

Middleton Parish Council

Pride in Stone

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A remote meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 8th March 2021 at 6.45pm

Minutes

Non-confidential items

4275/21 Present

Cllr Dawn Greatorex, Cllr Tina Hymas-Taylor, Cllr David Morris, Cllr Peter Slack, Cllr Derek Renshaw, Cllr Glynis Spencer, 1 member of the public

4276/21 To receive and accept apologies for absence

None received.

4277/21 Chairman's announcements

Cllr Peter Slack noted an article in the March edition of the Village Pump entitled "Surviving Lockdown in Middleton" highlighting the availability of goods and services in the village.

Cllr Slack thanked the NHS for the work they have done in tackling the pandemic.

4278/21 Variation of order of business

It was not considered necessary to vary the order of business.

4279/21 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.

Cllr Peter Slack recorded a non-pecuniary interest in minute 4285/21 (member of DDDC Planning Committee) and indicated he would leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed.

Cllr Derek Renshaw recorded an interest in minute 4286/21 (employee of landowner).

(b) To receive and approve requests for dispensation from members in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.

None received.

4280/21 **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".

4281/21 **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

A member of the public said that a Freedom of Information request had revealed that DDDC have installed a number of bins recently.

A member of the public raised concerns that hypodermic needles had been found near the National Stone Centre. Cllr Peter Slack agreed to raise the matter with the Mount Cook Adventure Centre.

A member of the Council reported that police cars were attending the Centre "on a regular basis".

It was reported that vehicles parked on the section of Main Street between the Chapel Lane and Duke Street junctions are making it difficult for buses and exacerbating existing issues. The Clerk was asked to write to the owner of the vehicles.

The Clerk was asked to submit a further item on the on-going issue of parking near the Main Street/Chapel Lane junction to the Village Pump.

The Clerk was asked to contact DDDC regarding the absence of signage for the small public car park next to The Nelson Arms.

It was reported that a new access has been made into a field on New Road and a gate has been installed. This being close to a bend in the road, the Clerk was asked to report the matter to DCC Highways for investigation.

(b) Report from and questions to County Councillor

County Councillor not present.

(c) Report from and questions to District Councillor

Cllr Peter Slack gave a report on matters at District including

- A bid for £734k for Ashbourne Leisure Centre to the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme had been won on appeal
- The adoption of the Corporate Plan
- Capital Program update
- Revenue Budget 2021-22 and Council Tax setting

4282/21 **To approve the minutes of the meeting held Monday 8th February 2021**

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th February 2021 as a correct record.

4283/21 **Clerk's Report**

To approve Clerk's Report on action taken since the last meeting

Resolved: To approve the report.

4284/21 **Correspondence;**
Resolved: To note receipt of items for information;
Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Newsletter February 2021

4285/21 **Planning**
To approve responses to the Planning Authority on;
Planning Appeal Reference APP/P1045/W/20/3264715
DDDC 20/00348/FUL The Old Barn, Rise End, Middleton By Wirksworth
Derbyshire Erection of a detached dwelling and reconfiguration of access
(resubmission)
Cllr Peter Slack declared the interest recorded at minute 4279/21 and withdrew from the meeting. Vice Chair Cllr Dawn Greatorex chaired this part of the meeting.

Resolved: The Parish Council raises concern regarding access/egress and visibility and the intensification of vehicle movements. It is not felt that two access points are desirable on grounds of road safety.

Cllr Peter Slack returned to the meeting and resumed as Chair.

4286/21 **Matters for decision**

(a) Streetscene Issues – to receive update

Further to minute 4267/21 responses from DCC Highways are awaited.

Resolved: That the update be received.

(b) To approve requesting a finger post opposite the entrance to the Community Primary School

The missing post has resulted in overrun of the verge.

Resolved: To request DCC reinstate the missing black and white verge marker post.

(c) 20's Plenty Campaign; to consider participation/public consultation

"20's Plenty for Us" is a not-for-profit organisation campaigning for 20mph to become the default speed limit on residential and urban streets.

Resolved: Clerk to seek the view of Middleton Community Primary School and invite their involvement. Clerk to put a news item on the Parish Council website and forward a copy to the Village Pump and invite comment from interested parties.

