

Middleton Tyas Parish Council

MINUTES of a Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday, 12th April 2018 at 7.10pm

PRESENT: Cllrs R Davies (Chairman), M Bartle, J Ross, G Davies, Mrs J Collis, Mrs S Perks, Miss L Harknett; Mrs C Jones (Parish Clerk); C.Cllr/D.Cllr Angus Thompson; Mr Tony Smailes, Community First Responders (by invitation); Mr Edward Speir, Landteam & Mr Barry Miller, Northumberland Estates; 7 residents.

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor PC Mark Ward, PCSO Jordan Wallace.

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 8th March 2018 were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.

4. POLICE REPORT

No issues reported.

5. COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

Mr Tony Smailes asked to put on record his thanks to C.Cllr Angus Thompson for NYCC grant funding towards the purchase of equipment.

Mr Smailes gave a summary of recent call-outs. He noted that the Yorkshire Ambulance Service had attended 722,000 calls with CFR responding to 159,00. He said the YAS are trying to shift more calls into the field in future. CFR had brought back 208 people last year which was 14% of the total number. So far this year, that figure has been increased to 31.4%. There have been 9 attendances in the local area including Middleton Tyas.

Mr Smailes mentioned an event to be held on the village Green on Saturday 14th April to publicise the work of and fundraise for CFR.

Mr Smailes noted that he has 5 volunteers from the village but does need more to be trained. He thanked the Parish Council for their support including new mention on the village website.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

C.Cllr Thompson reported that he had recently met with Mr Richard Marr, Head of NYCC Highways Area 1, covering various issues in the village including:

1. Bollards outside Virginia House - Richard Marr (NYCC Highways) has confirmed that the third bollard will not be replaced; the two remaining ones will be left to see if they do their job. C.Cllr Thompson suggested we may be able to use some of his 'little pot of gold' grant funding next year to rectify this matter.
2. 20mph Zone – See 5.3 below.
3. 30mph Zone – C.Cllr Thompson confirmed that he has a draft letter ready to send with regard to these two speed zone changes and will submit it to NYCC in due course.

4. Flooding outside 3 new houses NE of Dixholme – C.Cllr Thomson noted that the RDC handover of the drains was complete, but there should be a maintenance programme in place which he is following up with Ian Nesbit. **AT**
This drain has been flooding the road since mid-December 2017 and NYCC are, reportedly, waiting for the water level to subside so they can investigate the cause of the leak.
C.Cllr Thompson also noted that NYCC has a legal responsibility to look after its residents.

7. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Boundary Commission Review – The Boundary Commission report has now been published and Middleton Tyas will be in a 2-member Ward. C.Cllr Thompson suggested the Ward may be split into two sections, each one being represented by one of the two Councillors.

8. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES

1. Wall at the top of The Slough – there has been no further work since the last meeting.
2. Northallerton Courthouse – Proposed closure
Our letter dated 27 March 2018 to HMCTS Consultation, objecting to the proposed closure of Northallerton Courthouse, was ratified.

9. HIGHWAYS ENGLAND ROAD SIGNAGE AT SCOTCH CORNER

Cllrs Bob Davies and John Ross had met with Highways England and Stuart Culley (Morgan Sindall) on site on 9th April 2018. They had discussed and Highways England had agreed to consider the following items:

1. Mess around old bus stop and broken concrete barrier opposite SC Services entrance – They recognized these needed attention and will come back to us about what they will do.
2. HGV restriction signs – Suggested they may be able to add a symbol to them.
3. New signs opposite Moulton Road junction – They may be able to move the 2 blue signs nearer to Scotch Corner so that lorries can turn in the junction; and move the other signs further away from the road. All are currently blocking the village entrance sign and look unsightly.
4. Yellow Lines opposite Moulton Road – These will be considered to stop dangerous parking in this area.
5. Weight restriction signs – These are “finance based” and C.Cllr Angus Thompson will keep up the pressure on trying to have them reinstated.

10. Planning Matters

1. Full Planning Permisson to Replace Four Single Glazed Windows with Double Glazed Wooden Windows at Middleton Tyas Memorial Hall – Our letter of support to RDC dated 26th March 2018 was ratified.
2. Full Planning Permission to Replace Existing Outbuildings with 2 No. 4-Bed Dwellings and to Sub-divide West Hall into 3 No. Dwellings at West Hall, The Green – Following a site meeting with Cllrs Bob Davies, Mrs Samantha Perks and Gordon Davies, there was much discussion about this application, including comments from local residents.

