

Middleton Tyas Parish Council

MINUTES of a Meeting held via Zoom™ on Thursday, 11th March 2021 at 7.00pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs C Jones (Parish Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

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 14th January 2021 and they were signed as a true record of the meeting.

4. POLICE REPORT

No report.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

1. No report.

2. Double Yellow Lines on Middleton Tyas Lane – The approval for this scheme has not been completed as NYCC received some objections to the scheme from affected residents. (The approval notice we had been sent referred to an adjacent scheme from Scotch Corner Roundabout to the Services only.) NYCC will now carry out further enquiries and prepare an additional report. C.Cllr Angus Thompson will be asked to follow up this matter and report back to Council on progress. **AT**

3. NYCC Urban Grass Cutting at Visibility Splays 2021-22 – It was Resolved to undertake the Urban Grass Cutting during the 2021-22 financial year, on behalf of NYCC, under the same terms as last year. The Clerk will inform NYCC of this decision. **CJ/CL**

4. VAS sign –

1. It was noted that grant funding of 58.3% of the total cost has been approved from the RDC Community Infrastructure Fund.
2. NYCC Highways has approved the location adjacent to West Close (grass verge).
3. It was Resolved to authorise signing of the VAS Installation Agreement with NYCC. This should include the commitment to 'turn the sign' every six weeks (maximum) to avoid it becoming a permanent fixture. **CJ**
4. The purchase of the post and sign from Swarco was reconfirmed and an order will be placed. **CJ**

5. It was Resolved that the CIF grant can be claimed upon completion of the works. **CJ**
It was noted that there will be a £1,966.50 shortfall to finance the project.
The Council will review options for raising some or all of this shortfall, including an application to NYCC funding via C.Cllr Angus Thompson. **ALL**
6. It was Resolved to inform residents of the up-to-date situation, including change of location, in the next Village News.

5. 20mph/30mph zones on Kneeton Lane –

The Chairman has reviewed the progress of this matter over the past few years, and in light of the School confirming their agreement with our proposals to extend the 20mph zone beyond the School gates.

It was noted that no date has been set for passing of the Order; nor any date set for a meeting to which the Parish Council should be invited. C.Cllr Angus Thompson will be asked to ascertain when this meeting will be held and to ensure that we are invited. **AT**

It was Resolved to write to NYCC Highways to reiterate our proposals. The School has also agreed to write to NYCC Highways in support. **SP/DH**

6. Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government Consultation –

It was Resolved not to respond to this Consultation.

6. **Richmondshire District Council**

No report.

7. **Planning Matters**

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

1. Full Planning Permission for Proposed Low Level Wall to Front of Property with New Metal Gates at Sutton Lodge, Smithgutter Lane – It was Resolved that the Council has no objection to this application.
2. Full Planning Permission for Conversion of Garage into a Habitable Room of the House (Retrospective) at Peel House, Main Street – It was Resolved not to respond to this Retrospective application.
3. Full Planning Permission to Build a Full Height Extension to Rear of Property to Match/Tie into the Attached House Next Door at Cleveland View, Middleton Tyas Lane – It was noted that this extension ties in completely with the property next door and it was Resolved that the Council has no objection to this application.
4. Consultation on planning application for the purposes of the Variation of conditions 1, 6, 7, 10, 14, 20, 24, 26, 27, 30 of planning permission C1/14/00747/CM which relates to site access arrangements at Middleton Lodge, Kneeton Lane – It was noted that Middleton Lodge Quarry is applying for permission to blast throughout the year, rather than just from October to April as at present. It was Resolved to ask the Planning Officer to consult more widely with those residents who will be most affected by the noise to ensure they are all aware of this application. **SP**
5. Full Planning Permission to turn Plot 3 Kneeton Lane from a 4-bed to a 5-bed house. Ref 20/00940/FULL – It was noted that this application would go against our early request for fewer 5-bed and more 3- and 4-bed houses and does not therefore provide the housing mix agreed with the developers. Wynyard Homes are already advertising this property on their website as a “5-bed” house, despite not having received planning approval. It was Resolved to object to this application on the above grounds. **SP**

