

Middleton St George Parish Council	
Meeting: Monthly Parish Council Date: 12 March 2007 Time: 7-8.30pm	
Present: D Jones (Chair), S York (Vice Chair), A Hill, B Jones, M McBride, J Quick, C Sirrell, M Beadle, M Walker, S Crowther. C Dawson - Clerk PC J Brown, PC M Marr – Darlington Police L Pyrah – Press D Gray, A Pennock. Ferryhill Angling Club	
	Actions
07/306 Declarations of Interest The following councillors declared interests as follows: A Hill – Planning Application 07/00093/FUL C Sirrell & S Crowther – Traffic System	
07/307 Approval of Minutes With the correction of PC Angus to PCSO Angus the minutes were accepted as a true record.	
07/308 Reports on Actions Cllr B Jones reported that he had had a meeting with the Chief Constable with regard to the level of policing in the area but did not have any further response.	
07/309 Police Report PC Julian Brown introduced himself to the Council and explained his role as the new PC in the community. PC Brown reported the crime figures as follows: 1 Theft, 1 theft from a vehicle, 2 burglaries(dwelling), 1 Burglary (out building), 2 criminal damage, 1 sex offence, 1 harassment, 1 assault, and several incidents of rowdy nuisance. Cllr York asked if there was any pattern to the burglaries and Cllr D Jones asked if Council could have a month by month analysis covering the last year. Cllr A Hill expressed concern about groups of youths in the village and Councillors discussed with PC Brown the problem of youths gathering in the village. D Gray reported with a Fishing Club member had been a victim of theft by a group of girls. PC Brown advised that the individual should report this personally to the police. Cllr D Jones thanked PC Brown for his attendance. A Pennock complained about the dog fouling in the Water Park.	
07/310 Planning Applications The Council objected to the following application on the grounds of over development of conservation area and drainage infrastructure. 07/00153/FUL 16 Church Lane DL2 1DF Erection of residential dwelling with associated access. No comments were made on the following applications. 07/00092/CU Low Middleton Hall MSG Conversion of stable building to single dwelling - 07/00111/FUL 11 Farnborough Court MSG DL2 1UH Conversion of integral garage 07/00120/FUL DTVAirport DL2 1LU Erection of 3 modular building to provide accommodation for staff/tenants. 07/00135/FUL 33 Woodlands Green DL2 1EE Erection of 2 storey side extension. Cllr A Hill left the room while Cllrs considered the application below. No comments were made. 07/00093/FUL 5 The Square MSG DL2 1EG Demolish garage & Conservatory & replace with single storey rear office/store, parking spaces for 4 cars, bike shed and disabled ramp (retrospective).	

<p>07/311 Website Cllrs discussed the council website and resolved to construct a new improved website.</p>	
<p>07/312 Playing Field Cllr S York signed the Health & Safety report for February. Cllr C Sirrell reported that there was now a bolt missing and Cllr York agreed to have this replaced.</p>	SY
<p>07/313 Water Park - Horses Cllr York reported that the fence had been broken again and horses had come through into the water park. It was resolved that it should be repaired once more by the Ground Maintenance Contractor.</p> <p>07/314 Friends of MSG Water Park Cllr D Jones reported that good progress was being made by the group and that all Cllrs should send their wish list ideas to the Clerk before 2nd April.</p> <p>Cllrs discussed the implications of the Reservoirs Act. Cllrs B Jones & C Sirrell stated that the reservoirs were deregulated some years ago. Cllr S York agreed to investigate further.</p> <p>07/316 Model Boat Club Cllrs accepted the proposal for the rental of £352 & electricity £175.</p> <p>Cllr D Jones reported that there was now 10 volunteers to train as Youth Leaders and a meeting had been arranged with them and the young people to decide what they wanted in the Community Centre.</p>	Clerk All SY
<p>07/317 Litter Warden Cllrs agreed that an additional Litter Warden should be employed for 1 hour 5 days per week. This post would be advertised in the Middleton Messenger and the village notice board.</p>	Clerk
<p>07/318 Middleton One Row Maintenance update Cllr D Jones reported that a geotechnical survey by Darlington Borough Council would be completed by the end of the month.</p> <p>Cllrs accepted a quote for £1263 to repair the steps in front of Trout Cottage.</p> <p>Cllr D Jones said that the bus shelter would be inspected on 16th March.</p> <p>Cllr D Jones reported that the toilet roof wood area is waiting to be painted and the ivy has been removed both by DBC. Also that seats are being repaired. Cllr B Jones suggested that council look at a program of replacement. Cllr M McBride suggested that council consider renovating them and agreed to look into this and report back at the next meeting. Cllr D Jones said that if they just needed power washing then the bus shelter could be done at the same time.</p> <p>Cllr Jones presented a quotation of £ 800 from DBC for attending to the trees on the Front. All Cllrs agreed to accept.</p>	
<p>07/319 Road Traffic Scheme Cllrs discussed the new road traffic scheme. Cllr D Jones reported that she has meeting with Darlington Borough Council and will forward the many complaints from residents. Cllr C Sirrel said that it was generally felt that residents were not listened to at consultation.</p>	
<p>07/320 Allotment Rents Cllrs agreed that there would be no increase of the allotment rents.</p>	
<p>07/321 Financial payments approved as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLCC (Parish Councillor's Guide Book) £11.60 • Npower £170.68 • Wages for Clerk & Litter Warden • Wrights Office Supplies £9.93 • Darlington Borough Council (Tree Trimming) £587.50 • Greensleeves Picture Framing £33.27 	

07/322 Internal Auditor Cllrs approved the appointment of Mr P Harker, Chipchase Manners & Co as Internal Auditor.	
Next Meeting: Tuesday 10th April 7pm	

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