

# Middleton Parish Council

## Pride in Stone

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**A meeting of the Parish Council held  
in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, Main Street, Middleton on  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 6.45pm**

### Minutes

Non-confidential items

**3845/18 Present**

Cllr Sandy Clark, Cllr Peter Slack, Cllr Glynis Spencer, Cllr Olwen Wilson  
7 members of the public

**Election of Chairman**

In the absence of the Vice Chairman, Cllr Sandy Clark was elected to chair the meeting.

**3846/18 To receive and accept apologies for absence**

**Resolved:** To accept apologies received from Cllr Dawn Greatorex (unwell) and Cllr Rob Rawlinson (prior engagement)

**3847/18 Chair's announcements**

Cllr Sandy Clark welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the business for the meeting.

**3848/18 Variation of Order of Business**

**Resolved:** To discuss "Matter for Decision item (k) DCC Mineral Consultation" under agenda item "Planning Application"

**3849/18 Declaration of Members Interests**

**(a) To enable members to declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they have in subsequent agenda items, in accordance with the Parish Council's Code of Conduct. Interests that become apparent at a later stage in the proceedings may be declared at that time.**  
None received.

**(b) To receive and approve requests for dispensation from members in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.**  
None received.

**3850/18 Items in Exclusion**

**To consider whether any items should be considered in exclusion of the public and press**

It was not considered necessary to take any items “in exclusion”.

**3851/18 Public Speaking**

**(a) A period of not more than 15 minutes will be made available for members of the public and Members of the Council to comment on any matter**

Matters raised included

- A request for the date that (a) a board on the Village Green would be removed and (b) the tarmac on the site of the phone box on the Village Green would be reinstated.
- Concerns at reduced visibility at the junction of Main Street due to inappropriately parked vehicles
- Volume of traffic and size of vehicles travelling through Main Street
- Speeding vehicles on Main Street
- The parking of vehicles directly outside doors fronting Main Street; affecting access to properties
- Vehicle parking on footpaths outside Holy Trinity Church
- A request for Water Lane to be swept
- Concerns that the recent petition to promote the siting of the Middleton Memorial on the Village Green “only put one side forward” and that individuals were “vilified” on social media.

It was noted that the petition was not a Parish Council initiative.

Cllr Sandy Clark said that fears raised by comments on social media should be reported to the police.

**(b) Report from and questions to County Councillor**

No report received.

One member of the public leaves the meeting.

**(c) Report from and questions to District Councillor**

Cllr Peter Slack reported on matters at District including;

- Recent consultations
- Attendance at Cllr Jean Monks Civic Service
- A workshop session to be held on the renewal of the waste contract
- Potential partnership working

**3852/18 Minutes**

**To approve the minutes of the meetings held;**

**(a) Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

**Resolved:** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018, as a correct record.

**(b) Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

**Resolved:** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018, as a correct record.

3853/18 **To approve Clerk's Report on action taken following the meetings held on and after 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

**Resolved:** To approve the report.

3854/18 **Correspondence**

**Resolved:** To note receipt of items for information  
Derbyshire ALC – Circular 13-2018 - Awards for Excellence - Audit & AGAR Forms - Aviva Comm Fund - Govt Investment to overcome barriers to building - Beacon Lighting Safety - Dementia Friendly Communities - Arnold-Baker - Local Council Admin 11th Edition - Training & Events

Rural Services Network; various emails

Clerks & Councils Direct September 2018  
Ecclesbourne Express Summer 2018  
Glasdon Street Furniture; Focus on Local Councils, Village Gateways

3855/18 **Reports**

**(a) Environment Committee**

No report received.

**(b) Middleton in Bloom**

On behalf of the group Cllr Olwen Wilson requested clarity on potential contamination at the Millennium Garden.

**Resolved:** That the report be received.

**(c) Village Green Committee**

Cllr Peter Slack said that the begonias are still flowering, but it will soon be time to remove them and replant the beds for winter. The Christmas lights are ready for installation.

**Resolved:** That the report be received.

**(d) Village Hall Committee**

No report received.

