

Minutes of Meeting of Middleham Town Council as Trustee of Charity For The Benefit Of Inhabitant Householders of Parish of Middleham (the 'Charity' or 'IH') held in Middleham Key Centre on Wednesday, 15 May 2019 following conclusion of the Town Council meeting. (SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT NEXT TRUSTEE MEETING)

Present

Chairman Cllr Mrs S Fairhurst, Cllr Mrs H Byford, Cllr Mr M Cade, Cllr Mrs L Stocker, Cllr Mr G Fortune and Cllr Mr S Wheeler.

Clerk, Mr D Keep

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1. Apologies.

All Councillors were present.

2. Declarations of interest regarding items on the agenda.

Each person present is a Councillor of Middleham Town Council, the Charity's sole Trustee. No other interests were declared in the business to be transacted at the meeting.

3. Minutes

3.1 IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the minutes of meetings held on 24 April 2019 as a true and accurate record to be signed by the Chairman.

3.2 Schedule of agreed actions. The schedule was noted.

4. Land Management (IH) – Information/Decision required.

4.1 Review of Health and Safety Matters. The Clerk was asked to enquire the name of the contractor at Middleham House so that Council could be reimbursed for the cost of installing a replacement grit bin. There were no other matters to report by exception.

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4.2 12 Acres: Invitation to General Tender. Rather than wait until the next scheduled meeting it was agreed that the tender invitation be sent out with a closing date of midday on Wednesday 12 June when at least one Councillor and the Clerk be present. Formal ratification could take place at the next meeting.

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4.3 Use of Street Furniture outside agreed hours: A letter from Lindmar House had been circulated. In discussion, it was noted that incidents of loud behaviour were more likely when the landlords were absent. It was unclear whether removal of the furniture would prevent recurrence. Furthermore, response to such incidents really lay with other public authorities.

It was agreed to reply saying that no further action would be taken on this occasion as it was understood that the disturbance was from a particular set of guests and that staff had apparently tried to control. It had also been difficult to corroborate the reports. However the matter had been noted and repetition would be investigated.

Clerk

4.4 Honesty Box. It was noted that receipts to 5 May were £921 which already covered costs by £444, within just over 6 months. It was agreed to purchase an additional box for the Swine Cross, to be mounted on a new post. The Clerk would look into an

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alternative design which would be easier to empty.

4.5 Road to Moors. Cllr Fairhurst reported that she had met with Mr Robertson, the grounds contractor, to review cutting back of the verges. The Clerk had taken photos of the area. It was agreed that only a general tidy was required and he would firstly check with NYCC and RDC what cleaning of the roads they undertook and also seek a quotation from Mr Robertson.

Clerk

4.6 Residents' fishing rights. Draft rules prepared by the Clerk governing the issue of fishing permits to Middleham residents, having been reviewed by Cllr Cade and Mr Hopper, were adopted. It was also agreed that three signs to be erected at the entrance to Western Willows and along the bankside be purchased, the wording for which was also agreed.

Clerk

4.4 Common Land / Town Wastes Parking.

Recent communications and advice from Endeavour Partnership ('EP') were reviewed.

No further communication had been received from the other side and EP had been asked not to undertake any further work on the matter until action was required.

A letter received from McGarry & Co solicitors on behalf of Mrs Arnold had been received. It was agreed that the Clerk would draft a response for circulation to Councillors and then for review by EP, giving a reassurance that the householder could continue to place cones for the purpose of securing access / egress to her property.

Clerk

5. Financial and Administrative Matters.

5.1 Cashbook balance and bank reconciliation as at 30 April 2019. Noted.

5.1.1 IT WAS RESOLVED to approve the schedule of direct debits and internet bank transfers to approve and ratify all payments since the last Meeting as set out on the payments schedule and to approve Items of Expenditure as submitted to the meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Signed.....Date.....