

Middleton St George Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting – Monday 14th July 2008 7pm – 8.40pm

Present: D Jones (Chair) S York (Vice Chair) M Beadle, I Dodds, J Quick, M Miller, A Hill, B Jones C Dawson – Clerk D Roberts – Press PC M Ralphs – Darlington Police	<u>Actions</u>
1 Apologies for Absence. R Maybrey, M Walker	
2 Declarations of Interest. Cllr Hill declared an interest in Motor Cycle Training in the Water Park. Cllr M Miller declared an interest in planning application for 5 The Beeches, Middleton St George.	
3 Approval of the minutes. The minutes were of the meetings 9 th June were approved as a true record.	
4 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes 4.1 Cllrs decided to ask Wicksteed Leisure to carry out a H&S Inspection costing £45 4.2 Dinsdale Railway Bridge was still in the hands of Groundworks 4.3 Cllr B Jones reported that details about Training were being sent to him by Steve Wragg, National Association of Councils. 4.4 Cllr Miller agreed to look at alternative websites. 4.5 Cllrs decided to write to the Diocesan Director of Education regarding the School Governor position. 4.6 A response from Darlington Borough Council regarding the path erosion is still outstanding.	Clerk MM Clerk
5 Police Report Sgt. Ralphs gave the crime report for the period from the 9 th June as follows: 2 criminal damage, 1 vehicle broken into, 1 Rowdy nuisance. Cllrs then asked what would be done about the damage to trees and the Parish Meeting room building in the Water Park. Sgt Ralphs stated that this would be investigated and that until tonight the crime rate in the village had been noticeably reduced. Cllr D Jones asked why Police were on days off at the same time and Sgt Ralphs explained their shift pattern and only having 3 rural officers sometimes caused this. Cllr B Jones stated that this level of staffing was ‘ludicrous’.	
3 Planning Applications ‘No comment’ was made on the following applications: 08/00555/FUL3 The Meadows MSG DL2 1UE Erection of conservatory to rear. 08/00447/FUL5 The Beeches MSG DL2 1GD Conversion of existing integral garage to habitable room and associated alterations & erection of single storey extension to provide garage & family room.	

<p>08/00551/FUL41 The Front MOR DL2 1AU Alteration to roof to create pitched roof over existing flat roof to front.</p> <p>08/00506/FUL Serco International Fire Training Centre. MSG DL2 1PD Demolition of existing garage & replacement erection of prefabricated garage.</p> <p>08/00533/FUL9 The Meadows, MSG DL2 1UE Erection of two storey side extension and loft conversion with alterations to raise ridge height of roof.</p> <p>08/00550/FUL 16 Woosington Drive MSG DL2 1UL Conversion of garage to habitable room and associated alterations & erection of conservatory to rear (retrospective).</p> <p>Objections were made to the following applications: 08/00354/Ful. Mown Meadows, 64 Middleton Lane MSG DL2 1AD Erection of 2 No Detached dwelling houses, car parking, access and landscaping works (amended plans) - objection on the grounds of cumulative impact on the conservation area against the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990. 08/00575/LU Field at MSG Certificate of lawfulness (Existing Use) for stables & residential caravan – objection on the grounds that this is outside the permitted development area.</p>	
<p>7.1 The Health & Safety report was accepted, and signed by Cllr York.</p> <p>7.2 Cllr York agreed to ask Ground Maintenance contractor for a cost for cutting the hedge.</p>	SY
<p>8.1 Water Park. Cllrs discussed the recent vandalism to the meeting room and a number of trees. Cllr D Jones asked Cllrs for approval to ask DBC to remove the trees, retaining the chippings for further use. Cllrs agreed. Cllr York agreed to obtain a quote from Charminster Developments to repair the Meeting Room damage.</p> <p>8.2 Cllrs agreed the Groundwork contract which was then signed by Cllr D Jones.</p> <p>8.3 Cllr D Jones reported that at a meeting which was attended by approx 20 young people, the architects plans were discussed. The young people gave their ideas and work is due to commence on 4th August.</p>	DJ SY
<p>9.1 The following payments were approved: Wages for Litter Wardens & Clerk M Woods Nurseries £132.26 Allotment Field Rent £100.00 Wicksteed Leisure £188.68 Ground Maintenance Contractor £1545.87 Npower £47.00</p> <p>9.2 Allotment Prize Money – Cllrs decided to increase the prize money to a total of £135.</p> <p>9.3 Cllr accepted the monthly statement of accounts presented by the Clerk</p> <p>9.4 Cllrs discussed the Quarterly Budget review, no changes were made.</p>	
<p>10.1 Middleton One Row Cllr D Jones explained that it was the responsibility of the house owner to ensure hedges were kept clear of public paths. Cllr Dodds agreed to ask residents to cut back hedges where</p>	

necessary. 10.2 Cllr D Jones reported that the poor grass cutting had been reported to Streetscene who were coming out to rectify the matter but they had been hampered by wet weather.	
11.1 Transport Forum. Information from Cllr Walker was read out to Cllrs and stated that the Arriva No 74 bus was still not directed into the airport. Cllr D Jones questioned the reasons given by Arriva and said the matter should be raised at the next Transport Forum meeting. 11.2 Public Protection Forum - It was noted that this meeting had been cancelled.	
12 Power Cuts. Cllrs discussed the recent and frequent power cuts in the village and the problems it caused. Cllr D Jones acting as Ward Councillor agreed to contact CE Electrics.	DJ
13 Calor Village of the Year Competition. Cllr D Jones explained the requirements of the competition and stated that the entry form had been submitted and Middleton St George had been 'short listed'.	
14 Alan Walker Bench. Cllrs discussed the relocation of the bench and at the request of residents decided to look at possible positions on Middleton Lane. All Cllrs agreed to a maximum cost of £500 to remove, restore and securely relocate the bench.	
15 Storage of Christmas Tree Fencing Cllr B Jones explained that the current storage was no longer available and suggested a container be purchased and the fencing stored at a new location shared with Sadberge Parish – at a shared cost. All Cllrs agreed in principal.	BJ
16 Correspondence 16.1 Cllr considered the request for the use of the water park for Motor Cycle Training and agreed to give permission but during term time only and subject to suitable Public Liability Insurance of the training company. 16.2 The email from a tenant thanking the Parish Council for use of their allotment was noted.	Clerk

Next Meeting Monday 11th August 2008

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