3856/18 **Planning Application**

See also minute 3848/18.

**To approve response; DCC Minerals Consultation - Further and other information to an environmental statement that accompanies the planning application for a lateral extension to the south west of the existing permitted operations to provide the winning and working of minerals, associated ancillary operations and amended restoration scheme through landfill - CM3/0817/40**

**Location: Slinter Top Quarry, Cromford**

**Applicant: Slinter Mining**

**Application Code: CM3/0817/40**

**Resolved:** To note the opportunity. Clerk to investigate what landfill materials are to be used, the direction they will arrive from, quantities and the likely impact on traffic.

3857/18 **Matters for decision**

**(a) Casual Vacancy; to receive update**

Following the resignation of Cllr John Sedgwick, the Clerk has advised DDDC of the vacancy a "claimed poll" has been advertised.

**Resolved:** That the update be received.

**(b) Appointment of representatives to outside bodies; Village Hall Committee**

**Resolved:** To make no further appointment at present.

**(c) Neighbourhood Plan; to approve the way ahead (brought forward from minute 3640/17)**

**Resolved:** To defer to June 2019.

**(d) To approve arrangements for the public celebration of Christmas**

**Resolved:** To approve the purchase of a Christmas tree for the public celebration of Christmas and it's siting on the Village Green

**Resolved:** To approve the use of the Village Green an event making the switch on of the Christmas lights

**(e) Seat for junction Main Street/Chapel Lane, to receive update**

The Clerk reported that a request to site a seat at the junction of Main Street/Chapel Lane has been made to Derbyshire County Council and a response is awaited.

**(f) Wirksworth Transition Community Land Trust Launch Event Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 to approve attendees**

**Resolved:** Cllr Peter Slack to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

**(g) DDDC Consultation; on potential Council Tax increases on long term empty houses, to approve response**

**Resolved:** To query whether there are provisions to exempt houses empty at no fault of the owner, for example properties for sale or where the owner suffers a long-term illness.

**(h) DDDC Consultation Supplementary Planning Document on The Conversion of Farm Buildings Design Guidance, to approve response**

**Resolved:** To welcome the opportunity to bring buildings into use through appropriate development.

**(i) DDDC Consultation; Statement of Community Involvement, to approve response**

**Resolved:** To note the opportunity.

**(j) Derbyshire County Council Snow Warden Scheme 2018-19; to approve participation**

**Resolved:** To reject participation in the Scheme.

**(k) To approve response; DCC Minerals Consultation...**

**Location: Slinter Top Quarry, Cromford**  
**Applicant: Slinter Mining**  
**Application Code: CM3/0817/40**  
**See minute 3856/18 above**

**3858/18 Finance**

**(a) Statement of Account**

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council's account stood at £25,677.76 per statement 11 dated 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018 (copied to members). There are 2 items in transit; cheques 1437 and 1441, to the value of £168, therefore the actual balance per the cashbook (copied to members) is £25,509.76.

**Resolved:** That the report be received.

**(b) Approval of payments made since last meeting**

**Resolved:** To approve the following payments;

	Cheque	Payee	Amount	VAT	Total
i.	1444	Staff Pay September			<i>Not for publication</i>
ii.	1445	Staff Pay September			<i>Not for publication</i>

**(c) Approval of payments**

**Resolved:** To approve the following payments;

	Cheque	Payee	Amount	VAT	Total
i.	1446	Butler Cook Accountants	£92	£18.40	110.40
ii.	1447	HMRC September			<i>Not for publication</i>
iii.	1448	Staff Pay September			<i>Not for publication</i>

**(d) Risk Assessment/Budget Monitoring**

**To receive budget monitoring sheets and to consider risk assessment/insurance implications for items approved this meeting**

**Resolved:** To approve budget monitoring sheets. No additional risk assessment or insurance items received.

**3859/18 Date, time and place of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council is an extraordinary meeting to be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018\*.

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council will be Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 6.30pm in the Committee room of the Village Hall and the closing date for agenda items will be 9am Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018.

The meeting closed at 8.32pm.