



Middleton St George Parish Council

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From: Alan Macnab Clerk to the Parish Council

To: Members of the Middleton St. George Parish Council

You are hereby summoned to a meeting of Middleton St. George Parish Council on **Monday 8th January, 2024 at 6.30 p.m. in the Parish Council Meeting Room** for the transaction of the following business.

AGENDA

1. Chairman's opening address and welcome.
2. Public Participation Session – 15 minutes. Each person to speak for a maximum of 3 minutes. It would be helpful if members of the public write to the Clerk (email clerk@middleton-st-george.org.uk) in advance of the meeting to advise if they wish to speak at the meeting.
Section 137 Request for Funding St. George's Medical Practice. Former Councillor Doris Jones to address the Parish Council. Funding request enclosed.
3. Ward Councillors' Report.
4. Vacancy for one Parish Councillor Update.
5. Apologies for Absence.
6. Declarations of interests.
7. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 13th November, 2023. Minutes enclosed.
8. Actions taken since the Parish Council Meeting on the 13th November, 2023. Action Sheets enclosed.
9. Financial Matters
 - a. Minutes of the Finance Committee on the 6th November, 2023. Minutes enclosed.
 - b. Financial Report 2023-24 as at the 31st December 2023. Report enclosed.
 - c. Payments received, payments during the recess in December 2023 for confirmation and payments for January 2024 for authorisation. Please Appendix 1.
 - d. Timetable of Controls and Year Planner for December 2023 and January 2024. Report enclosed.
 - e. Councillor checking of accounts October to December 2023.
10. Clerk's Pay Award and National Minimum Wage Increase. Report enclosed.
11. Gas and Electricity Charges. Councillor Darling to report.

12. Parks and Grounds Matters.

- a. Playing Field. Millennium Bench Update on Quotations.
- b. Tree Work in the Water Park bordering High Stell and the Playing Field bordering Mount Pleasant Close. Update. (Clerk).
- c. Quotation from Streetscape for repairs to the play area. Quotation enclosed.
- d. MUGA and Model Boat Club Building. Update on Quotations.
- e. Reservoir Report Update.
- f. Viewing Platform, Middleton One Row Update. Report enclosed.
- g. New benches on The Front. Update.

13. St George and St Laurence Church. Church Centre Proposal Update. Correspondence with the PCC concerning the valuation of land enclosed.

14. Planning Matters.

- a. Planning decisions taken by Darlington Borough Council since November 2023. Please see Appendix 2.
- b. Planning applications during the December 2023 Recess decisions taken. Please see Appendix 3.
- c. New planning applications.

23/01266/FUL. Non-Material amendment of planning permission 21/01148/FUL dated 8 December 2021 (Removal of existing modular building and erection of a single storey Health Centre with landscaping and associated works) to permit the provision of additional cycle shelter, creation of bin store, amended window design including replacement of 1 No. window with louvred doors, change in roof from standing seam appearance to Eternit slate roof and installation of steps and ramp from car park to main entrance St George's Medical Practice Yarm Road Middleton St George.

23/01261/CON. Approval of details reserved by condition 4(bat & bird boxes), 6/7(trees) attached to planning permission 23/00468/FUL dated 12 July 2023 (Erection of a new scout hut with hard standing for 2 no. cars, 1.8m high boundary fence and associated works). Scout Hut Neasham Road Middleton St George

- d. Planning Appeals Committee Wednesday 10th January, 2024 at 1.30 p.m. Darlington Town Hall.

21/00529/FUL. Demolition of existing agricultural buildings and structures and development of 260 no. dwellings including access, open space, landscaping, sustainable drainage systems and associated infrastructure and works (Amended plans received 18th September 2023) (Amended description). Land To The West & South Of Station Road Station Road MIDDLETON ST GEORGE DARLINGTON.

