

<p style="text-align: center;">Middleton St George Parish Council</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Annual Parish Council Meeting</p>	<p>Date: 11th May 2009</p> <p>6.45-7.00pm</p>
<p>Present: Councillors: D Jones, S York, B Jones, M Beadle, J Quick, M Walker, M Miller, I Dodds, A Hill J McBride – Clerk L Pyrah – Press PC J Brown – Darlington Police D Watson, L Hughes – Middleton Rangers M Holmes – Allotment Society S Shaw – spokesperson Belle Vue Allotments M McBride, M Turnbull – MSG residents</p>	
<p>09/01 Apologies for Absence R. Maybrey</p>	
<p>09/02 Minutes from the Last Meeting Cllrs approved the minutes from the Annual Parish Council Meeting on Monday 12th May 2008</p>	
<p>09/03 Chairman’s Annual Report The Chairman gave her annual report stating that it had been a very busy year with developments over the past 12 months including the development and opening of the Youth Club using Section 106 funds. The Chairman thanked Youth Workers James and Johan for their proactive work towards this success. Also included was the accomplishment of being outright winner of the Tees Valley Calor village award for 2008/09 which automatically entered us for the regional competition in which although we were not outright winners the Chairman gave a very special thank you to all those residents who came out on the judging day to meet the judges. The Chairman went on to mention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the Water Park work which has been moved forward with the support of GROUNDWORK West Durham and Darlington working in partnership with the Parish Council working party, the Model Boat Club, Ferryhill Fishing Club and the MSG wildlife group using £10,000 grant already obtained and applying for a further £280,000, b) a successful Christmas tree lighting, with special thanks to Mrs. Winnie Hoar, one of our oldest residents, for switching on the lights, Darlington Round Table for bringing Santa on his sleigh and Carmel School Junior Brass Band for the excellent accompaniment of the Carol singing which many residents enjoyed to start off the Christmas festivities for the village. Many people then went on to enjoy the Christmas Fair over at the Community Centre and the toddlers enjoyed the Punch and Judy show and toddlers disco making it one of the most successful events of the year. 	

<p>c) Planning and development vigilance eg 36 new houses were refused last week, for which the Chairman thanked this Parish and the many residents of the village who wrote letters of objection against this application,</p> <p>d) road traffic issues having led to the setting up of a working group over 18 months ago consisting of highways officers, ward councillors and residents, to discuss and find solutions to the many traffic problems in our village. It is still working well and we now have a draft document which will go out to public consultation once this residents committee have had a chance to discuss it, which will be done at the next meeting on 20th May.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Council Members for their work, the outgoing Parish Clerk Carol Dawson sending her the Parish's best wishes, the new Parish Clerk Joyce McBride for her help to date, and especially Vice Chairman Steve York for his hard work and support despite illness. The Chairman also thanked Parish members, Darlington Constabulary and the Press for their continued support throughout the year.</p>	
<p>09/04 Election of Officers Cllr D Jones & Cllr S York were unanimously re-elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively</p>	
<p>09/05 Declaration of Acceptance of Office Cllrs D Jones and S York signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office for which they had been elected.</p>	
<p>09/06 Financial Statement The summary of Accounts was accepted by all Councillors.</p>	
<p>Date of next Annual Parish Meeting – Monday 10th May 2010</p>	

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