The application was deemed to raise two separate issues:

Splitting West Hall into 3 separate dwellings - despite some concerns about additional traffic exiting directly adjacent to the one-way system and the village Green, and the Hall being in the centre of the village Conservation Area, there were no serious objections to this part of the planning application.

Development of 4 new dwellings in the Courtyard - there were many objections to this part of the planning application, not only from Councillors, but also from attending local residents, including: dangerous exit arrangements and the impact this will have on traffic and parking along Kneeton Lane; need for provision of 16 car parking spaces to serve the Courtyard development; demolishing part of existing high wall to create this new exit; questioning the need for 4 new large houses in the village; inappropriate size and design of these houses; handling of Surface Water drainage within and from the site; connection of additional 6 properties to the village sewerage system; new building being only 1m from adjacent property; overlooking of neighbouring properties. Cllr Mrs Perks expressed concern about the demolition of one of the outbuildings to create the new access as this is the most significant building on the site and she queried some of the Heritage Statement in this respect.

Mrs Kate Williamson, Executive Head of the Primary School, expressed her concern about additional traffic and parking on Kneeton Lane, particularly in view of the already difficult parking provision in this area.

It was Resolved that the Council will make no objection to the splitting of West Hall into 3 separate dwellings.

It was also Resolved that the Council has serious concerns that the new development of the Courtyard does not work for many reasons, including those noted above. Cllr Mrs Perks will draft a letter of response to both issues. **SP**

3. Listed Building Consent to Replace Existing Outbuildings with 2 No. 4-Bed Dwellings and to Sub-divide West Hall into 3 No. Dwellings at West Hall, The Green – As commented above in 10.2. **SP**
4. Full Planning Permission for Conservatory at Middleton Lodge, Kneeton Lane – There is an extant planning permission for the existing Conservatory which was tied to the Quarry development. The current application is to add a small section to the existing Conservatory. It was Resolved that the Council will make no objection. **CJ**
5. Listed Building Consent for Conservatory at Middleton Lodge, Kneeton Lane – As commented above in 10.4. **CJ**
6. Full Planning Permission for a New 2 Storey Office Building, Weighbridge Inspection Building with Inspection Pit and Other Associated Vehicle Testing Facilities for Heavy Goods Vehicles (As Amended) at Weighbridge A1 Slip Road, Great North Road, Middleton Tyas, North Yorkshire, DL10 6RG – It was Resolved that the Council has no objection to this application providing the new facility will not add to the surface water entering our village drains. **CJ**
7. Full Planning Permission for Demolition of Existing Garage and Utility, Construction of New Garage Incorporating Additional Accommodation Above and Kitchen Behind, Alterations to Outbuildings to Accommodate the New Kitchen and Allow Access from the Road to the Rear Garden at Orchard House, Main Street – To note that this application has been Refused.

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9. 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 – Mr Edward Speir and Mr Barry Miller attended the meeting to answer questions on the above application. Mr Miller is the new developer of this housing development. Mr Miller explained that an application has been submitted to deliver water attenuation as planned in volume, but changed in area, with part of the pond being moved onto a new adjacent site: this will give a larger but shallower pond than the original deep one. Mr Miller explained that this is purely for aesthetic reasons. He was asked if he is planning any more houses around the other side of this new larger pond and he said he was not. Mr Steve Hill, a resident, said there are still issues surrounding taking water efficiently away from this site, ideally to the North, and not via the existing small outlet, a 300mm culvert. Mrs Kate Williamson noted that school numbers are now capped and the School will not get any bigger. She also noted that car parking is a huge concern and the School is currently trialling staggered opening times to try to address the problem.

The Section 106 Agreement was discussed, a total of approximately £118,000, which should be available to support local facilities affected by the new housing development. Cllr Mrs Perks asked if some of this funding might be available for recreational facilities but Mr Miller did not think this was the case. In view of earlier discussions about the S106 Agreement with the previous School Head, Mrs Williamson will discuss the matter with NYCC Education Department. (KW)

It was agreed that the Council would like assurances with regard to the size of the attenuation pond; that Middleton Tyas Estates should do something about the inadequate 300mm culvert draining from the site; and that the local parking issue should be resolved.

