

Middleton Tyas Parish Council

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

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

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Miss L Harknett, 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 14th June 2018 were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.

4. POLICE REPORT

The Police crime report had been circulated and showed no incidents in the village since the last report. PC Mark Wood noted that he had been out in the village with the speed gun during the past month.

Cllr G Davies appealed for 1 more volunteer for the Speed Watch scheme so that it can proceed. Cllr Mrs Perks volunteered to join the group.

GD/SP

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

1. C.Cllr Thompson's report had been circulated in his absence.
2. He noted that the Transport Scrutiny Committee had met today and he understood that their recommendation to the Executive of NYCC is that changes to the rules should be made thus allowing the purchase and use of Matrix Boards on our highways. He will report back in due course. **AT**
3. He had also attended a meeting with the Head, Secretary and Cllr Miss Harknett at the school recently. One of the items of great concern to him was the 106 Agreement signed when outline planning permission was granted for the Kneeton Lane new housing development. The wording states that the money will be used to "pay towards the cost of providing such additional school places within the Parish....." He has been advised that this Agreement, which cannot be altered, will mean that the £118k will have to be used for education purposes in Middleton Tyas, therefore in the village school.

6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

1. D.Cllr Thompson's report had been circulated in his absence.
2. He reported having been in contact with Cllr Mrs Perks regarding the outstanding planning issues for the Kneeton Lane new housing development. He has requested a meeting with Ian Nesbit next week to get up to date as there appear to be some

outstanding issues in terms of the 3 applications: Farm access at the West end, the balancing ponds and how they were to be altered from what was originally agreed, and the Affordable Housing. These applications will ultimately go before the full Planning Committee. D.Cllr Thompson will keep us updated as things progress. **AT**

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

8. HIGHWAYS ENGLAND / NYCC HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

There had been no response to our letter to Tom Howard at Highways England concerning the inappropriate road signage near the Services Area. The Clerk will chase him for a reply. **CJ**

9. A66 UPGRADE

Cllr Gordon Davies reported on the recent workshop at Highways England offices in Darlington which he and the Clerk had attended. He had circulated a copy of the presentation notes. The same 'Parish Council group' (Eastern quarter of A66 from Scotch Corner) will be kept informed and invited to take part in further consultations as the scheme progresses. **GD**

10. PLANNING MATTERS

1. Full Planning Permission for Drainage Basin on Land North of Kneeton Park, Kneeton Lane – Ref. No: 18/00317/FULL – Our letter of comment dated 20 June 2018 to RDC Planning Dept was Ratified.

11. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Payments and Receipts

Payments:

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

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| 1. YLCA – Training Course – Cllr Ms L Harknett | £ 45.00 |
| 2. Clerk's Salary – June 2018 | £ 371.10 |
| 3. HMRC – PAYE June 2018 | (£ 14.00) |
| 4. Clerk's Expenses – April-June 2018 | £ 134.60 |
| 5. TP Jones LLP – Payroll April-June 2018 | £ 53.46 |
| 6. Mac Plant Hire Ltd – Grass cutting May 2018 | £ 354.00 |
| 7. Mac Plant Hire Ltd – Grass cutting June 2018 | £ 354.00 |
| 8. To note that Cheque No 000790 has been cancelled | (£ 175.00) |

Receipts:

There were no receipts.

2. Treasurer's Finance Report

Cllr R Davies reported that finances were in line with expectations, with a bank balance of £16,900. Receipts due in October included the Precept (2nd half year payment) and the Football Club annual fee.

12. PLAYING FIELD & PLAY PARK

1. Playing Field

1. The monthly Maintenance status report is up to date.
2. Cllr G Davies noted that the grass is looking better following a second cut. The grass cutting contractors have left an uncut 'wildlife area' at the far end of the field which is welcomed.

2. **Play Park**
 1. The monthly Maintenance status report is up to date.
 2. The quarterly Safety Inspection has been completed and there are several issues to be resolved, hopefully by the new Handyman. Cllr G Davies agreed to tape off any areas/equipment felt to be unsafe, until such time as they can be repaired. **GD/CJ**
 3. Cllr G Davies has received a quotation for various signs for the Play Park and it was Resolved that he should proceed with their purchase. **GD**
 4. The Task & Finish Group have met several play equipment providers. Cllr G Davies will arrange for 3 companies to each give a presentation to Councillors in the Memorial Hall in early September, before our next meeting. **GD**
Following this, a public consultation will be arranged to gather feedback from residents.
13. **SURFACE & WASTE WATER MANAGEMENT**
Cllr Ross said there was nothing to report at the moment.
14. **DEFIBRILLATOR**
Cllr Mrs Collis confirmed that the monthly Inspection report on the Defibrillator is up to date. The Defibrillator has not been deployed but is dirty and Cllr Mrs Collis will wash it. **JC**
15. **SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY**
Councillor Mrs Collis reported that there has been no resolution regarding a new school uniform.
16. **FACEBOOK – MIDDLETON TYAS COMMUNITY**
Cllr Mrs Collis reported that the Facebook page is continuing to work well. She felt that it may be time to allow residents to post their own items to the page, although this raised the question of monitoring possible mis-use of the site. Councillors will consider the matter for discussion at the September meeting. **ALL**
17. **VILLAGE HANDYMAN**
Cllr G Davies and the Clerk had interviewed for the vacant post and on recommendation to the Council, it was Resolved to appoint Mr Andrew Gooby as the Village Handyman. The Clerk will arrange to meet Mr Gooby next week to discuss start date, pension and other required information. **CJ**
18. **RESIDENTS' QUESTIONS**
None.
19. **ITEMS FOR THE VILLAGE NEWS / D&S TIMES**
"20's Plenty" – National speed awareness campaign.
New Village Handyman – Photo and Biography.
20. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT MEETING**
Community First Responders – Tony Smailes to update on CFR's work.
Village Plan – Cllr Mrs Perks to present.
'Middleton Tyas Community' – To decide about 'open access' to the Facebook page.
21. **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**
 1. It was Resolved that there will be no meeting in August.
 2. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 13th September 2018 in the Memorial Hall starting at 7.10pm prompt.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.