

# Middleton Tyas Parish Council

## MINUTES of a Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7.00pm

**PRESENT:** Cllrs G Davies (Chairman), M Bartle, Mrs S Perks, Miss L Harknett;  
Mrs C Jones (Parish Clerk); D.Cllr/C.Cllr Angus Thompson; 3 residents.

The Chairman opened the meeting by noting that Bob Davies, John Ross and Josephine Collis did not stand for re-election at the Local Council Elections held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019, and by recording our thanks for the large contribution they have all made to the Parish Council over a number of years.

**1. APOLOGIES**

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 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019 were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.

**4. POLICE REPORT**

The April Police Crime Report showed the following incidents in Middleton Tyas and Moulton:  
08/04/2019 - PSW Animal

Report received that a cat had been injured and was believed to have been shot by an air rifle. The reporting person wanted this recording but no further action taken as was aware there was no evidence to pursue an investigation.

11/04/19 - Theft

Activists removed netting from a hedgerow on the outskirts of Middleton Tyas village.

Investigations ongoing.

12/04/2019 - Suspicious circumstances

Male seen driving a 10 Reg, Citroen Belingo in Silver driving slowly in the area and looking into people's gardens and property. Observations passed for officers in the area.

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES**

There were no matters arising.

**6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

C.Cllr Angus Thompson reported on the following items:

Vehicle Activated Speed signs (VAS) – C.Cllr Thompson confirmed that we are now able to purchase our own VAS signs. He is currently consulting with his Legal Department re setting up a group to enable this. He then proposes to buy 2 VAS signs with grants from his NYCC Locality Budget. Parish Councils will be able to decide where to locate the signs and they can be rotated between several villages. **AT**

Speedwatch – The Chairman is currently setting a date for training the first team of 5 volunteers. This will be followed by other groups in due course. **GD**

Traffic Noise – C.Cllr Thompson confirmed that complaints have been made about traffic noise at the West End of the village following the recent A1 Upgrade works. He has written to Highways England about the possibility of providing sound barriers in the worst affected area. He is also speaking with Middleton Tyas Estates about the possibility of them planting trees in the field behind the affected houses, to act as a sound barrier. **AT**

NYCC Budget – C.Cllr Thompson confirmed that NYCC are heading for a balanced budget.

*Cllr Mrs S. Perks withdrew from the meeting for the following item having declared an Interest in the matter.*

**7. PARKING PROPOSALS ON SCHOOL BANK AREA**

Following representation from some residents about their parking provision, versus the ongoing concerns of road safety, the three proposals from the 11<sup>th</sup> April meeting were reviewed and it was Resolved to ask NYCC Highways Dept for a further site meeting to ensure the proposals are as agreed; to ask NYCC Highways Dept for the maps to be amended to be more in line with the proposals agreed at the initial site meeting with Councillors; to ask NYCC to undertake a full consultation with all residents affected by these proposals. **CJ/AT**

*Cllr Mrs S. Perks re-joined the meeting.*

**8. A66 DUALLING PROJECT**

The Chairman confirmed that he and the Clerk had attended a recent meeting at Highways England where staff had updated Parish Councils on progress. He reminded members that this will be a long-term project, starting in 2024 and taking between 5 and 10 years to complete (although 5.5 to 6 years expected) and that work on the access at Scotch Corner roundabout will be considerable. The non-statutory public consultation will be launched in Gilling West on 16<sup>th</sup> May, with a second local event at Richmond Station on 21 and 22 June. Leaflets about these consultation events will be widely available. The slides from the recent meeting will be circulated to Councillors on receipt from Highways England. **CJ**

**9. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

D.Cllr Thompson noted that we are now part of a 2-member Ward, being represented by himself and Cllr Campbell Dawson. They had agreed to represent approximately half of the Ward each for clarity. He also noted that no one political party has overall control of the Council since the May Elections.

**10. PLANNING MATTERS**

1. 18/00513/FULL and 18/00514/LBC - West Hall, The Green  
C.Cllr could not confirm whether this matter would be on the May Planning Committee meeting agenda, or whether it would be deferred to a later meeting.
2. 19/120/VAR – Application under Section 73A for Development as Built without Complying with Some Conditions Subject to Which Planning Permission was Granted Under Reference 15/00861/FULL at Plot to Rear of White Gables, Smithgutter Lane  
It was noted that this application has been Granted.
3. Local Plan Review - Section 106 Agreement/CIL – Councillor John Ross (while still a Councillor) had written his views on this matter to the Council and the Chairman reported these to the meeting, thanking John for his valuable input. The Chairman also noted that Mrs Kate Williamson, Executive Head of the School, is very supportive of any application we may wish to make for CIL funding for the village.

Much discussion took place about the need to pursue the matter again with RDC, copying Rishi Sunak, MP, and perhaps speaking with YLCA/NALC on the legality of any claim we make.

It was noted that RDC have spent no money in the village on the flood prevention: this has all been funded by Middleton Tyas Estates and the housing developer. It was noted that in 2014-16, Peter Featherstone, the then Head of Planning Services at RDC, had noted that some of the Section 106 Agreement money should be used or recreation provision: if 10 to 200 houses were built, then provision for play should be provided for younger children, and equipment for play should be provided for older children.

D.Cllr Thompson noted that RDC does not subscribe to the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

Cllr Mrs Perks agreed to raise a list of questions to be fed back to YLCA via the Clerk.

