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| <p><b>Middleton St George Parish Council</b></p> <p><b>Meeting: Parish Council</b></p>   | <p><b>Date:</b><br/>8 Jan 2007</p> <p><b>Time:</b>7pm-8pm</p> |
| <p>Present: D Jones (Chair), S York (Vice Chair), A Hill, M Walker, B Jones, M McBride, J Quick, S Crowther, C Sirrell, M Beadle.<br/>C Dawson - Clerk<br/>PC B.Rowe – Darlington Police<br/>D Roberts – Press<br/>D Gray, A Pennock. Ferryhill Angling Club</p>   |   |
|  | <p>Actions</p>  |
| <p><b>07/281 Declarations of Interest</b><br/>There were no declarations of interest</p>   |   |
| <p><b>07/282 Approval of the Minutes</b><br/>Cllr J Quick stated that he was not present at the last meeting. Subject to this error the minutes were accepted.</p>   |   |
| <p><b>07/283 Actions from Previous Minutes</b><br/>Cllr D Jones thanked the Councillors for their efforts with regard to the Christmas Tree and Carol Service, and asked for thankyou letters to be sent to other contributors. D Jones reported that the collection for the Giving Tree raised £110.84p<br/>Cllr M Walker reported that the tree on Killinghall allotments still had not been removed and that the water tap still had not been repaired.</p> | <p>Clerk</p>  |
| <p><b>07/284 Police Report</b><br/>PC Rowe reported that there had been 7 burglaries, 6 cases criminal damage, 1 theft from a vehicle, 2 bicycles stolen and 5 incidents of rowdy nuisance. Cllrs discussed these figures and it was agreed that there was improvement in crime figures especially considering the size of the village.</p>  |   |
| <p><b>07/285 Planning Applications</b><br/>No objection was made to application 06/01206/FUL, 33 Woodlands Green DL2 1EE.<br/>Councillors supported the application 06/01166/FULLancaster House DL2 1LU and wish to confirm in writing their preference for this application as the planned development is on brown field land. Councillors objected to application 06/01095/FUL 2 Castle Close DL2 1DE.</p>   | <p>Clerk</p>  |
| <p><b>07/286 Water Park</b><br/>Cllr M Walker stated that he had requested Hedges to be added to the agenda. Cllr D Jones apologised for the omission and agreed that advice should be sought from the Ground Maintenance Contractor with regard to the hedges and the item to be added to the next agenda.<br/>Cllr S York reported that part of the boundary fence needed repairing and Councillors agreed that the Ground Maintenance</p>                   | <p>Clerk</p>  |

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| Contractor should be asked to attend to the matter.  | Clerk |
| <b>07/287 Standing Orders</b><br>Councillors discussed the proposed draft standing orders and made several amendments. The Clerk to type up final copy for acceptance at the next meeting.   | Clerk |
| <b>07/288 Financial</b><br>The following payments were approved:<br>Hilary's Blinds £85<br>Xmas Tree Lights & refreshments for Carol Service £145.49<br>Thorn Welding (H&S Tree Fencing) £752<br>England & Lyle Consultants £599.25<br>News Prints £ 34.50<br>Wrights Office Supplies (Fire Extinguisher) £61.99<br>Postage & Stationery £22.07<br>Ground Maintenance Contractor £810.41<br>PAYE £10.18<br>Councillors approved hourly increase for the Litter Warden and the wages cheques for Clerk & Litter Warden were also approved.<br><br>Councillors considered the quotations for painting the railings at the playing field. All Councillors except Cllr M McBride accepted the quotation for £1980 subject to obtaining a 5 year guarantee from the contractor. |       |
| <b>07/289 Correspondence</b><br>Cllr D Jones informed councillors that a letter from England & Lyle had been received informing her that no decision about a public enquiry had yet been made with regard to the DTV Airport planning application.   |       |
| <b>07/290 Playing Field H&amp;S Report</b><br>This item was omitted from the agenda by Clerk's error. The report was signed by Cllr S York who stated that the goal post were now included in the inspection. Cllr D Jones suggested that Darlington Borough Council should be asked to carry out additional H&S inspections and all Councillors agreed.   |       |

Next Meeting: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2007

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