

Middleton St George Parish Council

Date: Monday 13th July 2009 at 7pm

Present: Councillors: Doris Jones (Chair), Steve York (vice-chair), Brian Jones, Martin Walker, Andy Hill, Rhys Maybrey, Jeff Quick, Ian Dodds

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillors Maggie Beadle, Mark Miller

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillors Doris Jones and Brian Jones declared an interest in Agenda item 5 planning application 09/00399/FUL

Councillor Walker declared an interest in Agenda item 7, Allotments.

3. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th June were approved as a true record.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

4.a. Storage facility – pending item re MOR toilets. (See e below).

4.b. Traffic system – update. Cllr D Jones informed members that the public “Talking Together” meeting held on 11th July had a good turnout and was hoping for a good response to the questionnaires.

4.c. Middleton Rangers – request for donation. Updated accounts had not been received from MRFC and they sent no representation to this meeting. Playground sub committee meeting to be set up for 06Aug09 at 6pm in the Parish Meeting Room where Agenda correspondence item numbers 12a, 12c thru to 12e would be addressed. Item 12b is being addressed by Councillor D.Jones.

Resolved: Clerk to set up Playground sub committee meeting, inviting LDPC members, for 06Aug09 at 6pm. Councillor D. Jones to send letter to Mr. Smith at Durham County Football Association in reply to his email.

4.d. Decorating of exterior of Parish meeting room. Members agreed to delay this item for further consultation.

4.e. Public toilets, Middleton One Row. Members reviewed the situation and agreed that they could not support the reopening of the toilets from a financial point of view. It was proposed and accepted that the offer from Darlington Borough Council of changing usage to a storage facility be accepted and that it be shared with Sadberge Parish Council who would also share costs.

Resolved: Parish Council to liaise with DBC over change of usage.

5. Planning Applications:

The Chair was handed over to Councillor York for this item only.

09/00399/FUL Partial demolition of existing property and reconstruction to form two storey property, Ingleby Cottage (Rear of) The Front MOR. **No comment.**

6. Playing Field

6.a. Cllr York signed the Health and Safety report.

6.b. It was agreed that provided the Zurich Buildings and Contents Insurance cover was not invalidated the yearly playground inspection be requested of Climb’n’Slide.

Resolved: Clerk to email George Conforth at DBC requesting advice on insurance coverage.

6c. Councillor Walker reported the presence of ragwort on the playing field. It was

<p>agreed to discuss this at the 06Aug09 sub group meeting.</p>
<p>7. Allotments.</p> <p>7.a. It was agreed that Termination letters be sent out with immediate effect to non-payers.</p> <p>7.b. It was agreed that the newly available allotments now be offered to the top 4 people on the waiting list and that due to over demand the waiting list be closed until further notice.</p> <p>7.c. It was agreed to match LDPC donation for sponsorship of MSG Allotments Annual Show, i.e. £100 with prizes awarded for £15, £10, and £5 for each allotment site.</p> <p>7.d. It was agreed that all other letters be addressed at the first meeting of the Allotment Sub Group on 27Jul09 at 12.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.</p> <p>7.e. It was agreed that the sub group look at costs for water, etc.</p>
<p>8. Notice Board – Virginia Estate.</p> <p>Councillor B Jones has obtained a quotation for installation of the new notice board purchase of £150 plus VAT. It was agreed to accept this quotation.</p> <p>Resolved: Clerk to place order for notice board and installation with Whitehill Direct Ltd and confirm that the old one will be removed.</p>
<p>9. Relocation of Alan Walker’s Bench</p> <p>Resolved: Cllr B Jones to speak to Dinsdale Court re. moving the bench back into there. Cllrs York and Hill to investigate the cost of renovating.</p>
<p>10. Public Footpath at Middleton One Row</p> <p>Cllr D Jones reported that the public footpath at Middleton One Row had fallen into disrepair due to fallen trees blocking, etc. and that she has spoken to Jane Morland for voluntary help to reinstate.</p> <p>Resolved: Cllr D Jones to give update at the next meeting.</p>
<p>11. Financial</p> <p>11.a. Councillors approved statement of accounts for April, May and June and gave approval to go to quarterly in future.</p> <p>11.b. The following payments were approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B.T. phone line for Youth Club £55.56 • Climb ‘n’ Slide Second half of Space Net payment £8,404.50 • Climb ‘n’ Slide VAT from first half of Space Net payment £969.75 • Postage £7.20 • Gas Bill £100.79 • Thorn Welding Repair fence round play area £112.70 • Northumbria Water Direct Debits for Allotments Sadberge Road £53.09, Killinghall £42.39, Belle Vue £43.29. • Royal Mail Group Ltd. Mail Redirection for a further 3 months £26.00 • Zurich Insurance Company for annual insurance premium £1,328.59 • 6 Monthly Allotment Rent to Mrs. Storey £100.00 • Wages – Litter Picker £486.59, Parish Clerk £421.33 <p>11.c. Payments coming in: Allotment Payment £11.00</p> <p>11.d. As the internal audit is still outstanding Cllr Dodds agreed to carry out with Cllr Beadle as soon as she returns from holiday.</p>
<p>12 Correspondence</p>

- Forms from DBC were handed out for Register of Members Interest
- Butterwick House Children's Hospice – a donation of £50 was agreed
- Cllr D Jones informed that the Middleton Rangers JFC correspondence on anti social incidents had been handed to the Police and that there was no need for further discussion.
- All other correspondence was acknowledged without further actions.

13 Date of the next meeting – Monday 10th August 2009

Signed.....(Chair)

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