

Middleton Tyas Parish Council

MINUTES of a Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday, 11th July 2019 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Cllrs G Davies (Chairman), M Bartle, Mrs S Perks, Miss L Harknett;
Mrs C Jones (Parish Clerk); 6 residents.

1. APOLOGIES

D.Cllr/C.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 9th May 2019 were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.

4. POLICE REPORT

The June Police Crime Report showed the following incidents in Middleton:

- Rear window of a parked vehicle in Middleton Tyas Lane
- Numerous items dumped at the side of the road near the Services Area
- Theft of fuel from the Services 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 reported that he had carried out a site visit in Stapleton to assess the possibility of installing a Speed Matrix Board there. He confirmed that Middleton Tyas is very near to top of his list for having such a Board installed and he will be in a position to report to the September Parish Council meeting. **AT**

The Slough – C.Cllr Thompson remarked on what a really good job has been done with the repairs to the wall at the top of The Slough. The cost of repair had been greatly covered by a NYCC Locality Budget grant of £1,000 which he had authorised, and for which the Parish Council is enormously grateful.

7. PARKING PROPOSALS ON SCHOOL BANK AREA

C.Cllr Thompson's report noted that he will liaise with Ian Beighton (NYCC Highways Dept) regarding a date for the proposed site meeting on this matter. **AT**

8. A66 DUALLING PROJECT

Cllr Davies updated the meeting on progress following his attendance at the launch event in Gilling West. He noted that the 55 mile long section of road to be upgraded carries approx 25% freight traffic, and the highest weight of freight in the country.

Various non-statutory consultation events are being held with all road users to gather opinion on preferred routes. The village may be affected as Scotch Corner roundabout will eventually be reconstructed to keep traffic flowing. Highways England has a Customer Contact Centre for any ongoing queries.

9. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

D.Cllr Thompson reported that RDC are still on Section 106 Agreement rules in terms of any planning permissions granted, and will stay so until new Government regulations are published. They will then make a decision to stay on Section 106 or to move to Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) rules. D.Cllr Thompson will keep us updated on this matter. **AT**

10. PLANNING MATTERS

1. 19/00288/FULL – Full Planning Permission for Change of Use of Utility Room to be Used for a Hair Styling Business (Retrospective) at 6 Westfield Gardens.
It was noted that our letter of comment dated 5 July 2019 had been submitted to RDC Planning Department.
2. 18/00513/FULL and 18/00514/LBC - West Hall, The Green.
Cllr Mrs Perks had attended the Planning Committee Meeting on 2nd July and presented the Council's report. She noted that Historic England's report had been loaded to the RDC website late and it showed a complete change of opinion to that expressed following their last site visit. The Planning Committee had been against the application at that time, but a further site visit was being arranged for 25th July, which Cllr Mrs Perks hopes to attend. There are concerns about over-development of the site, parking, and breaking through the high wall to the side of the site. However, it was agreed that the Parish Council's opinion had been made clear and there was no need for another statement to be submitted at this time.
3. 19/00410/FULL – Full Planning Permission for Single Storey Rear Extension at Kingarth, Main Street.
It was noted that our letter of comment dated 3rd July had been submitted to RDC Planning Department.
4. 19/00408/LBC – Listed Building Consent for Rendering of Rear Aspect and Top Part of Western Gable of Old Part of House following Alterations at Orchard House, Main Street.
It was noted that our letter of comment dated 3rd July 2019 had been submitted to RDC Planning Department.
5. 18/00317/FULL – Full Planning Permission for Drainage Basin on Land North of Kneeton Park, Kneeton Lane.
It was noted that the above application had been Granted.
6. Local Plan – Cllr Mrs Perks reported that Government feedback on the use of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) by Local Authorities needs some changes, so RDC is waiting for a decision to be reached, hopefully in October 2019. Cllr Mrs Perks will attend any meetings on this matter as things progress. **SP**
It was agreed that we should invite Matthew Usher, RDC Planning Policy Manager, to join a future public meeting with the Head of Planning. Councillors should forward any questions on planning matters for that meeting to Cllr Mrs Perks or the Clerk. **ALL**