23/01097/TF. Work to 1 no. Oak protected under Tree Preservation Order (No.2) 1997 (T2) - containment pruning, up to 30% reduction in crown size. 3 Oak Tree Close, Middleton St George, Darlington, DL2 1HJ,

15. Belle Vue Allotments. Proposal from the owners for increase in rent. Email enclosed.

16. Biodiversity Policy. Policy enclosed.

17. Health and Safety.

18. Community Safety.
 - a. Speed Monitor Update. Councillor Foggett to report.
 - b. Defibrillator Report. Councillor Blacklee to report.
19. Date and venue for the Annual Assembly and Annual Parish Council Meeting. In 2024 the meetings were held on Monday 22nd May, 2023. WI Hall. 6.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Annual Assembly. From 7.30 p.m. Annual Parish Council Meeting.
20. Middleton in Bloom Constitution. Enclosed for information.
21. Community Engagement Committee. Date for next meeting.
22. Councillors' reports and items for future agendas:
23. Date of next meeting. Monday 12th February, 2024 at 6.30 pm

Alan Macnab,
Clerk to the Parish Council
2nd January, 2024.

APPENDIX 1 PAYMENTS RECEIVED AND PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL

Income

Date	Supplier	Amount
06.11.2023	Darlington and District Model Boat Club. Electricity Reimbursement	£435.27
13.11.2023	Darlington Borough Council. Litter Picker's Contribution October 2023 to March, 2024	£4,038.79
06.12.2023	J. D. Lynn, Litter Picker. Tax rebate paid by HMRC for wrong tax code covered by the payment of £2,324.88 paid by the Parish Council to HMRC on the 6 th December, 2023	£300.00
11.12.2023	Barclays Bank. Payment for erroneous information given to the Clerk about the payment of £2,324.88 to HMRC and double payment made	£50.00
19.12.2023	HM Revenue and Customs. Reimbursement of overpayment of PAYE and Employer's National Insurance	£2,324.88
27.12.2023	MSG in Bloom. Transfer of funds to the Parish Council	£1,770.86
28.12.2023	Darlington and District Model Boat Club. Electricity Reimbursement	£353.72
	Total	£9,273.52

Payments during the December 2023 Recess for confirmation

Date	Customer	Amount
07.12.2023	HMRC. Payment of outstanding PAYE and Employer's National Insurance	£2,324.88
07.12.2023	ERROR PAYMENT. HMRC. Payment of outstanding PAYE and Employer's National Insurance. Reimbursement to the Parish Council on the 19th	£2,324.88

	December, 2023	
07.11.2023	Scottish Power. Electricity Monthly	£192.51
07.12.2023	HMRC. Clerk's PAYE and Employer's National Insurance December 2023	£231.45
07.12.2023	Mrs. J. Storey. Belle Vue Allotments Half Yearly Rent	£125.00
07.12.2023	Dr. E. Peart. Killinghall Row Allotments. Half Yearly Rent	£125.00
07.12.2023	Northumbria in Bloom. 2024 Entry	£125.00
07.12.2023	Brian's Property Services. Strim banks at Middleton One Row	£360.00
07.12.2023	St. Teresa's Hospice. Section 137 Grant for the Darlington Rotary Club Christmas Tree Collection Service in the village	£200.00
08.12.2023	NEST Pensions. J.D. Lynn. Employers and Employees Contributions £49.60 and C. I. Wood Employer and Employees Contributions £6.34. December 2023	£55.94
11.12.2023	County Durham Association of Local Councils. Course Fee for Councillor Brack's attendance at the Playground Inspection training	£10.00
12.12.2023	Scottish Power. Gas Monthly	£267.66
15.12.2023	CM Tree Care Ltd. Tree work in the Water Park on High Stell side and Park on the Mount Pleasant Close and Woodlands Green sides	£950.00
19.12.2023	A. J. Bolsover & Son Ltd. Pollarding willow tree and remove dead oak tree on The Front, Middleton One Row	£1,000.00
23.12.2023	BT Hub Monthly	£37.64
29.12.2023	Cleaner – C. I. Wood Pay	£86.02
29.12.2023	Litter Picker – J. D. Lynn Pay	£673.13
29.12.2023	Clerk – A. W. Macnab Pay.	£795.81
29.12.2023	ADH Site Survey Limited. Topographic Survey of land at The Front, Middleton One Row and submission to BSBA Architects	£408.00
	Total	£10,292.92

