

Middleton Tyas Parish Council

MINUTES of a Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday, 8th November 2018 at 7.00pm

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

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr M Bartle, 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 11th October 2018 were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.

4. POLICE REPORT

A Police Officer from Richmond Police Station, on behalf of PC Mark Wood, reported that there had been 2 burglaries in the village during October: on 18th in Cow Lane and between 25th and 29th in Village Farm; also on 30th a suspicious vehicle had been reported at the garage. He noted that the Rural Watch Initiative was taking place this evening. Councillors expressed their concern at 2 burglaries in one month, which was very unusual for the village.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES

1. Vehicle Activate Speed Signs – Cllr G Davies reported that nothing had changed since the last meeting.
2. Handyman – the Clerk reported that an enquiry had been made this afternoon, following a telephone discussion, an application was expected early next week. **CJ**

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No report.

7. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

D.Cllr Thompson had reported to Cllr Mrs Perks that he had met with Ian Nesbit (RDC Planning Dept) regarding access arrangements for the proposed development at West Hall, and they are meeting again next Tuesday 13th. He will also discuss the Kneeton Lane Housing field access with Mr Nesbit at the same time. **AT/SP**

8. PLANNING MATTERS

1. 18/00508/VAR - Variation of Condition 1 Attached to Planning Permission 16/00701/FULL (As Amended by Plans Received 1st August 2018) at Scotch Corner Services, Middleton Tyas, North Yorkshire, DL10 6PQ – It was noted that this application has been Granted.

9. VILLAGE PLAN

Cllr Mrs Perks reported that another volunteer has come forward, making 3 in total. She has also met with a member of the previous group who has some information about the last Plan preparation and is happy to help in an unofficial capacity.

10. THE SLOUGH

C.Cllr Thompson has informed Cllr R Davies by e-mail that he is reviewing the grant funding he has available. Cllr R Davies has sent a completed application form and a copy of the quotation for repairs to C.Cllr Thompson for consideration.

RJD

11. VILLAGE GREEN

The Clerk reported on her findings after reviewing the documentation held by the Parish Council on the matter of parking vehicles on the Village Green. Councillors will review the information she provided and agree their future position at the December meeting.

ALL

12. PARKING AT WEST END OF VILLAGE

Councillors have been concerned about inconsiderate and sometimes dangerous parking, both on the road and on the pavement, at the top of the village for some time, and a trial of single white lines across driveways has helped to some extent. However, since completion of the A1 Upgrade and the construction of the new road to Moulton (almost opposite the Services entrance) the situation has become much worse to a point where Councillors are again concerned about road safety in this area.

It was Resolved at the November meeting to ask NYCC Highways Dept to conduct a consultation with affected residents about the possibility of introducing double yellow lines at the top of the village, on both sides of the road, between Scotch Corner Services entrance and a point to be agreed further down the village.

JR/CJ

Speed Monitoring Initiative - Cllr G Davies reported that he had met with a Police Volunteer today. He will carry out a road survey of potential areas for the speed monitoring initiative. Cllr G Davies now has 7 volunteers to undertake the monitoring who will be trained by the Police in due course.

GD

The Police Volunteer had noticed that we have the 40mph zone back in place near Scotch Corner and Cllr G Davies told him we are trying to have it reduced to 30mph. The Police Volunteer had confirmed that speed checks can be carried out in the 20mph zone.

It was noted that 80% of motorists who are 'caught' by the speed monitoring device do not get caught again.

13. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Payments and Receipts

Payments:

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

1. Clerk's Salary – October 2018	£	357.10
2. Memorial Hall – Wayleave – 2 nd half year 2018/19	£	25.00
3. St Michael & All Angels Church – Burial Ground Grant 2018/19	£	275.00
4. Great North Air Ambulance – Donation 2018/19	£	50.00
5. NYCC – Replenishment of Grit Bin at Cumberland Gardens	£	90.00
6. Enviroplay – Quarterly inspection of Play Park equipment	£	144.00
7. Community Heartbeat Trust – Emergency Phone Yr 2	£	52.00

Invoice passed to NYCC Education Dept (Maintenance) for payment:

8. Oliver's Tree Services Ltd – Emergency call out to attend
to dangerous tree (on Footpath near School entrance) £ 756.00

Receipts:

None.

2. Treasurer's Finance Report

Cllr R Davies presented the Treasurer's Finance Report which is available on the website. He noted there is a deficit of £1,200. However, in hand is the balance of the GDPR Grant. He noted that the slide top needs repairs costing around £1,300 which may be eligible for some grant funding. Cllr G Davies has asked Enviroplay for a quotation to repair other equipment in the play park. We need to ensure everything is safe and viable for approximately 1 more year while we fund-raise for new equipment. Looking forward, there will be a small deficit next year.

3. RDC Precept

1. The Treasurer's Draft Budget for 2019/20 was reviewed by Councillors and no comments were noted.
2. Cllr R Davies proposed and it was Resolved unanimously to increase the Precept by £2,000 for the year 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.
It was agreed to mention this in the next Village News to inform residents well in advance of the increase. **JC**

14. PLAYING FIELD & PLAY PARK

1. Playing Field

1. Cllr G Davies noted that the maintenance status report is up to date.
2. He has managed to unlock the new waste bin on the playing field which was jammed shut.
3. It was noted that Scorton FC have still not paid their current licence fee and the Clerk will chase them again. **CJ**

2. Play Park

1. Cllr G Davies noted that the maintenance safety report is up to date.
2. Cllr G Davies noted that the key is missing to the waste bin in the play park. He has emptied the bin by hand but a solution needs to be found. **GD**
3. Cllr G Davies reported that he has discussed Kompan with other Parishes who have used the company to refurbish their play parks and all have highly recommended the company. He will arrange to meet with their Sales Manager and will also arrange to meet with representatives of the Big Lottery Fund.
4. It was noted that £2,700 has now been raised towards the play park refurbishment, with more expected shortly from an event in December.

15. DEFIBRILLATOR

Cllr Mrs Collis noted that the Defibrillator was not used last month. It has been tested and is in working order.

16. SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Cllr Mrs Collis had nothing to report at the present time. However, she will speak to the School about the proposed speed monitoring initiative in the village.

17. FACEBOOK – MIDDLETON TYAS COMMUNITY & VILLAGE WEBSITE

1. Cllr Mrs Collis said the Facebook page continues to work well. Most requests come from residents and she does not think we should open access up to ‘anyone’.
2. Cllr Mrs Collis reported that she cannot now access the village website as an Administrator as her computer is not compatible.

It was Resolved that Cllr Miss Harknett will update events on the website. The Clerk will arrange administrative access for her. **CJ/LH**

18. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

19. RESIDENTS’ QUESTIONS

None.

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

JC

Increase in the Precept for 2019/20.

Consultation on Double Yellow Lines at West End of village.

To note 2 house burglaries during October.

Speed Awareness Initiative is moving forward.

21. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT MEETING

No Cold Calling zones.

22. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 6th December 2018 in the Memorial Hall, starting at 7.00pm prompt.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.16pm