Mr Edward Speir and Mr Barry Miller agreed to arrange a 'drop in' presentation of the new scheme in the village as soon as possible to allow residents the chance to see the new proposals and make comment on them. (AS/BM)

11. Financial Matters

1. Payments and Receipts

Payments:

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

1. Clerk's Salary – March 2018	£ 295.54
2. Clerk's Expenses – January-March 2018	£ 36.58
3. C Watts' Expenses - March 2018	£ 20.88
4. Soviton - Defibrillator First Aid Face Masks for VETs	£ 49.90
5. Middleton Tyas Memorial Hall – Room Hire x 4	£ 28.00
6. YLCA – Annual Membership to 31 March 2019	£ 205.00
7. Community Heartbeat Trust – Defibrillator Training Sessions x 2	£ 350.00
8. TP Jones – Payroll Preparation – January-March 2018	£ 53.46

Receipts:

9. NYCC Grant - Village Bulb Planting Scheme	£ 750.00
10. GMW Interiors – Website Advertising	£ 26.00
11. Northern Electric – Annual Wayleave	£ 8.32

3. Responsible Financial Officer's Report

The RFO had circulated his monthly report to Councillors and noted that there was an end of year surplus of £5,000. Most of this related to the Transparency Fund grant payment and would be spent in due course.

4. End of Year Reports

The Employer's End of Year Summary for 2017/18 was received and approved as accurate. The Clerk will confirm this to TP Jones & Co LLP, our payroll providers. **CJ**

5 Staff Salary Reviews

1. The Clerk's annual pay scale spinal point was reviewed and it was agreed that this should be increased from point 19 to point 20 on the LGA Scale with effect from 1 January 2018
2. Payment to the Clerk for additional work undertaken in connection with compliance with the Transparency Code (2015-2018) was approved.
3. The Clerk's hours of work from 1 April 2018 were reviewed and increased from 7 to 8 hours per week.
4. The Handiman's hourly rate of pay from 1 April 2018 was reviewed due to an increase in the National Living Wage from £7.50 to £7.83 per hour.

5. Transparency Fund and Compliance

It was noted that the Parish Council website is now compliant under the terms of the Transparency Code. The new website can be accessed at:
www.middletontyas.org.uk/ParishCouncil

12. Local Government Boundary Commission for England

A summary of the Commission's report setting out their final recommendations for Richmondshire District Council was received. It was noted that Middleton Tyas is now within a 2-Councillor Ward and will await further information on how this will work.

The full recommendations are available at: www.lgbce.org.uk .

An interactive map of the final recommendations is available at:
<https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/> .

13. Playing Field & Play Park

1. Playing Field

1. The monthly Maintenance status report is up to date.
2. Cllr G Davies will purchase and install signs to prevent Dog Fouling which has been reported as a nuisance, particularly on the playing pitch, by Scorton Football Club.

2. Play Park

1. The monthly Maintenance status report is up to date. Cllr G Davies noted that the main gate is not closing properly (too slow) and needs attention.
2. The Task & Finish Group ideas will be circulated to Councillors in due course.

14. Surface & Waste Water Management

Cllr Ross explained that Mr Edward Speir had made great progress with Moto Services and it is anticipated that work will shortly be able to start on the new catchment pond in the field below Scotch Corner services". Cllr Ross also noted that the issue of a sewer blockage on private land had now been resolved by the resident.

15. Defibrillator

Cllr Mrs Collis confirmed that the monthly Inspection report on the Defibrillator is up to date. She noted the difference between the Community First Responders (CFR) whose attendance is triggered by the Yorkshire Ambulance Service when someone dials 999; and the Voluntary Emergency Team (VETs) whose attendance is only triggered by a resident phoning them on their dedicated number 01325 952800. In case of a medical emergency, residents should always dial 999 first. They can then call the VETs who may be able to reach the emergency more quickly and give assistance until the Ambulance Service arrives. Since the Defibrillator was installed in the village, the VETs have not been called out.

Cllr Mrs Collis also noted that the Parish Council has provided funding for a protective face mask for each of the VETs on call in the village,

16. School Governing Body

Councillor Mrs Collis reported that she has received part of her training with the rest to follow next week.

17. Facebook – Middleton Tyas Community

Cllr Mrs Collis had posted an item about a handbag stolen from a parked car. She had also taken down an ‘abusive’ post. Councillors agreed that she should use her discretion in dealing with such posts in the future and ensure that the Community page is operating within the law. JC

18. Residents’ Questions

1. Cllr Gordon Davies asked for help recruiting more volunteers to run a local Speed Watch scheme.
2. Cllr Leanne Harknett asked about insurance for the ‘Bark in the Park’ event on 14th July; and also asked for help with organizing the event. She is hoping to organize a ‘Camp Out’ on the Playing Field later in the summer. She also noted that the annual Maypole Dancing on the village Green may not take place this year.

19. Items for the Village News / D&S Times

Development of 35 New Houses on Kneeton Lane

20. Items for discussion at the next meeting

21. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 10th May 2018 in the Memorial Hall starting at 7.10pm prompt.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25pm.