

# Middleton Tyas Parish Council

## MINUTES of a Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 7.10pm

**PRESENT:** Cllrs R Davies (Vice-Chairman, Acting Chairman), M Bartle, J Ross, Mrs J Collis, Mrs S Perks, Miss L Harknett; Mrs C Jones (Parish Clerk); C.Cllr/D.Cllr Angus Thompson; 1 resident.

### 1. APOLOGIES

Cllr G Davies (Chairman), 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 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018 were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.

### 4. POLICE REPORT

No new issues were reported.

### 5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

C.Cllr Thompson reported on his first full year as North Yorkshire County Councillor during which he has attended 31 meetings.

- He sits on the Pension Funds Committee (funds are in a good state) and the Appeals Committee (one appeal pending).

- The most important issue for all villages is speeding. He is circulating a questionnaire about Speed Watch and the possible purchase of Speed Matrix Boards for villages to use/share.

- The dedicated 'Parish Portal' on NYCC Highways website is being used by many Parish Councils and is working well for reporting such things as potholes and road repairs.

- Allerton Park now has its incinerator in operation, generating electricity for the area.

- NYCC has a new 'Legal Services Company' in operation to sell legal their services.

- The A1 Upgrade is almost complete with only a few items to finish off. The 12 mile motorway itself is open and in use.

- New signage installed at the top of the village by Highways England as part of the A1 Upgrade is inappropriately positioned, blocking the 'Middleton Tyas' village sign and attracting HGVs through Moulton. C.Cllr Thompson is working with the Parish Council to have this signage changed. **AT**

- The A66 Upgrade to dual carriageway has now been approved by Government and a Consultation period has begun with Parish Councils and residents to ensure the work progresses as smoothly as possible.

- Action is being taken on the long period (6 months) of flooding outside the 3 new houses NE of Dixholme.

- It was noted that another bollard has been knocked over on Memorial Hall corner, leaving only one protecting this dangerous corner. NYCC will not replace the third bollard and suggest that the Parish Council should purchase one, at a cost of £500, the money coming from application to C.Cllr Thompson's 'Little Pot of Gold' grant fund. The Parish Council would also have to pay for any repairs should a bollard get knocked over in the future. It was agreed that Councillors would consider several options and come back to C.Cllr Thompson on this matter. **ALL**

## 6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

D.Cllr Thompson has been a District Councillor for 3 years. He reported on the following:

- Efficiency savings just short of £1 million need to be made over the next 3 years.
- The Precept for this year was increased by around £5 on a Band D property to help balance the books.
- Recycling - £90k has been saved by buying 9 wagons, instead of leasing 13, and changing the shift patterns of waste collection workers.
- The RDC website has been upgraded at a cost, but now works much better for users.
- Planning – local villages all complain about over-development but Government has issued figures for new development which need to be met. Barton has an up-coming application for 89 houses; Middleton Tyas already has 35 approved.
- The School is going from strength to strength under the new Executive Head. It has recently become part of the Dales Academies Trust, and has changed its name to Trinity Academy Middleton Tyas.
- The new Retail Outlet at Scotch Corner is due to start building on site in January 2019.

## 7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

## 8. HIGHWAYS ENGLAND / NYCC HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

Cllrs Bob Davies and John Ross had met today on site with a representative of Highways England, Stuart Culley (Morgan Sindall), Neil Linfoot (NYCC Highways Dept) and C.Cllr Angus Thompson to discuss the uncompleted works at the top of the village near Scotch Corner.

1. Broken concrete barrier opposite SC Services entrance – NYCC Highways and Highways England to discuss what can be done to repair this barrier.
2. Footpath / Bus Stop area – There is a gap of rubble and hardcore between the footpath and the bus stop. NYCC agreed that this is their responsibility and will tidy up the area.
3. Signage at the top of the village - Councillors are all agreed that signage at the top of the village should clearly state that Middleton Tyas Lane is 'Unsuitable for HGVs' and 'Not the A66'. Mr Stuart Culley agreed to re-send us a copy of the original map showing proposed wording for road signs in this area.
4. New signage on North side of Middleton Tyas Lane – has been installed in the wrong place. The existing blue 'Not suitable for HGVs' sign needs moving nearer to Scotch Corner with another sign on its reverse to avoid the confusion of signs in this area.
5. NYCC Highways/Highways England suggest we arrange to move the stone/copper village entrance sign to another location. Councillors agreed that the new signage is in the wrong place and has seriously damaged the entrance to our village.

## 9. PLANNING MATTERS

1. 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 – Our letter of comment to RDC Planning Dept dated 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 was ratified.
2. 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 – Our letter of comment to RDC Planning Dept dated 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 was ratified.