Expenditure for approval – January 2024

Date	Customer	Amount
07.01.2024	Scottish Power. Electricity Monthly	£192.51
09.01.2024	HMRC. Clerk's PAYE £211.80 (January 2024) and Employer's National Insurance £41.65 (January 2024 plus arrears of PAYE (£117.00) and Employer's National Insurance (£81.00) to the 1 st April, 2023 as a result of the National Pay Settlement	£451.45
09.01.2024	NEST Pensions. J.D. Lynn. Employers and Employees Contributions £49.60 and C. I. Wood Employer and Employees Contributions £6.34. January 2024	£55.94
12.01.2024	Scottish Power. Gas Monthly	£267.66
16.01.2024	Barcalcard Commercial. B & Q Darlington. 2m steel chain link for securing the broken Play Area swing	£14.68
23.01.2024	BT Hub Monthly	£37.64
31.01.2024	Cleaner – C. I. Wood Pay	£86.02
31.01.2024	Litter Picker – J. D. Lynn Pay	£673.13
31.01.2024	Clerk – A. W. Macnab Pay. Net Pay £847.99 (January 2024) plus arrears of Net Pay £469.62 back to 01.04.2023 as a result of the National Pay Award.	£1,317.61
	Total	£3,096.64

APPENDIX 2 PLANNING DECISIONS TAKEN BY DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL SINCE NOVEMBER, 2023.

23/00930/FUL. Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension. 2 Ropner Gardens Middleton St George Darlington DL2 1FB. Granted with conditions.

23/00940/FUL. Erection of a detached outbuilding within the rear garden for use as a home office/gym and store. Coatham Avenue Middleton St George Darlington DL2 1AJ. Granted with conditions.

23/00820/FUL. Refurbishment of property including alterations to ground floor windows and canopy on front elevation, replacement roof with increase in eaves and ridge height to provide increased first floor living accommodation with new windows to front and rear. Combining existing garage and storerooms below to form one habitable space by removing garage floor and formation of new roof with roof lights and flue, replacement roof with roof lights to existing linked flat roof extension, together with render to all external walls and associated internal and external works (Amended Plan & Description). 36 The Front Middleton One Row Darlington DL2 1AS. Granted with conditions.

23/01153/TCN. Notification under Electronic Communications Code (Reg 5) of intention to install 1 No new 7M wooden pole. Outside 2 Station Road Middleton St George Darlington DL2 1JJ. Permitted development.

23/01009/TF. Felling of 1 no. Wellingtonia (T1) protected under Tree Preservation Order (No.6) 1973 G5 (re-submission). 3 Tower Hill Church Lane Middleton St George Darlington DL2 1DU. Refused.

APPENDIX 3 PLANNING DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE PARISH COUNCIL DURING THE DECEMBER 2023 RECESS

23/01058/FUL. Demolition of outbuildings and erection of two storey garage incorporating games room and store to first floor. Demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey side and rear extension, two storey extension to front including full height glazed entrance, two storey extension to west elevation incorporating recessed balcony to rear at first floor level, loft conversion and installation of solar panels to roof. 1, Roman Way, Middleton St. George. **Decision. No Comment.**

23/01138/TF. Felling of 1 no. Birch protected under Tree Preservation Order (No. 8) 1979 (T140). 10, Thorntree Villas, Middleton St. George. **Decision. No Comment.**

23/01160/FUL. Erection of single storey side extension to the existing rear kitchen/utility. 45, Middleton Lane, Middleton St. George. **Decision. No Comment.**