

Middleton St George Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting 8 Sept 2008 7pm – 8.05pm

<p>Present: Cllrs D Jones(Chair) S York (Vice Chair), B Jones, I Dodds, A Hill, J Quick, R Maybrey, M Miller. L Kwok – Groundwork J Entwistle – Press Sgt Ralphs – Darlington Police C Dawson – Clerk</p>	
<p>1 Apologies for Absence M Walker. M Beadle</p>	
<p>2 Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest</p>	
<p>3 Approval of minutes of meeting 11th August 2008 The minutes were accepted as a true record.</p>	
<p>4 Matters Arising 4.1 Training Information was given to Cllrs 4.2 Councillors decided to store the tree guards at the Parish Meeting room 4.3 Cllr D Jones reported that the hedges at Killinghall Row had been cut. 4.4 Cllrs received a letter from ARRIVA stating they were investigating the speeding buses on Middleton Lane. 4.5 Community Services agreed to tidy hedges in the Water Park but could not start at the allotments until the manure was shifted due to H&S. 4.6 Cllr B Jones reported that Grants would be maintained in the near future but was still under negotiation after that. Cllr B Jones also informed Cllrs of a meeting at Sadberge about proposed Windfarms in that area.</p>	
<p>5 Police Report Sgt Ralphs reported on incidents in the last month as follows, a pigeon box and pigeon grain had been stolen from allotments, an attempt to force a garage door, theft of a bike and damage to a fisherman’s car at the Water Park. Sgt Ralphs stated that activities provided by Youth Workers had reflected in the low crime figures.</p>	
<p>6 Planning Applications No comment was made on the following applications: 08/00667/FUL 7 Woodlands Green DL2 1EE 08/00678/FUL 3 The Meadows DL2 1UE Cllrs agreed to support Darlington Borough Councils decision to refuse application APP/TPO/N1350/149 10 Thorntree Villas DL2 1BJ to remove Tree Preservation Order – and send a letter to Planning Inspectorate. Cllrs considered 08/00703/FUL DTVAirport Proposed Business Park which was received after the Agenda had been published.</p>	<p>Clerk DJ</p>
<p>7 Playing Field 7.1 Cllr S York signed the monthly H&S report 7.2 Cllrs considered the H&S Report by Wicksteed and decided to carry</p>	

<p>out all the recommendations except the gate adjustment. Cllrs thought that the gate was acceptable in its current state. Cllrs decided that the wording for the sign would be added to the next agenda. Cllr S York agreed to get a quotation for the sign.</p> <p>7.3 Cllr S York reported that he had completed the Football Foundation Evaluation online and gave a copy for filing.</p>	Clerk
<p>8.1 Water Park - L Kwok reported on the subgroup meeting and asked that any further feedback be sent to her as soon as possible. Cllr D Jones stated that a public consultation was being arranged for 4th October 2008.</p> <p>8.2 Cllr D Jones reported that the Youth Project was progressing well, but a pipe that was not on the plans needed investigation. Also the gas boiler in the Community Centre was not adequate and suggested that the cost be shared with the Parish Council.</p>	
<p>9 Bench Site - Cllr D Jones reported that the Alan Walker bench was now in storage and Darlington Borough Council permission was being sought before it could be re-sited.</p>	
<p>10.1 Financial – Cllrs accepted the External Auditor’s report which stated that there were no concerns or necessary actions.</p> <p>10.2 Cllrs accepted the statement of accounts</p> <p>10.3 The following payments were approved:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">BDO (External Auditor) £334.88 (inc vat)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Wright’s Office Supplies £24.55 (inc vat)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Wicksteed Leisure £52.00 (inc vat)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Clerk’s Expenses £29.58</p>	
<p>11 Cllrs agreed to frame the newspaper article – Calor Village of the year winners.</p>	BJ
<p>12 Litter Warden Hours – After discussing the working hours of the Warden it was decided to leave as they were.</p>	
<p>13 Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no items for the Association of Parish Council Agenda • Cllrs acknowledged the letter of thanks from the MSG Community Partnership. 	

Next meeting – Monday 13th October 2008 at 7pm

Signed.....(Chair)

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