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 – May 2019	£	292.53
2. Handyman's Salary – May 2019	£	49.26
3. Handyman's Expenses – May 2019	£	1.60
4. HMRC – PAYE - May 2019	£	88.80
5. Cllr G Davies' – Expenses April & May	£	26.40
6. Robertson's Garden Services – May 2019	£	480.00
7. Vision ICT – Annual Website Hosting & Support to 31 July 2020	£	295.80
8. Middleton Tyas Memorial Hall – Room Hire x 2	£	14.00
9. Green Frog Garden Shop – Planters for Green	£	188.50
10. Clerk's Salary – June 2019	£	292.53
11. Clerk's Expenses – April-June 2019	£	36.17
12. Handyman's Salary – June 2019	£	192.94
13. Handyman's Expenses – June 2019	£	28.32
14. HMRC – PAYE – June 2019	£	88.80
15. Everards – Repairs to wall at top of The Slough	£	1,350.00
16. TP Jones LLP – Payroll April-June 2019	£	53.46
17. Robertson's Garden Services – Grassing cutting x 3	£	720.00

Receipts:

18. NYCC Education Dept – MUGA Licence Fee 2019	£	135.00
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2. Village Green

The 2 planters for the village Green have been purchased and planted up, and are in situ.

3. NRCP Grant Funding

The Chairman has proposed that we purchase 2 new bench seats for the playing field. These will cost approx. £1300 incl VAT and we can apply for 75% grant funding from the North Richmondshire Partnership grant scheme.

The Clerk will obtain an application form and the Chairman will provide details of the benches.

CJ/GD

12. REGISTER OF ASSETS

1. The Chairman agreed to take update the Register of Assets, following the previous inspection and maintenance work by the Handyman. **GD**
2. The Chairman agreed to contact a local Arboriculturist for a quotation to inspect and maintain the trees under our ownership. **GD**

13. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS

It was noted that applications had been received for co-option to the 3 vacant positions. Cllr Davies will arrange dates to interview the applications so that a decision can be reached on co-option at the September meeting. **GD**

14. PLAYING FIELD & PLAY PARK

1. Playing Field

1. It was confirmed that the monthly maintenance inspection had been carried out.

2. The Clerk will check if Scorton Football Club wish to continue to use the playing field next season. **CJ**
3. It was noted that the proposed track around the playing field will be funded separately from the play park refurbishment scheme.

2. Play Park

1. It was confirmed that the monthly safety inspection report had been carried out and all is safe and secure.
2. It was noted that the slide is being well used.
3. It was noted that the play park will be refurbished through local fund raising and from application to the Big Lottery Fund. A public exhibition will be held in the Memorial Hall to show proposals before any scheme is progressed.

15. DEFIBRILLATOR

Cllr Bartle confirmed that the monthly safety inspection had been carried out and all is in working order.

16. CCTV

The Chairman reported that he is awaiting a quotation for the 2nd camera to be installed on the Memorial Hall wall to monitor the bollards on the opposite corner. **GD**

He also assured the meeting that CCTV recordings are only stored for 1 week in case they are required to confirm any incident.

17. SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER

Cllr Mrs Harknett reported on the following items:

1. Councillors agreed that a sum of £200 per annum might be appropriate for the School to pay for their use of the playing field during term time. She will discuss this with the School Business Manager. **LH**
2. Dates for residents to have lunch at the School will be announced via the Village News. **LH**
3. The 5-bar gate from the School into the Play Park is not closing properly. The Clerk confirmed that this gate is owned by the School and should be repaired by them. **LH**

18. FACEBOOK – MIDDLETON TYAS COMMUNITY & VILLAGE WEBSITE

The Facebook page continues to work well within the community.

19. CORRESPONDENCE

St Michael & All Angels PCC – A note of thanks, especially to Mike Ramsey, the village Handyman, for repainting the bench in the Churchyard.

20. RESIDENTS' QUESTIONS

1. Mr Ross Hawes asked for clarification about where to find the Parish Council's letter to RDC Planning Dept regarding his recent application. He was told that this should be on the RDC website's Planning Portal with all other documents relating to his application.
2. Concerns had been raised about vehicles parking on grass verges, causing possible damage, and also difficulty for the grass cutting contractor. It was agreed to put an item in the Village News asking residents not to use the grass verges to park anything.

3. Mrs Elizabeth Croft asked how the CCTV cameras are set up to record number plates and the Chairman explained the process to her.

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

LH

Parking on village grass verges
Branches overhanging the public footpath from residents' gardens

22. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT MEETING

Best Kept Village Competition 2019 – The results.

23. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

PLEASE NOTE there will be no meeting in August.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 12th September 2019 in the Memorial Hall, starting at 7.00pm prompt.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10 pm