3. Full Planning Permission for Conservatory at Middleton Lodge, Kneeton Lane – Our letter of comment to RDC Planning Dept dated 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018 was ratified.
4. Listed Building Consent for Conservatory at Middleton Lodge, Kneeton Lane – Our letter of comment to RDC Planning Dept dated 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018 was ratified.
5. 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 – Our letter of comment to RDC Planning Dept dated 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018 was ratified.
6. Full Planning Permission for Conversion of Garage / Workshop to Form Two Bedroom Dwelling (As Amended) at Corner Cottage – It was noted that this application has been withdrawn.
7. 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 – There was considerable discussion on these amended proposals following the sale of the site to new developers. Following the recent consultation event held by the developers, and comments received from residents, our comments included:
  - A better mix of properties needed.
  - More small properties needed for young people and older residents wishing to downsize.
  - Uncertainty about the access and road layout proposals.
  - Condition 221 requires a detailed layout of the tree belt on the Northern site boundary to replicate what you see now as you enter the village: this was not forthcoming.
  - Discrepancy in the amount of parking spaces allocated to various properties.  
e.g. Affordable Rural Housing – should have 20 parking spaces; there are 12.
  - Road widths up to 25 houses and then beyond do not seem to be correct.
  - Mix of stone to red brick houses is not compatible with rest of village:  
66% red and 34% stone in proposals;  
9% red and 91% stone in the village.
  - Ongoing maintenance – it was understood that a Management Company would be set up to ensure ongoing maintenance of the development area.

Cllr Mrs Perks will formulate a draft letter to RDC Planning Dept, based on all the comments received, for approval.

**SP**

8. Full Planning Permission for New Dwelling on Land East of The Rookery (Old Tennis Court), School Bank – This site has permission for a 2 storey, 4-bedroomed stone house with attached garage. Amended plans propose a 3-bed house built around a central courtyard, with a mezzanine level and a grass roof. It will be a sustainable eco-house. There will be a lower roof level and the house will be moved back on the site onto other land, including building a new wall around so that the house is not visible from the road.

Although in the Conservation Area, it will be a very modern house, but should not be seen from the road. It was noted that near neighbours have all been consulted by the applicant.

Councillors and some neighbours still felt there was an issue with vehicular access to the new property and one has asked for a traffic mirror to be installed opposite the entrance to the access road.

There is a Right of Way along the access road for 6 or 7 of the houses on School Bank which back onto the site in question.

Councillors agreed that RDC Planning Dept should assess the safety of turning spaces on site, also vehicular access onto School Bank before any planning permission is granted. Cllr Mrs Perks will draft a letter of comment to RDC Planning for approval. **SP**

## 10. 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. Clerk's Salary – April 2018<br>(including additional payment for work on Transparency Code) | £ 637.10   |
| 2. C Watts' Salary – April 2018  | £ 97.17    |
| 3. C Watts' Expenses - April 2018  | £ 53.19    |
| 4. HMRC – PAYE April 2018  | £ 76.60    |
| 5. Ludus Leisure – Bolt covers for Trim Trail  | £ 11.34    |
| 6. YLCA – GDPR Training for Clerk – 12 April 2018  | £ 45.00    |
| 7. Vision ICT – Transparency Code website, incl 2 hrs training                                 | £ 1,260.00 |

#### *Receipts:*

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| 9. RDC – Precept – 1 <sup>st</sup> ½ year 2018/19 | £ 6,500.00 |
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### 2. Responsible Financial Officer's Report

1. It was Resolved to accept the annual Finance Report of the Council  
A workbook detailing the current financial position has been circulated.
2. It was Resolved to accept the Draft Risk Register.
3. It was Resolved to accept the Asset Register with Inspection Report.

## 11. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (GDPR)

It was Resolved to accept the GDPR preliminary data audit as drafted by Cllr R Davies. This document will be reviewed and revised as required in due course. **ALL**

## 12. PLAYING FIELD & PLAY PARK

### 1. Playing Field

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

### 2. Play Park

1. The monthly Maintenance status report will be completed shortly by Cllr G Davies.
2. The Task & Finish Group ideas will be circulated to Councillors in due course. They are currently asking more companies to quote for the refurbishment work.

## 13. SURFACE & WASTE WATER MANAGEMENT

Cllr Ross explained that an agreement has now been signed by all parties and work on the new balancing pond will begin later in the month.

There was a sewage leak from the Services site which is under review.

Cllr R Davies noted that Yorkshire Water had found some issues with a pipe at the top of the village and had been out today to make an inspection.

**14. DEFIBRILLATOR**

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

**15. SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY**

Councillor Mrs Collis reported that the School is considering a new uniform, but parents are objecting to this.

The School's new website is causing some issues.

Children of the 3 Trinity Academy Schools are working on a strapline for a Trust Prayer, based on their motto of 'Together for Excellence'.

**16. FACEBOOK – MIDDLETON TYAS COMMUNITY**

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

**17. VILLAGE HANDYMAN**

It was Resolved to make a small ex-gratia payment to Mr Colin Watts and to write to thank him for his excellent work. **CJ**

The vacant position will be advertised on notice boards, Village News, Village Website and the Community Facebook page. **CJ/JC/LH**

**18. RESIDENTS' QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

**19. ITEMS FOR THE VILLAGE NEWS / D&S TIMES**

- List of new Officers of the Parish Council following the Annual Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

- Village Handyman – vacant position.

- Consultation on 35 new houses on Kneeton Lane.

- A summary of the meetings with NYCC Highways/Highways England regarding the mess at the top of the village and new signage.

**20. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT MEETING**

**21. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018 in the Memorial Hall starting at 7.10pm prompt.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.02pm.