



## Middleton St George Parish Council

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**This meeting will be held remotely, under the provisions of The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.**

From: Alan Macnab Clerk to the Parish Council

To: Members of the Middleton St. George Parish Council

A virtual meeting of Middleton St. George Parish Council on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 at 6.30 p.m.** for the transaction of the following business.

### AGENDA

1. Chairman's opening address
2. Public Participation Session – 15 minutes. Regulation 13 of the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 applies. Each person to speak for a maximum of 3 minutes. It would be helpful if members of the public write to the Clerk (email: [msgclerk@aol.com](mailto:msgclerk@aol.com)) in advance of the meeting to advise if they wish to speak at the meeting when they will be given a remote meeting link.
3. Apologies for Absence
4. Declarations of interest.
5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on the 6<sup>th</sup> April and 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 (enclosed).
6. Application for Co-option to the Parish Council and Co-option Procedures (Application and Procedures enclosed)
7. Vacancies for Parish Councillors Update.
8. Coronavirus – Latest information.  
Employees and COVID-19 (Risk Assessments on return to work). Risk Assessments to follow.
9. Website and Broadband Connection - Update (Councillor Foggett).

### Financial

10. To receive reports on the following matters.
  - a. Financial Report 2020-21 as at the 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2020 (report enclosed).
  - b. Payments received and outstanding and payments for authorisation (See Annex to the Agenda)
  - c. Timetable of Controls for June 2020 (enclosed).

11. Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2019-20.
    - a. To approve Section 1 (Annual Governance Statement 2019-20) which is enclosed. The Annual Governance Statement Compliance Report is also enclosed.
    - b. To approve Section 2 (Accounting Statements 2019-20) of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return.
    - c. Supporting Documents for the Section 2 of the AGAR. The enclosed documents will be sent to Mazars, the external auditor:
      - Bank Reconciliation.
      - Explanation of Variances in Section 2.
      - Contact Details.
      - Exercise of Public Rights of Inspection. To agree the dates for the exercise of the Public Right of Inspection.
      - Internal Audit Report.

The calculations for Section 2 of the AGAR are enclosed

  - d. To agree the Transparency Code Publication of Information 2019-20. (Transparency Code Report to follow).
12. Insurance. To approve the Insurance policy with Pen Underwriting Ltd and the duration of the policy (report to follow).
  13. Internet Connection Prices (Councillor Foggett).

#### **Planning Matters**

14. To receive a further (revised) Parish Council response to the following planning application which was considered at the last Parish Council meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020. The background information regarding the parking area (subject of the Licence between the Devonport and the Parish Council) was sent to DBC Planning Department, along with a revised letter (as agreed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman, under the temporary delegated powers granted by the Parish Council on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020). (Letter enclosed).

20/00258/FUL. Change of use to form outdoor paved seating area to front and installation of ventilation/extraction equipment to side elevation (Retrospective Application), Devonport Hotel 16 – 18 The Front MIDDLETON ONE ROW DARLINGTON DL2 1AS.

15. To consider the following planning application which was deferred from the last Parish Council meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 for further information from Darlington Borough Council.

20/00300/FUL. Erection of 4 no. 2 bedroom affordable bungalows. Land Off Yarm Road Yarm Road MIDDLETON ST GEORGE.

16. Planning Application Reference Number: 20/00301/TF. Parish Council land to the rear of 38, The Front, Middleton One Row – Planning Update.

17. Sculpture for Middleton One Row – Planning Update. Notice of Approval of Discharge of Condition (technical specifications) (ref. 20/00305/CON). Approval of details reserved by Condition 2 (full details) attached to planning permission 18/00476/FUL dated 09.08.2018 (installation of 1 interpretive sculpture along the public footpath The Teesdale Way). Total height 1.5m, at Village Green, The Front, Middleton One Row. (The Conservation Officer raised no objection to the proposed design for the sculpture).

18. To receive notifications and consider responses for new applications:

- a. 20/00334/TF. Works to 3 No. Yew Trees (G1) protected under Tree Preservation Order (No6) 2010 - crown reduce by approximately 2m to the nearest growth point to reduce the weight of limbs which are protruding from the crown and balance the crowns. 7 Church Lane, Middleton St George
- b. County Durham Plan, Proposed Main Modifications – Consultation. To consider whether to comment (email enclosed)

### **Other Matters**

19. Platform 1 Public House – Asset of Community Value – Notification of Owner’s Intention to make a relevant disposal of the Property under the Localism Act 2011 (Deadline 14<sup>th</sup> June)

- Joint Zoom meeting (MSGPC and MSG S&DR Heritage Steering Group) on 28<sup>th</sup> May (Brief Summary previously circulated on 29<sup>th</sup> May0)
- To consider submitting a Joint MSGPC and FoS&DR Submission of Interest
- To consider any further updates and enquiries from residents
- To consider membership of the Plunkett Foundation (to assist in developing a strategy, business plan, community engagement and support, funding streams, etc.)

20. Parks and Grounds.

a. Water Park.

- To receive an operational Report on the Water Park, including information and consultation on incidents and the permanent opening/closing of the Water Park Gates (report enclosed).
- Planning application for the work to the south facing slope and access arrangements – Update
- MUGA Fencing - Update
- Signage at the entrance.
- Mirror at the entrance.

b. Play Area and Playing Field

- Play Area Signage.
- RoSPA inspection.

c. The Front, Middleton One Row

- Woodland Management Project – Update. Funding from the County Durham Community Foundation has been extended to the 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2021.

21. The Whinnies Nature Reserve. Reports on fallen tree and giant howeed. Both reports have been sent To Durham Wildlife Trust.

22. Community Safety (Councillor Foggett). Speed Watch, Speed Monitor and PACT

23. Bike Track - Update.

24. Report from CDALC Smaller Councils Forum (remote via Zoom) on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020 (Report enclosed)

25. Councillors’ reports and items for future agenda.

26. Date of next meeting. Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 at 6.30 p.m.

**ANNEX****FINANCIAL****Payments In:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Customer</b>	<b>Amount</b>
20.05.2020	NEST Pensions. Reimbursement of overpaid employer's contributions	£49.82

**Payments for Approval:****June 2020**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Amount</b>
07.06.2020	Scottish Power. Electricity Monthly	£3.00
08.06.2020	HM Revenue and Customs. Clerk's PAYE June 2020	£163.68
08.06.2020	Scottish Power. Gas Monthly	£30.00
08.06.2020	Direct Signs. 2 Play Area signs plus fitting the signs	£102.24
08.06.2020	Came and Company. Penn Underwriting Ltd. Insurance 2020-21	£1,289.18
08.06.2020	Mrs. J. Storey. Half yearly rent for Belle Vue Allotments	£125.00
24.06.2020	BT Hub Monthly	£40.49
29.06.2020	NEST Employer's and Employee's Pension Contribution – J. D. Lynn Jun 2020	£47.44
30.06.2020	Cleaner - C. I. Wood Pay	£70.00
30.06.2020	Litter Picker - J. D. Lynn Pay	£563.31
30.06.2020	Clerk - A. W. Macnab Pay	£654.72
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,089.06</b>

Community Account as at the 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2020:

Income	-	£129,344.08
Expenditure	-	<u>£ 5,868.88</u>
Balance		£123,475.20