6. Kingarth, Main Street – Full Planning Permission for Single Storey Rear Extension –
It was noted that this application has been GRANTED.
7. Waterloo Farms, Moor Road, Melsonby – It was noted that this application has been GRANTED.
8. Proposed Diversion of Bridleway No. 20.46/24, Brook House Farm, (off Cow Lane) Middleton Tyas. DL10 6RW
It was noted that this is an informal consultation, and Councillors discussed the pros and cons of the proposed diversion. They agreed to respond that, in principle, they had no objections to the diversion as planned. However, a formal consultation will be issued in due course and the Council can then respond again if they so wish. If there are any objections at that stage, from anyone, the application will go to the Planning Inspectorate for a final decision. **SP**

8. Financial Matters

1. It was Resolved to make the following payments and cheques were duly signed:

1. Clerk's Salary – January 2021	£	342.40
2. Clerk's Expenses – January 2021	£	30.50
3. Handyman's Salary – January 2021	£	69.76
4. Handyman's Expenses – January 2021	£	8.36
5. HMRC – PAYE – January 2021	£	73.60
6. YLCA – Councillor training	£	48.00
7. Clerk's Salary – February 2021	£	342.40
8. Clerk's Expenses – February 2021	£	26.04
9. Handyman's Salary – February 2021	£	82.84
10. Handyman's Expenses – February 2021	£	20.94
11. HMRC – PAYE – February 2021	£	73.60
12. Argos – Mobile telephone for the Clerk	£	139.99

Received:

13. Dales Academy Trust – MUGA Licence Fee 2021	£	135.00
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2. Treasurer's Financial Report

1. Cllr Ms Lamb circulated the bank reconciliation statement as at 2 February 2021 and confirmed there will be a surplus at the year end of ca £1,000.
2. The Clerk will ask RDC why the Council Tax bills are showing an increase in the Precept of 2.2% when we have asked for a zero increase. **CJ**

9. Census 2021

1. Councillors were reminded that there will be a National Census on 21st March 2021.
2. No vulnerable residents or groups who may need assistance completing the Census had come forward or been identified.

10. Playing Field & Play Park

1. Playing Field

Cllr Davies reported that all was in order and the bark chippings which had been spread near the entrance gate during very wet weather, had been effective.

2. Play Park

Cllr Davies noted that the entrance gate to the Play Park is not closing quickly enough and he will try to resolve with the Handyman.

11. Defibrillator

1. The monthly Inspection report on the Defibrillator had been received from Mrs Christine Bryant.

2. Cllr Bartle believes the strap he has does not fit and either he or Mrs Bryant will order a new one from CHT. **MB**

12. School Liaison Officer

1. Cllr Miss Harknett had nothing to report.
2. The Clerk will continue to chase repairs to the Grit Bin and the damaged Marker Post in the Car Park. **CJ**

13. Facebook – Middleton Tyas Community & Village Website

It was agreed that the Facebook page needs to be made more ‘community friendly’ and also needs a new moderator on the resignation of Cllr Harknett. A request for someone to take over responsibility for the Facebook page will be put in the Village News.

14. Correspondence

1. A resident has contacted Wynyard Homes regarding the Boulder Erratics which have been unearthed on site at Copperfield Park, asking whether they can be retained on and used as a feature. The Clerk will contact the Development Manager to ask if the Council can officially support this request. **CJ**

15. Residents’ Questions

None.

16. Items for the Village News and D&S Times

Facebook – new Moderator sought
Boulder Erratics on Copperfield Park
VAS sign – new location at West Close
Double Yellow Lines at West End
Pick up after your Dog – Please!

17. Items for discussion at the next meeting

Date and time for Annual Meeting of the Council
Date and time of Annual Parish Assembly
Councillors’ Responsibilities – to re-allocate
Best Kept Village Competition – ‘Leader’ required
Site for new Dog Waste Bin

18. Councillor Resignation

1. The resignation of Cllr Miss Leanne Harknett was received. The Chairman thanked Cllr Harknett for her hard work liaising with the School, running the Community Facebook page, and organizing the Dog Show & Village Fete to raise funds for refurbishing the Play Park. All Councillors agreed she will be very much missed.
2. The Clerk will ask RDC for the necessary paperwork to enable the co-option of a new Councillor to replace Miss Harknett. **CJ**

19. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 8th April 2021, virtually via Zoom, starting at 7.00 pm prompt

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Signed: _____
Chairman

Date: _____