

# Middleton St George Parish Council

**Meeting: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2009**  
**7 – 8.20 pm**

<p><b>Present:</b> Councillors – D Jones, B Jones, M Beadle, R Maybrey, A Hill, M Walker, J Quick.  D Roberts – Press  C Dawson – Clerk  PC J Brown – Darlington Police  A Casey – Highways Dept., Darlington Borough Council</p>	
<p><b>1. Apologies:</b> M Miller, S York, I Dodds  Sgt M Ralphs</p>	
<p><b>2. Declarations of Interest</b>  D Jones &amp; B Jones declared an interest in Planning Application 08/00333/CU  A Hill declared interest in Planning Application 08/00915/FUL</p>	
<p><b>3 Approval of Minutes</b>  The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a true record.</p>	
<p><b>4 Matters Arising from the Minutes</b>  4.1 Cllr B Jones reported that the purchasing of a storage unit was ‘stalled’ at present due to concerns about how damp might affect items being stored. Alternative solutions were being investigated.</p>	
<p><b>5 Police Report</b>  PC Brown reported the following number of incidents covering the last two months as follows:  Criminal Damage 19, Rowdy Nuisance 17, Theft of Vehicle 1, Theft from Vehicle 2Theft 7, Burglary 6, Assault 1, Attempted theft 1, Attempted burglary1.  PC Brown gave further details about the individual incidents. Cllr D Jones expressed concern at the growing list. PC Brown stated that Police activity had not increased in the village but said it was hoped to do so. Cllr D Jones suggested the Parish Council write to the Police in support of increased Police activity.</p>	Clerk
<p><b>6 Planning Applications</b>  No comment was made on the following applications:  <b>08/00984/TF Pear Tree Lodge, The Paddock, MSG DL2 1BT</b> Works to fell 1 No Pear Tree (T23) protected under Tree Preservation Order (No11) 1980  <b>08/00915/FUL 4 Heathrow Close, MSG DL2 1UT</b> Erection of pergola and shed in rear garden  <b>08/01000/FUL Northumbrian Water Sewage Treatment Works.</b> Erection of 1 No transformer kiosk</p> <p>An Objection was made to the following application on the grounds that it was outside the development area and in a conservation area  <b>08/00333/CU Field at OSGR E436133 N511391 MSG.</b> Change of use for the purpose of stationing a mobile home for human habitation.</p>	Clerk

<p><b>7 Playing Field</b>  <b>7.1</b> The Health &amp; Safety Report was accepted and signed  <b>7.2</b> Cllr D Jones gave an update from the Playing Field Subgroup stating that their preferred option was to replace the Spacenet with a similar structure and that funding be applied for. All Cllrs agreed to this action</p>	
<p><b>8 Water Park</b>  <b>8.1</b> Cllr D Jones proposed that the weed control on the reservoir should be referred to Ferryhill Angling Club to ensure that the correct environmental procedures were adhered to. All Cllrs agreed.  <b>8.2</b> Cllr D Jones updated Cllrs on the progress of the mink control</p> <p>Cllr D Jones also informed Cllrs that Northumbrian Water agreed to contribute £3k to the Water park upgrade as compensation for the inconvenience caused by their works in the village</p>	
<p><b>9 Update on Traffic System</b>  At the invitation of Cllr D Jones, Mr A Casey from Highways Dept, Darlington Borough Council reported to Cllrs the current position of the Borough Council.  Cllr D Jones presented A Casey with a petition signed by residents and also Cllr A Hill re- presented the petition from 3 years ago.  Cllrs highlighted many of the issues with the traffic system at the school, Middleton Lane and The Square and stated that they felt the views of the residents after the consultation had not been taken into account in the traffic system that had been introduced. Cllr D Jones pointed out the difficulties for disabled that were created by the traffic system.  Mr Casey also promised to take a fresh look at speeding issues in several place within the village  A Casey promised to take a fresh look at the problems and report back to the Parish Council at the next meeting – as 3 surveys carried out showed that speeding was above the Police accepted level.</p>	
<p><b>10 Financial</b>  <b>10.1</b> The Clerk stated that as the statement of accounts was not complete it would be forwarded to Cllrs as soon as possible.</p> <p><b>10.2 Payments for approval</b> were as follows:  Your Home Restorations Ltd £2200  Thorn Welding £161  Wicksteed Leisure £684.25  Bradford Council (Xmas Lights) £396.75  Pestguard £230  Allotment Field Rent 2 x £100  John Wade (skip hire) £121  Charminster Developments £364.25  MSG Community Centre (Gas) £284.25  Clerk Expenses for Postage etc £67.15  Capricorn Signs £218.50</p>	

<p>Raby Estates £376.05</p> <p><b>Payments Received</b>  Ferryhill &amp; District Angling Club £2282.00  Zurich Insurance Claim £4100</p>	
<p><b>11 Work at Middleton One Row</b>  Cllr D Jones reported that DBC were still doing site investigations were still being carried out and that work on the road would not start until summer. This was to allow Northumbrian Water to complete their work on the pumping station first.</p>	
<p><b>12 Correspondence</b> Councillors discussed the email from a resident regarding the Christmas lights. Cllrs agreed that this was only the second year of this provision and were learning all the time – and hoped to make improvements for next years display.</p>	

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