraph poles in the village. When asked what she was doing, the lady said she worked for the Fire Brigade. The Clerk will try to find out what these boxes are for.

CJ

20. MEETING DATES FOR 2021

It was Resolved that meetings for 2021 will continue to be held on the 2nd Thursday of the month with the exception of February and August.

ALL

21. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT MEETING

Yellow Lines at West End – progress
20mph / 30mph Speed Zones on Kneeton Lane – progress

22. ITEMS FOR THE VILLAGE NEWS / D&S TIMES

CJ

Census 2021
Dog waste left around the village
Co-option of a Parish Councillor

23. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday, 11th March 2021 via the Zoom platform. Joining details can be obtained from the Parish Clerk.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.27 pm

Signed: _____
Chairman

Date: _____