

Middleton Tyas Parish Council

MINUTES of a Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday, 14th June 2018 at 7.10pm

PRESENT: Cllrs G Davies (Chairman), R Davies, M Bartle, J Ross, Mrs J Collis, Mrs S Perks, Miss L Harknett; Mrs C Jones (Parish Clerk); 1 resident.

1. APOLOGIES

C.Cllr/D.Cllr Angus Thompson, PC Mark Wood.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

All Councillors will make 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

The Draft Minutes of the last meeting held on 10th May 2018 were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.

4. POLICE REPORT

The Police crime report had been circulated and this showed a burglary on 10th May when a water pump was taken from an outdoor container in the village.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

1. C.Cllr Thompson's report had been circulated in his absence.

2. Cllr G Davies noted that some white lines in the village need re-painting. The Clerk will report to NYCC Highways Dept. **CJ**

He also noted that some Bus Stop signs need cleaning and will check which ones for the Clerk to report. **GD/CJ**

Cllr G Davies also reminded the meeting that more volunteers are needed for the SpeedWatch project. A note will be included in the Village News and on Facebook. **JC**

3. No review taken.

4. No update received.

5. See item 19 below.

6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

1. D.Cllr Thompson's report had been circulated in his absence.

2. The Clerk will ask D.Cllr Thompson to review RDC's footpath weed-killing procedure for village footpaths. **CJ/AT**

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

8. HIGHWAYS ENGLAND / NYCC HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

Cllr R Davies reported that nothing further was being done by either NYCC Highways Dept (Neil Linfoot) or Morgan Sindall about our continued request to have the new road signage at the top of the village re-installed in a better position. It was Resolved to make a further attempt by contacting Highways England direct.

The Clerk will obtain contact details of Tom Howard and Ms Forte-Gill at Highways England. Cllr R Davies will draft a letter to them. **CJ/RJD**

9. A66 UPGRADE

Cllr Gordon Davies and the Clerk had attended a workshop at Highways England offices in Darlington this afternoon. The meeting was arranged so that local Parish Councils who would be affected by the Eastern half of the A66 Upgrade to dual carriageway could be briefed at an early stage of the consultation process and have the opportunity to ask questions from the Project Director, Project Manager, Operations Manager and other frontline staff.

The project is at the start of a 10 year process of consultation, approval and build. Stage 1 began in July 2017 and completion is estimated for 2027-8. Final costs are currently estimated to be in the region of £1.5 - £2.0 Billion.

The same 'Parish Council group' will be kept informed and invited to take part in further consultations and briefings as the scheme progresses.

10. PLANNING MATTERS

1. Full Planning Permission for Conservatory at Middleton Lodge, Kneeton Lane – Ref. No: 18/00205/FULL – It was noted that this application has been Granted.
2. Listed Building Consent for Conservatory at Middleton Lodge, Kneeton Lane – Ref. No: 18/00206/LBC – It was noted that this application has been Granted.
3. Approval of Reserved Matters Application Following Outline Approval of Planning Permission 14/00779/OUT for Access, Appearance, Layout, Scale and Landscaping for 35 Dwellings on Land North of Kneeton Park, Kneeton Lane - Ref. No: 18/00177/AORM – Cllr Mrs Perks was due to meet with the Planning Officer, to discuss our various concerns following the public consultation in the Memorial Hall. SP
Cllr Mrs Perks will also draft a letter of comment for approval. SP
4. Full Planning Permission for Drainage Basin on Land North of Kneeton Park, Kneeton Lane – Ref. No: 18/00317/FULL – Yorkshire Water have produced a report, a copy of which will be forwarded to us. Councillors commented that NYCC needs to be consulted as the Lead Flood Authority; and there should be a new drainage plan drawn up as this revised application places the Drainage Basin outside the development site. Councillors also agreed that RDC Planning Dept should instigate an independent consultant's report; this report should be accepted by everyone once it has been produced. SP
5. Full Planning Permission for New Dwelling on Land East of The Rookery (Old Tennis Court), School Bank – Ref. No: 18/00100/FULL - Our letter of comment to RDC Planning Dept dated 11th May 2018 was Ratified.

11. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Payments and Receipts

Payments:

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

1. Community Heartbeat Trust – Cardiac Arrest Training	£ 175.00
2. YLCA – Councillor Training (GD)	£ 45.00
3. Clerk's Salary – May 2018	£ 357.10
4. HMRC – PAYE April 2018	(£ 13.80)
5. Chipchase Manners – Internal Audit to March 2018	£ 132.00
6. Vision ICT – Website hosting & support – year to 31 July 2019.	£ 294.00
7. Memorial Hall – Grant support 2018/19	£ 550.00
8. Memorial Hall – Wayleave 1 st ½ year	£ 25.00
9. Memorial Hall – Room Hire to end March 2018	£ 28.00

2. Treasurer's Finance Report

Cllr R Davies reported that the Village News has not drawn any funds this year from the Precept budget.