**SP/CJ**

C.Cllr Thompson agreed to raise these questions with Ian Nesbit and Bart Millburn at RDC Planning Dept.

**AT**

4. RDC Planning Manager – It was Resolved that Councillors will send the Clerk their proposed questions / topics for discussion so that Mr Bart Millburn can be invited to a future meeting to respond.

**ALL**

## **11. Financial Matters**

### **1. Payments and Receipts**

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

#### *Payments:*

1. Clerk's Salary – April 2019	£	292.73
2. Handyman's Salary – April 2019	£	57.47
3. Handyman's Expenses – April 2019	£	55.79
4. HMRC – PAYE - April 2019	£	88.60
5. Robertson's Garden Services	£	480.00
6. BHIB Insurance Brokers – Insurance Premium to 31.05.20	£	488.76
7. Memorial Hall – Grant funding 2019-20	£	550.00
8. Memorial Hall – Wayleave 2019-20	£	50.00
9. Ian Crisp Accountancy – Internal Audit to 31 March 2019	£	132.00

#### *Receipts:*

10. RDC Precept 2019-20 – First ½ instalment	£	6,500.00
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### **2. Treasurer's Finance Report**

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The Treasurer's Finance Report and Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 were presented and approved.

### **3. Finance Reporting**

It was Resolved that Cllr Martin Bartle will take over as Treasurer with responsibility for financial reporting to the Council on a quarterly basis. The Clerk will continue to provide the financial information to Cllr Bartle.

**MB/CJ**

### **4. Yorkshire Bank Account**

The Clerk had discussed our bank account again with YBL who had recommended that we do nothing for the time being. YBL will be changing the way our account is charged in the future, but not immediately. It was therefore agreed to leave the account in place for now and the Clerk will continue to monitor the situation.

**CJ**

5. Village Green

1. Cllr Mrs Perks is still working on a suitable sign and price. **SP**
2. The Clerk had obtained an estimate from one supplier, and had no response from another. It was therefore Resolved to purchase two new planters for the Green Frog Garden Centre at Ellerton. **CJ**

6. NRCP Grant Funding

The Chairman proposed that we apply for NRCP Grant Funding to purchase 2 new bench seats for the playing field. Any other proposals should reach him as soon as possible so that a final decision can be taken. **ALL**

**12. RISK REGISTER AND REGISTER OF ASSETS**

The Chairman agreed to take over responsibility for the Risk Register and will update this during the year. **GD**

The Clerk will provide the Chairman with a copy of the Register of Assets so that this can be updated following current maintenance work and painting by the Handyman. **CJ/GD**

**13. PLAYING FIELD & PLAY PARK**

1. Playing Field

1. It was confirmed that the monthly maintenance inspection had been carried out. It was noted that the bins are in excellent condition, thanks to the Handyman.
2. Cllr Mrs Harknett confirmed that arrangements for the Dog Show & Village Fete on 13<sup>th</sup> July are progressing, though more volunteers are needed to help on the day..**ALL**

2. Play Park

1. It was confirmed that the monthly safety inspection report had been carried out and all is safe and secure.
2. The Chairman noted that he has undertaken a YLCA training course and is now qualified to carry out regular equipment inspections.

**14. DEFIBRILLATOR**

1. It was noted that Cllr Martin Bartle has taken over responsibility for the Defibrillator and also for the VETS liaison.
2. It was confirmed that the monthly safety inspection had been carried out and all is in working order.

**15. CCTV**

1. The Chairman noted that a CCTV camera is now in situ on the Memorial Hall wall to monitor the Defibrillator.
2. It was Resolved to ask the Memorial Hall Management Committee for permission to install a second camera on the Hall wall to monitor the 3-way road junction and bollards. It was Resolved to get a quotation for a second camera to monitor this junction and bollards.
3. It was Resolved to ask the Memorial Hall Management Committee for permission to install a sign on the Hall wall informing members of the public that they are being monitored by CCTV. It was Resolved to install such a sign near the Defibrillator.

**16. SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER**

Cllr Mrs Harknett reported on the following items:

Community Lunches at the School have been successful and they plan to do more.

Maple Dancing will take place on the village Green at the end of June.

The Academy is starting to work together and bulk buy.

In a Safeguarding issue, the School has won a grant to install fencing around the perimeter of the School and this will be done during the Summer holidays.

**17. FACEBOOK – MIDDLETON TYAS COMMUNITY & VILLAGE WEBSITE**

The Facebook page continues to work well within the community and recently helped to find a lost dog with an hour.

Cllr Mrs Harknett is continuing to pursue Craig Jones for access to the Village News so the village website can be brought up to date.

**18. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2019**

It was noted that we did very badly in the competition last year. The Handyman now has a watching brief over the village and reminders have gone out to residents via the Village News. Litter at Scotch Corner, although outside our village boundary, was a concern.

**19. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**20. RESIDENTS' QUESTIONS**

None.

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

A66 Consultation Event dates

Bark in the Park & Village Fete update

Best Kept Village Competition – reminder to be tidy and judging dates

Applications sought for Councillors to be Co-opted to serve on the Parish Council

Middleton Tyas is now a 2-Member Ward

**LH**

**CJ**

**AT**

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

**23. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019 in the Memorial Hall, starting at 7.00pm prompt.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20 pm