(d) Provision of Play Equipment at the Playing Fields; to receive update approve the way ahead

The Chairman and the Clerk attended a remote presentation concerning the Severn Trent Community Fund as a potential source for additional funding.

A grant application has been approved by the Better Derbyshire Dales Fund (BDDF) in the sum of £3700. This will part fund the provision and installation of a "butterfly" roundabout, "the original dish" and an "abacus rail" play panel.

An application is being prepared for submission to the Derbyshire Environmental Trust for the provision and installation of a Playdale "Nucleus" climbing frame. The funding body is the Tarmac Landfill Communities Fund (TLCF), and the sum requested is £21,274. If successful the Parish Council will be required to contribute 10% of the sum.

Resolved: That the report be received and the success of the bid to the BDDF be noted.

Resolved: To approve the submission of the bid to the TLCF and the contribution required if successful.

(e) Dene Hollow Footpath Restoration – to receive update

Cllr Derek Renshaw declared the interest record at minute 4279/21 and withdrew from the meeting.

A remote meeting was held with representatives of Tarmac, DCC Planning Enforcement and members of Cromford Parish Council on Wednesday 3rd March, where it was agreed to hold a physical meeting on site to discuss the restoration further when it was considered safe to do so.

Resolved: That the update be received.

Cllr Derek Renshaw returned to the meeting.

(f) To receive an update on the status of Intake Lane as a public right of way and to approve action as appropriate

It was reported that Intake Lane has been designated Adopted Highway for many years but had been omitted from the DCC Definitive Map. This has subsequently been corrected.

Resolved: That the update be noted.

(g) Local Government Boundaries Commission for England Consultation on draft recommendations for Derbyshire Dales – to approve response (ends 12th April 2021)

Resolved: To defer consideration to an extraordinary meeting to be held at 6.45pm on Monday 22nd March 2021.

(h) DDDC Consultation; Licensing Act 2003 Review of Alcohol, Entertainment and Late-Night Refreshment Licensing Policy, to approve response

Resolved: To make no comment.

(i) DDDC Consultation; Climate Change Supplementary Planning Document, to approve responses

Resolved: To defer consideration to the extraordinary meeting to be held at 6.45pm on Monday 22nd March 2021.

(j) Publicly Accessible Defibrillator; to receive a report and to approve action taken

The Clerk reported that the battery and pads have been replaced. The device has been registered on British Heart Foundation's "The Circuit" website, a national register of defibrillators operated by the British Heart Foundation (as directed to by the East Midlands Ambulance Service). Basic weekly checks are being undertaken by the caretaker. The device will be listed on the Parish Council's website by street address and "what3words" location. The cost of the replacements is £297 including VAT. This is within the budgeted reserve. The expired pads have been given to the Fire Service who can use them for practice use, the L-ion battery has been sent for recycling.

Resolved: That the report be received and the action taken approved.

(k) To approve Annual Subscription to the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils 2021-22

Resolved: To approve the annual subscription at a cost of £265.62.

4287/21 Finance

(a) Statement of account

The Parish Council's account stood at £13,077.92 per the statement dated 17th February 2021 (copied to members). There are three cheques in transit (1631, 1634 and 1635 in the sum of £1018.70) therefore the actual balance per the cashbook (also copied to members) is £12,059.22.

Resolved: To approve the Statement of Account.

(b) To note item of income

Resolved: To note the following item of income

8th February 2021 Bank Giro Credit: DDDC Local Project Fund £1000

(c) Approval of payments

Resolved: To approve the following payments;

	Cheque	Payee	Amount	VAT	Total
(i)	1636	Spoiled	-		-
(ii)	1637	Defibrillator battery, pads	£248	£49	297
(iii)	1638	DALC 2021-22 Subscription	£265.62		£265.62
(iv)	1639	Caretaker February 2021			<i>Not for publication</i>
(v)	1640	HMRC February 2021			<i>Not for publication</i>
(vi)	1641	Clerk February 2021			<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 sheet. No additional risk assessment or insurance items received.

4288/21 Date and time of next meetings

- Monday 22nd March 2021 at 6.45pm; extraordinary meeting to be held remotely
The agenda closes at 9.00am Monday 15th March 2021.
- Monday 12th April 2021 at 6.45pm, to be held remotely.
The agenda closes at 9.00am Thursday 1st April 2021.

The meeting closed at 7.58pm