

<p><b>Middleton St George Parish Council</b></p> <p><b>Meeting: Monthly Parish Council</b></p>	<p><b>Date:</b> 10 March 08</p> <p><b>Time:</b> 7pm-8.40pm</p>
<p><b>Present:</b> Cllrs: D Jones (Chair), S York (Vice Chair) B Jones, M Beadle, R Maybrey, M Walker, A Hill, M Miller. PC J Brown, Darlington Police C Dawson, Clerk J Quick</p>	
<p><b>07-8/156 Apologies for Absence</b> I Dodds, M Walker</p>	
<p><b>07-8/157 Declarations of Interest</b> The following declarations were made :- Cllrs D Jones &amp; B Jones – Co Durham Fire &amp; Rescue Service request for donation Cllr M Miller – Planning application for 6 The Beeches Cllr R Maybrey – Allotment Rent</p>	
<p><b>07-8/158 Approval of Minutes</b> The minutes were approved subject to the following corrections: 1) Cllr M Beadle did declare an interest in the Planning Application for St Laurence’s Church. 2) The Parish Council made no comment on the application for St Laurence’s Church but asked that a satisfactory Arbourist Report be obtained.</p>	
<p><b>07-8/159 Report on Actions</b> Cllr D Jones reported that it was in fact the Chair, not the Clerk who submitted the Parish Council responses to the Core Strategy of the Local Development Framework.</p>	
<p><b>07-8/160 Vacancy for Parish Councillor</b> The Chair – Cllr D Jones, moved this item forward on the Agenda. As there had been no request for an election, letters from applicants for the vacancy were read out and a ballot took place. J Quick was co opted to the Parish Council by 6 votes to 1. Cllr D Jones welcomed J Quick to the Council.</p>	
<p><b>07-8/161 Police Report</b> PC J Brown reported that the following crimes had been committed within the last month: Theft from hotel bedroom, 1 caravan stolen from the Greenway, wheel from a vehicle, 1 burglary, criminal damage to a car, break in at Lancaster House, 1 domestic assault, theft of 1 mountain bike, theft of vehicle contents and 6 incidents of rowdy nuisance. PC Brown then discussed with members the overall annual trend and stated that there were 132 incidents of rowdy nuisance in</p>	

<p>2007 compared with 164 in 2006.  Cllr D Jones expressed concern at the Police helicopter was under threat due to financial cuts. Especially after the Police budget received support from the precept. Cllr D Jones stated that this service had reduced crime and made residents feel safer.  Cllrs agreed that a letter from the Parish should be sent to the Chief Constable expressing these concerns.  Cllr S York stated that speeding laws had not yet been reinforced in the village. PC Brown agreed to pass this comment to Traffic Management Division.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p><b>07-8/162 Planning Applications</b>  The following comments were made:-  08/00113/FUL Proposed Business Park, Durham Tees Valley Airport,  Approved but DBC must enforce Airport Related Business ruling</p> <p>08/00125/FUL 65 Middleton Lane, MSG DL2 1AD  Objection on grounds of 'infil' &amp; over loaded sewage system</p> <p>08/00143/FUL Former Thorntree House, Middleton Lane, MSG  Objection on grounds of over development and traffic congestion</p> <p>No comments were made on the following applications:-  08/00096/FUL 6 Acorn Close, DL2 1GB  08/00193/FUL &amp; 08/00189/FUL Serco International Fire Training Centre  08/00137/FUL 45 Middleton Lane, DL2 1AL  08/00185/FUL 6 The Beeches DL2 1GD</p>	
<p><b>07-8/163 Playing Field</b>  Cllr S York signed the Health &amp; Safety Report.  The Clerk reported that Wicksteed had replaced the broken Seat Crutch Support free of charge even though they thought it was broken because of misuse.</p>	
<p><b>07-8/164 Water Park</b>  Cllrs considered a request from the Model Boat Club for a Tenancy Agreement. It was felt that this should be referred to the sub group for further discussion, and a letter explaining this to be sent to the Model Boat Club.  Cllr D Jones &amp; Cllr York reported on a recent meeting with Northumbrian Water to explain the regeneration plans for the Water Park. Northumbrian Water said that they could provide labour &amp; materials to make some of the improvements and after taking photos agreed to produce an action plan.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p><b>07-8/165 Age Concern</b>  Cllr D Jones told members that with Cllr York, they had been trying</p>	

<p>to get facilities for the over 50's and confirmed that the Parish Meeting room was available free of charge for such uses. Cllr B Jones stated that users must leave the room tidy and a notice should be posted to state this.</p>	Clerk
<p><b>07-8/166 Financial</b>  <b>Parish Grant</b> - Cllr D Jones confirmed that the parish would receive the Grant from DBC for 2009/10. Cllr B Jones stated that there would be a review in 08/09 of how the grants are assessed and that the Association of Parish Councils asked all Parishes to do an analysis of their spending in order to present to DBC. Cllr Miller and Cllr Maybrey thanked Cllrs D Jones, B Jones and S York for their effort and hard work in getting the grant restored.</p>	
<p><b>07-8/167 Payments for Approval</b>  The following payments were approved:  Wages for 2 Litter Wardens and the Clerk.  Society of Local Council Clerks Regional Conference Fee £45+vat</p>	
<p><b>07-8/168 Allotment Rent</b>  Cllrs discussed the cost of running the allotments and decided to increase the rent to £22 for a full plot and £11 for a half plot. Cllr S York agreed to help with rent collection on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 10-12 noon. Cllr S York thanked the Clerk for managing the allotments.</p>	
<p><b>07-8/169 Parish Meeting</b>  Cllr B Jones suggested that the Annual Parish Meeting be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at 6.30pm in the Community Centre, followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7pm, followed by the Parish Monthly Meeting. All Cllrs agreed.</p>	
<p><b>07-8/170 Correspondence</b>  Cllr York took the Chair for discussions about the donation to the Fire Service Children's Safety Carousel. Cllrs decided to donate £100.  Cllrs discussed a letter from a resident regarding litter in the village. All Cllrs agreed that most of the issues had already been dealt with before receiving the letter and that the Water Park was now immaculate since the new Litter Warden had started. Clerk to respond to the letter.  Cllr D Jones had received further information about path erosion at Middleton One Row and Cllrs agreed that DBC should be contacted again on this issue.</p>	Clerk  Clerk

Next Meeting: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2008

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