

# Middleton Tyas Parish Council

## MINUTES of a Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7.00pm

**PRESENT:** Cllrs G Davies (Chairman), Mrs S Perks, Miss L Harknett, D Henderson, Ms C Lamb;  
Mrs C Jones (Parish Clerk); C Cllr/D Cllr Angus Thompson.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Cllr M Bartle, PC Mark Wood.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

All Councillors made 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**

It was Resolved to accept the Draft Minutes of the last meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and they were signed as a true record of the meeting.

**4. POLICE REPORT**

There was no current Police Crime Report available.

PC Mark Wood had advised the Clerk by e-mail that parking on double yellow lines in Kneeton Park had been an issue for some residents and he would be liaising with the School on their behalf.

**5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

1. C.Cllr Thompson reported as follows:

- School Bank Parking Consultation – ongoing.
- Mirrors at School Bank/Cow Lane junction – the rules changed last year and it is now up to NYCC to approve or not, and they are legally bound to take Police advice on each request. NYCC will not approve our application unless we obtain Police support.
- Redundant signage and road markings on Cow Lane will be removed.
- Speed Matrix Board – NYCC grant funding is still available together with a new round of NRCP grants, should we wish to apply to either/both sources.

2. Responsibility for grass cutting at Scotch Corner – Ian Beighton (NYCC Highways Dept) is reviewing this matter and C.Cllr Thompson will keep us updated. **AT**

**6. COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH**

Cllr Davies reported that the first 'live' CSW session had recorded 7 speeding vehicles in 1 hour, travelling at around 37 mph in the 30 mph zone.

He confirmed that 10 locations had been agreed by the Police and further sessions would be held in due course. **GD**

**(7. No item on Agenda)**

## 8. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

D.Cllr Thompson reported as follows:

1. RDC Planning Manager will be sending us an e-mail regarding the stone village sign on Kneeton Lane as this will need to be re-positioned to allow access to the new housing development.
2. RDC have confirmed that they are responsible for litter picking from Scotch Corner Roundabout down to the 40 mph signs in the village, covering the area around the entrance to the Moulton LAR. D.Cllr Thompson will keep us informed about this matter.

**AT**

## 9. PLANNING MATTERS

*www.middletontyas.org.uk / The Council / Planning page for Richmondshire District Council / Public Access planning application service.*

The following planning application was considered:

1. 19/00813/FULL – Full Planning Permission for Proposed Dwelling at (Street Record), Main Street, Middleton Tyas, including Garage, Landscaping and New Hedgerows: Land Adjoining Unnamed Lane (OS Field 3540) South of Middleton Tyas.  
Cllr Mrs Perks will draft a response to RDC Planning Dept for approval.

**SP**

The following planning comments were confirmed:

2. 19/00760/FULL – Full Planning Permission for a Single Storey Lean-to Extension and Insertion of Roof Lights to Main Roof Slope at Thornberry Cottage, School Bank.  
The comments submitted to RDC Planning Dept on 27 December 2019 were confirmed.

## 10. FINANCIAL MATTERS

It was Resolved to pay the following accounts and cheques were duly signed:

1. Clerk's Salary – December 2019	£	292.73
2. Handyman's Salary – December 2019	£	20.53
3. HMRC – PAYE – December 2019	£	88.60
4. Clerk's Expenses – Oct-Dec 2019	£	72.99
5. Handyman's Expenses – December 2019	£	1.60
6. Memorial Hall – Room Hire x 3	£	21.00
7. TP Jones & Co LLP – Payroll Oct-Dec 2019	£	53.46

The following receipts were noted:

8. NYCC – Grass Cutting Grant	£	198.30
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## 11. GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT FOR 2020-21

This year's contract was discussed in view of an overspend on the year's budget.

It was Resolved that Cllrs Davies and Ms Lamb will discuss details of the contract with Mr Robertson before a final decision is taken on awarding the 2020-21 contract. **GD/CL**

## 12. CLERK'S SALARY REVIEW

1. It was Resolved that the Clerk's salary scale increase should take effect from 1 January 2020, subject to a review by the Chairman. **GD/CJ**
2. It was Resolved that the Clerk will receive the Local Government National Salary Award with effect from 1 April 2020 (or the date when it becomes effective).

**13. HANDYMAN’S HOURS OF WORK REVIEW**

It was Resolved to increase the hours of work available to the Handyman to a maximum of 12 per month and to adjust the Budget for 2020-21 to cover this increase.

**14. BUGET PROPOSAL AND RDC PRECEPT FOR 2020-21**

1. It was Resolved to approve the Treasurer’s Budget proposal for 2020-21.
2. It was Resolved to approve the Precept application to RDC for 2020-21 in the sum of £15,000. The Clerk signed the application form and will submit it to RDC. **CJ**

**15. PLAYING FIELD & PLAY PARK**

1. Playing Field  
The monthly Maintenance status report was received and all is in order.

Cllr Davies and the Clerk had met with the Nikki Spink, the School Business Manager today to discuss the possibility of the School having regular exclusive use of the playing field for sporting activities. This matter will be considered by both parties to see if a suitable arrangement can be made, bearing in mind child protection and accessibility for residents. **ALL**

The maintenance of the Car Park and Footpath were also discussed at the meeting and an agreement will be drafted for approval by both parties. **GD**

2. Play Park  
The monthly Safety Inspection report is up to date.

**16. DEFIBRILLATOR**

It was not known when the last Defibrillator check was made due to Cllr Bartle’s absence. The Clerk will ask him to confirm. **CJ**

It was Resolved to take out an Annual Service Agreement with Community Heartbeat Trust at a cost of £135 + VAT per annum, tied in for 4 years. **MB**

**17. SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER**

No new items were reported.

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

Cllr Miss Harknett noted that there were 284 followers, with 170 views before Christmas.

**19. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**20. RESIDENTS’ QUESTIONS**

None.

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

Community Speed Watch  
Precept for 2020/21  
Play Park presentation  
A66 weekend closures

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

Award of Grass Cutting Contract for 2020-21.

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

There will be no meeting in February.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020 in the Memorial Hall, starting at 7.00pm prompt.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.24 pm

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairman**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_