

Middleton St George Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting – Monday 9th June 2008 7pm – 8.40pm

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| Present: D Jones (Chair) S York (Vice Chair) M Beadle, I Dodds, R Maybrey, J Quick, M Walker, M Miller C Dawson – Clerk D Roberts – Press PCSO J Angus – Darlington Police Lisa Kwok – Groundwork | <u>Actions</u> |
| 1 Apologies for Absence. A Hill, B Jones | |
| 2 Declarations of Interest. Cllr Maybrey declared an interest in Planning Application for 14 High Stell, MSG | |
| 3 Approval of the minutes. The minutes were of the meetings 12 th & 20 th May were approved as a true record. | |
| 4 Matter arising from previous minutes | |
| 4.1 Cllr D Jones stated that the guards on the trees at Middleton One Row had served their purpose and required removal. It was resolved that the Clerk would ask Mr Palfreman to remove them and for him to contact Cllr York regarding storage of the guards. | Clerk |
| 4.2 Erosion of Path at MOR – Cllrs discussed the ownership of the path. It was decided that the Clerk would contact Darlington Borough Council for further information | Clerk |
| 4.3 Nuisance Parking at Oaktree – PCSO J Angus stated that there was nothing in law that could be done to solve this problem. Cllr D Jones agreed to take this up with the Highways Officer at DBC | DJ |
| 4.4 Dinsdale Railway Bridge – Lisa Kwok from Groundwork stated that they could look at the area and that it was a possibility to engage young people. Cllr Walker asked if residents could be asked in the next edition of the Messenger to submit their ideas. Cllrs made various suggestions but decided to add this to the next agenda. | DJ |
| 4.5 Light bulbs had been purchased and installed soon 4.6 Website Development – Cllrs decided to defer this to a future meeting 4.7 School Governor position - The Clerk reported that there had been no communication from DBC regarding this and agreed the check it. | Clerk |
| 5 Police Report PCSO John Angus reported the monthly crime figures as follows: 3 Rowdy nuisance, 1 noise complaint, 1 stolen vehicle (removed due to no tax or insurance) 2 thefts from vehicles, 2 thefts, 2 burglaries – including lead from a shed roof, 1 bogus caller/rogue trader. Cllr Walker stated that he had also reported the theft of 2 flower tubs. | |
| 6 Planning Applications Cllrs objected to the following applications. 08/00402/TF 10 Thorntree Villas MSG DL2 1BJ. Work to fell 2 horse chestnut trees protected by TPO Objection on the grounds that the tree must be preserved as per the TPO, as | |

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| <p>the tree was there before the construction of the house and the owners were aware of this at the time of purchase.</p> <p>08/00445/FUL Day Nursery, West View 4 Middleton Lane MSG DL2 1BW. Increase upper limit for number of children from 38 to 60 Objection on the grounds of highway safety as this would increase the traffic in an already congested area as no suitable 'drop off' point is available.</p> <p>No Comments were made on the remainder of the applications</p> <p>08/00407/DC Dinsdale Court MSG Erection of two storey sheltered housing providing accommodation for 22 residents</p> <p>08/00457/DD Dinsdale Court MSG Determination as to whether prior approval is required for demolition of sheltered housing to enable redevelopment</p> <p>08/00408/FUL 57B Middleton Lane MSG DL2 1AL Erection of single storey bathroom extension</p> <p>08/00154/FUL 10 The Meadows MSG DL2 1UE Erection of conservatory to rear</p> <p>08/00401/FUL 11 Heathrow Close MSG DL2 1UTErection of 2 storey side extension comprising – ground floor store & 1st floor bedroom</p> <p>08/00735/FUL 6 Coatham Ave MSG DL2 1AJ Erection of garage extension with pitched roof</p> <p>08/00408/FUL 51B Middleton Lane DL2 1AL Erection of single storey bathroom extension</p> <p>08/00458/FUL 1 The Greenway DL2 1EB Erection of canopy & 1.8m Boundary fence to side with double gates to front</p> <p>08/00468/FUL Block 11 Ernest Bennett Co Ltd. DTVA DL2 1PD Erection of industrial unit</p> <p>08/00474/FUL Highfield House, Sadberge Road DL2 1RJ Erection of single storey side extension to form double garage with utility & store room</p> <p>08/00464/FUL 14 High Stell MSG DL2 1UN Conversion of integral garage into habitable room, removal of existing garage door & insertion of 2 windows</p> <p>08/00461/FUL 12 The Greenway MSG DL2 1EB Erection of single storey extension to rear & porch to front</p> <p>Cllr Miller asked for information the planning decisions and Cllr D Jones agreed to circulate lists of Approved/Refused Applications.</p> | <p>DJ</p> |
| <p>7 Playing Field</p> <p>7.1 The H&S Report was accepted and signed</p> <p>7.2 Cllrs approved the purchase of 4 replacement straps for the swings</p> | |
| <p>8 Water Park</p> <p>8.1 Lisa Kwok from Groundwork gave a brief description of the charity and outlined what they could do for the regeneration of the Park. Cllrs agreed to a cost of £1000 to draw up the initial plans. More detailed plans would be additional cost but this would be included in funding claims. The charity will help with claiming funding, public consultation, involving the community, and follow up after completion. Meeting with subgroup, Cllrs and Groundwork to be arranged.</p> <p>8.2 Cllr D Jones reported that the developers had met with Building Control and the Youth Club Project would be starting soon.</p> | <p>Subgroup & Cllrs</p> |

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| <p>8.3 Cllrs discussed the problem with mink in the Water Park and agreed to employ a Pest Control Specialist to deal with the problem. The cost of this service £554.18, would be shared equally with Ferryhill Angling Club.</p> | Clerk |
| <p>9 Financial</p> <p>9.1 Cllrs agreed to renew the Liability Insurance policy at a cost of £924.93 but decided to seek a more competitive quote for the Engineering Inspection.</p> <p>9.2 Payments approved were as follows: Wages for 2 x Litter Wardens and Clerk Energy Saving bulbs £17.96 Pestguard £277.09 Zurich Insurance £924.93</p> <p>9.3 Cllrs received the statement of accounts</p> <p>9.4 Cllrs accepted the Risk Assessment with one amendment – War Memorial does not belong to the Parish Council</p> | |
| <p>10 Darlington Association of Parish Councils</p> <p>10.1 Agenda Item – Training (Being an effective Councillor, Effective Meetings, Best practice) was proposed by Cllr Miller and to be submitted by the Clerk</p> <p>10.2 A letter stating why the grant should be retained and how it is used will be circulated to members when complete.</p> | Clerk Clerk & DJ |
| <p>11 Subgroups & Outside Bodies</p> <p>The additional changes to the groups were as follows: Public Protection Forum – Rhys Maybrey Darlington Standards Committee – M Beadle Water Park – J Quick Internal Auditor – M Miller</p> <p>The Clerk to ask for forward dates for Environment & Public Protection Meetings</p> | Clerk |
| <p>12 Allotments – The Parish Council Insurance Policy does not cover volunteers.</p> | |
| <p>13 Correspondence</p> <p>13.1 This matter has been referred to StreetScene</p> <p>13.2 NHS Conference – no members were available to attend</p> <p>13.3 Noted – letter of thanks</p> | |

Next Meeting Monday 14th July 2008

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