He also noted that the current credit balance is £18,400.

12. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (GDPR)

It was Resolved that Cllr R Davies will have oversight of GDPR matters.

The Clerk will amend and circulate the updated contact list.

CJ

13. PLAYING FIELD & PLAY PARK

1. Playing Field

1. The monthly Maintenance status report is up to date.

Cllr G Davies noted that the grass cutting is not up to standard but this is because of the length of the grass at first cut; things will improve with the next cut.

2. Play Park

1. The monthly Maintenance status report is up to date.

There are a few minor issues to repair and these are in hand.

2. The Task & Finish Group have met several equipment providers and will decide on 2 or 3 to present to Councillors. A public consultation will then be arranged to gather feedback from residents.

14. SURFACE & WASTE WATER MANAGEMENT

Cllr Ross advised that construction had been completed of the ponds to collect surface water from the MOTO services area. The ponds are designed so that during periods of heavy rainfall the water will collect in the ponds and then be released at a rate that the stream which they feed can handle. The new ponds complement the other, recently completed ponds in the fields above Kneeton Lane.

15. DEFIBRILLATOR

Cllr Mrs Collis confirmed that the monthly Inspection report on the Defibrillator is up to date. The Defibrillator has not been deployed.

16. SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Councillor Mrs Collis reported that there has been no progress regarding a new uniform. There had been no Maypole dancing display on the village Green again this year due to there being no member of staff at the School able to teach the dancing. She noted that the School is now winding down for the Summer holidays.

17. FACEBOOK – MIDDLETON TYAS COMMUNITY

Cllr Mrs Collis reported that the Facebook page is working well.

18. VILLAGE HANDYMAN

It was noted that two applications had been received for the vacant position and Cllr G Davies and the Clerk will arrange to interview them both.

GD/CJ

19. CLERK'S REPORT

1. NYCC Highways Dept – The Clerk had attended a training session at their offices to review the use of their online reporting service; also to discuss ways in which villages can offer 'self help', particularly during Winter months. It was agreed that she should ask C.Cllr Angus Thompson about the possibility of acquiring a grit spreader to keep in the village for our own use.

CJ/AT

2. Village Website - The Clerk has now been trained by Vision ICT.
3. Bank Account – The Clerk is now a signatory to the bank account, as is the new Chairman, and she has set up Telephone and Internet Banking services.
4. Annual Meeting & Parish Assembly – Ideas to improve attendance at this annual village meeting are sought as only a few residents generally attend. **ALL**
5. YLCA Consultation ‘Shaping our Future’ – It was Resolved that Cllr Ross will respond to this consultation on behalf of the Parish Council **JR**

20. RESIDENTS’ QUESTIONS

1. Cllr Miss Harknett updated the meeting on the ‘Bark in the Park’ event on 14 July. Volunteers are needed to help on the day, to sell raffle tickets, and to donate prizes.
2. Mrs Susan Mahaffy had sent in a report and photographs of litter on The Slough. It was agreed to publicise this in the Village News and on Facebook, seeking witnesses.
3. Mr Kenneth Etherington asked about the long-term issue of road flooding from a blocked drain outside the two new houses NE of Dixholme and was advised that the blockage had been caused by utility companies whilst laying services for the new properties. NYCC had confirmed that all had now been resolved.
4. Ms Hannah Buhlova had asked Cllr Miss Harknett about nettles in the Car Park and it was noted that these are the responsibility of the County Council. However, Mr Etherington kindly agreed to spray them on this occasion. **KGE**
5. It was noted that building work on the new Retail Outlet Park is due to begin on site in January 2019.
6. Mr Colin Watts had suggested to Cllr G Davies that two large flower pots (half barrels?) might be placed either side of the seat on the Village Green to add colour in the Summer months. Cllr G Davies will investigate this. **GD**

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

Best Kept Village Comp - reminder
 Litter on The Slough – any witnesses
 Bark in the Park – reminder and volunteers
 Speed Watch – volunteers still needed

22. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT MEETING

To Resolve not to have a meeting in August 2018.
 To receive update on appointment of Village Handyman.

23. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 12th July 2018 in the Memorial Hall starting at 7.10pm prompt.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.