

Middleton St George Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting – Monday 10th November 2009. 7pm-8.20pm

<p>Present: Cllrs D Jones (Chair) S Yorks (Vice Chair) B Jones, I Dodds, A Hill, M Miller, R Maybrey, J Quick, M Beadle. L Pyrah – Press PCSO J Angus – Darlington Police C Dawson - Clerk</p>	
<p>1 Apologies for Absence M Walker</p>	
<p>2 Declarations of Interest Cllr M Miller declared an interest in Planning Application 08/00836/FUL 2 Fairfax Road. MSG</p>	
<p>3 Approval of the Minutes The minutes were approved as a true record</p>	
<p>4 Cllr B Jones reported that the Memorial Wreath had been purchased</p>	
<p>5 Police Report PCSO J Angus gave the following crime figures for the month: 11 incidents of anti social behaviour, which mainly involved fireworks.2 Burglaries in which a lawn mower and a bathroom suite were stolen.2 Criminal Damage, 1 Assault, and the theft of lead from the Parish Meeting Room roof. Cllr Miller asked if PCSO Angus could be present at the school to stop incidents of double parking. Cllr Beadle reported that cars were parking on the pavement at the top of Middleton Lane and PCSO Angus promised to look into this. Cllr Maybrey reported that sheds at Sadberge Road allotments had been broken into.</p>	
<p>6 Planning Applications No comments were made on the following applications: 08/00810/CU 1 Belle Vue MSG 08/00836/FUL 2 Fairfax Road, MSG</p>	
<p>6.1 Playing Field Cllr S York signed the H&S Report 6.2 Cllrs discussed the use of floodlighting by Middleton Rangers JFC after a complaint from a resident. It was decided that this would not be allowed due to health & safety regulations and that the Insurance policy did not give adequate cover for this activity. Clerk to send a letter to Middleton Rangers to explain the situation, and also a copy to Low Dinsdale Parish Council.</p>	Clerk
<p>7 Water Park 7.1 Cllrs discussed quotations for CCTV and decided that Cllr B Jones would do further checks with the companies involved and if satisfactory would proceed at a cost of up to £1500 plus £600 for ‘dusk till dawn’ lights. Cllr B Jones pointed out that the tress in the area must be trimmed in</p>	

order for the CCTV to be effective. 7.2 Electricity Supply It was noted that the Model Boat Club will pay for their electricity at peak rate for half of their usage, and that costs would be monitored closely.	
8 Ground Maintenance After discussing the contract Cllrs decided to offer the current contractor an extension on an annual basis subject to approval of costs. It was also decided that after 3 years the contract would go back out to tender.	
9 Storage of Christmas Tree Fencing. Cllrs discussed the options for storage and Cllr Hill offered to contact local farmers to see if they could help. Cllr D Jones reported that the Xmas Tree had been ordered from Raby Estates.	AH
10.1 Middleton One Row Cllr D Jones gave feedback from a meeting with Darlington Borough Council with regard to the Highway Works. It was stated that the large tree at the site would be saved if at all possible, but this would not be known until work started hopefully in January 09. Planning notice has been submitted to DBC. 10.2 Cllr D Jones explained also the Northumbrian Water wish to install a new sewage pipe through the Green. Cllrs agreed to leave it to Cllr D Jones to negotiate terms and report back at future meeting.	
11.1 Cllrs accepted the statement of accounts 11.2 Payments were approved as follows: Wages for 2 Litter Wardens & Clerk were paid electronically War Memorial Wreath £20 Refreshment at Youth Club Opening £30 Wrights Office Supplies £603.96 (inc vat) Clerk Expenses £43.26 11.3 Cllr discussed financial requirements for the next financial year. It was decided to allow £10k for the replacement of the 'Space Net'. Cllr M Miller suggested that the children should be consulted as to what they wanted. Clerk to inform Low Dinsdale Parish Council of this decision.	
12 Freedom of Information Act Cllrs agreed to adopt the model Scheme and publish the document accordingly.	Clerk
13 Code of Conduct Cllr B Jones explained the revision to the Model Code (item 2.24 and Q22). Cllrs agreed to accept.	

Signed.....

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