

<b>Middleton St George Parish Council</b>	<b>Date:</b> 14 May 2007
<b>Meeting: Parish Council Meeting</b>	<b>Time:</b> 7.15-9pm
Present: D Jones (Chair), S York (Vice Chair), B Jones, M McBride, A Hill, M Walker, R Maybrey, M Miller, I Dodds  D Roberts – Press PC Julian Brown, Special Constable S Spillman – Darlington Police D Gray, A Pennock, S Whittaker – Ferryhill & District Angling Club	
<b>07-8/16 Apologies for Absence</b> Cllr M Beadle	
<b>07-8/17 Declarations of Interest</b> Cllr A Hill declared interest in Planning Application 07/00420/FUL Cllr M Miller declared an interest in Planning Application 07/00395/FUL	
<b>07-8/18 Minutes from Previous Meeting</b> Minutes were approved as a true record	
<b>07-8/19 Report on Actions</b> Cllr M Walker reported that plants had been ordered. Cllr A Hill commented that the Website was very good and Cllr M Miller asked that the address should be included on Council letterhead.	Clerk
<b>07-8/20 Police Report</b> PC Brown gave the crime figures for the previous 2 months. It was noted that the incidents of ‘rowdy nuisance’ had dropped from 21 in the first month to 10 in the second month. PC Brown warned of current prevalent styles of crime were – ‘fishing’ through letterboxes and stealing car keys and consequently vehicles of higher value, and – Doorstep crime i.e. bogus officials who target the elderly and disadvantaged. He also warned that theft of alloy wheels is prevalent again. Cllrs then discussed with PC Brown the problems with youth and facilities provided within the village. Cllr M Walker pointed out that it would good to have our own Police presence in the village similar to a certain school in the area. Cllr D Jones thanked PC Brown for his attendance.	
<b>07-8/21 Planning Applications</b> No comment was made on either of the following two applications: 07/00420/ful 30 Middleton Lane DL2 1AF 07/00467/ful 1 Salisbury Place DL2 1LB By majority vote an objection was made for 07/00395/ful Land adjacent to 17 Pine Tree Grove - It was considered to be out of character and over dense development. Cllrs objected to 07/00255/ful Tree Pruning behind Plot 8 Thorntree House, as the trees were being pruned to allow development and not for the welfare of the trees in a conservation area.	

<p><b>07-8/22 Water Park</b>  D Gray, Ferryhill Angling Club assured the council that any of their members who fouled or created litter within the Park would be banned from the club. D Gray also expressed concern that a minority of 'dog walkers' were hostile to their presence in the Park and that their dog had damaged expensive fishing equipment. The club had reported the incident to the Police. Cllr D Jones stated that all the problems would be addressed in the Water park Development Plan.  D Gray reported that a seat had now been installed.  Cllr R Maybrey left the meeting at this point.  Cllr S York suggested that the Ground Maintenance Contractor be asked to repair the 'ruts' in the grass behind the Meeting Room.  Cllr Walker reported that a broken tree needed attention and Cllr D Jones agreed to ask D'ton Borough Council to attend to it.</p>	<p>SY  DJ</p>
<p><b>07-8/23 Representation on 'Outside Bodies'</b>  Cllrs discussed and agreed membership vacancies of outside bodies.</p>	
<p><b>07-8/24 Parish Cup</b>  Cllr York asked for a letter requesting nominations for the cup be sent to Middleton Rangers.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p><b>07-8/25 Airport Consultative Meeting Update</b>  Cllr McBride gave his report on the meeting.  Cllr D Jones reported that the nitrogen dioxide diffusion tube results were slightly higher than previous readings.</p>	
<p><b>07-8/26 Confirmation of Band Booking</b>  Cllr D Jones confirmed that the same band as last year had been booked for the Christmas Carol Service around the Tree.</p>	
<p><b>07-8/27 Middleton On Row</b>  Cllr D Jones reported that all work was now completed except that the tree pruning was about to start any day now and the Telephone kiosk had not received any attention.  Cllr M McBride stated that the donated seat was in the process of being installed.</p>	
<p><b>07-8/28 Financial Report</b>  Payments approved:  Wages payments for Clerk &amp; Litter Warden  Ground Maintenance Contractor £653.77  Npower £75.14  Internal Auditor £150.00  Repair &amp; painting of seat at Middleton One Row £168.89  <b>07-8/29 Internal Auditors Report</b>  Cllrs accepted the comments from the Internal Auditor  <b>07-8/30 External Audit</b>  Cllrs accepted the statement of accounts for the external Audit  <b>07-8/31</b> Cllrs confirmed to the best of their knowledge and belief the terms of the Annual Governance Statement  <b>07-8/32 Clerks Salary</b> review was deferred to the next meeting</p>	
<p><b>07-8/33 Training</b>  Cllrs confirmed their attendance for the briefing sessions at Darlington Borough Council.</p>	

<p><b>07-8/34 Correspondence</b>  Cllr M Walker declared an interest.  Cllrs discussed the cost of gas to heat the Meeting Room and the Community Centre and agreed to the installation of a 'Flow Meter' in order to contribute to the cost of the gas central heating.</p> <p>The Clerk read a letter handed in from Killinghall Arms FC explaining why they had removed the permanent goal posts. Cllrs discussed the letter and decided to agree to their actions but keeping the Council informed at all times so that H&amp;S regulations can be adhered to. Clerk to respond &amp; copy to Low Dinsdale PC.</p>	<p>MW</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p><b>07-8/35 Items for the next Agenda</b>  Parish Meeting</p>	

Next Meeting: 11<sup>th</sup> June 2007

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