

Middleton Tyas Parish Council

MINUTES of a Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday, 14th March 2024 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Cllrs G Davies (Chair), D Henderson, J Perks

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs C Jones (Parish Clerk); 1 resident

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Mrs S Perks, NYC Cllr Angus Thompson, PCSO Elliot Brown (NY Police)

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 18th January 2024 and they were signed as a true record of the meeting.

4. POLICE REPORT

The January Police Crime Report indicated that there were 6 incidents in Middleton Tyas (including Scotch Corner) during January (an increase on last month - 1 crime), out of a total of 38 crimes in the Ward as a whole. It was noted that these figures included 18 incidences of 'Violence against the person', though none were in Middleton Tyas.

5. NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

1. No report.

2. NYC Highways Department's Inspector has been out to review the flooding on Kneeton Lane and they have confirmed that the matter will be investigated in collaboration with the adjacent landowner and BT.

6. A66 DUALLING PROJECT

It was Resolved that the Clerk will contact National Highways to arrange a lunch-time meeting in the village; or an online meeting if that is more convenient. **CJ**

7. PLANNING MATTERS

www.fmiddletontyas.org.uk / The Council / Planning page for North Yorkshire Council / Public Access planning application service.

There were no planning applications to review.

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. *To agree the following payments:*

1. Clerk's Salary – January 2024	£	547.20
2. Clerk's Expenses – January 2024	£	11.20
3. HMRC – PAYE – January 2024	£	89.80
4. O2 Mobile 5.1.24	£	9.91

5. Bedeworks – Handyman duties – January 2024	£	105.00
6. Clerk’s Salary – February 2024	£	564.66
7. Clerk’s Expenses – February 2024	£	6.55
8. HMRC – PAYE – February 2024	£	94.00
9. O2 Mobile 5.2.24	£	9.91
10. Bedeworks – Handyman duties – February 2024	£	90.00

Receipts:

None

- It was agreed that there was no repayment due to the Blenkiron Community Trust.
- It was noted that the Virgin Money savings account has been closed due to the bank’s policy change, and the balance has been transferred to the current account for reinvestment elsewhere.
- It was noted that Vision ICT’s charge for their email service has been increased from £18 to £20 per annum.

9. DEED OF GRANT

It was Resolved to make one final attempt to discuss this matter direct with the Dales Academies Trust to ascertain why they have not yet signed the Deed of Grant.

JP

10. PLAYING FIELD & PLAY PARK

1. Playing Field

Cllr Davies reported that the monthly inspection had been carried out.

It was noted that the Jubilee Horse Chestnut has been ‘vandalised’ and is no longer there. Most of the Silver Birch have died. Cllr J Perks will speak with Mr Dennis Parvin asking for his advice about what we might plant to replace these trees.

JP

It was noted that people have been seen climbing through the hedging on Kneeton Lane to gain access to the playing field. This is damaging the hedge and the ground below. Cllr J Perks will review for the April meeting.

JP

2. Play Park

Cllr Davies confirmed that the monthly Safety Inspection had been carried out.

It was noted that the small gate near the MUGA is damaged again, and it was Resolved to seal it so it cannot be used. Cllr Davies will liaise with Cllr J Perks regarding loan of some equipment for this purpose.

GD/JP

It was also noted that the large entrance gates are not closing at the correct speed. It was Resolved that Cllr Davies will send Cllr Henderson contact details for our play park inspection company.

GD

Cllr Henderson will make contact with that company to ask for their advice on and quotation for repairing this gate.

DH

Cllr Davies will also make contact with that company to book a date for our annual Play Park Inspection and Report.

GD

It was noted that we still have no company committed to building a new slide support. This matter will continue to be pursued as a priority.

CJ/SP

It was agreed that a full inspection report is needed on the Council's trees and advice/ quotations will be sought. **ALL**

11. DEFIBRILLATOR

The monthly inspection report dated 6th March 2024 had been carried out and all was in order.

12. SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER

There were no issues to report.

13. FACEBOOK – MIDDLETON TYAS COMMUNITY & VILLAGE WEBSITE

Facebook - The site is working well with no issues and is checked regularly.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

15. RESIDENTS' QUESTIONS

The Council had received a complaint about the presence of a Hunt through the village in 13th February when the Hounds had been entering residents' private gardens, frightening some residents, and generally being 'out of control'. They had been reported near Cow Park (possibly with a Fox?), and it was noted that many sheep are in lamb at the moment. The Council was told that many residents had been upset about the situation. The Clerk is trying to find out which Hunt was involved in this incident. Any further information would be welcome. **CJ**

16. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

It was Resolved not to enter the competition this year due to various rule changes.

17. BULB PLANTING

It was agreed that the Council should purchase a supply of spring flower bulbs (Sept/Oct?) and ask residents to plant them in front of their own properties. The funds would come from existing 'Bulb Planting' reserves. **ALL**

18. THE BIG LUNCH

It was Resolved not to arrange a Big Lunch in the village, but to grant permission to any other village organization which may wish to do so.

19. ITEMS FOR THE VILLAGE NEWS AND D&S TIMES

Thank many residents for their photos of flooding on Kneeton Lane
Co-option of new Parish Councillors
No Cold Calling – Report incidences to NY Police on 101
Urge residents to join Police 'Community Messaging' service
Police 'Property Marking' event to be held in the Memorial Hall on Sunday 7th April
The Herbert Protocol
No access to playing field from Kneeton Lane

20. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT MEETING

None.

21. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday, 11th April 2024 in the Memorial Hall, starting at 7.00pm prompt.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.13 pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Date: _____