

## **MICKLETON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Notes of a meeting of Mickleton Parish Council, held on 19 May 2025, following the AGM, at 19:30 in Mickleton Village Hall.**

**PRESENT:** D Shepherd (Chairman), D Hancock, P Anderson, J Lonsdale and Mrs R Fowler,

**25.63 APOLOGIES:** An apology was received from Mrs C Hartas.

**25.64 DECLARATION OF INTEREST** - None.

**25.65 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING, HELD ON 14 APRIL 2025** - These had been circulated, taken as read. Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**25.66 TO CONSIDER ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES, NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA** – None

**25.67 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None

### **25.68 PLANNING MATTERS**

**DM/25/0967/FPA** – Erection of an agricultural building – land to the west of West Tofts – no objections raised,

**DM/25/0555/FPA** – Grassholme Plantation – West Pasture Road – new forest road – no objections raised.

### **25.69 HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Flooding at Icaron Lodge – The work still to be undertaken.

Installation of the Salt Bin for Yarker Lane – still outstanding

Cobblersgate Lane – Pothole – The reported pothole has been filled.

Highway items raised in the Parish Meeting to be followed up:

Dog fouling on Cobblersgate Lane – A new bin and signage.

Dog fouling on the Railway Walk – An additional bin at the Kelton Road entry point.

Cobblersgate Lane – The state of the road surface – potholes, etc.

B6277/Cobblersgate Lane Junction – Issues regarding exiting the junction owing to the parked cars at the junction and on the bus stop.

Post Box on West Pasture Road – New Post Box has been installed, but currently not able to use as it is boarded up – contact Royal Mail for information as to when it will be back in use.

### **25.70 PLAYGROUND**

Boundary Wall Fencing – As the wall is not going to be repaired – it was agreed to obtain quotations for the installation of fencing for the boundary wall. Owing to the costs involved at least 3 quotations to be obtained. 35 meters of fencing were required (20m x 4m high; 15m x 2m high) Using reserves, it was agreed to spend up to £5500 maximum on the fencing.

ROSPA Inspection – Notification had been received that the inspection would be carried out in June.

**25.71 BUS SHELTER** - The work still to be carried out,

### **25.72 FINANCE**

**25.72.1 Current Financial Statement** – This had been circulated,

**25.72.2 Payments to be Authorised:** The following payments were authorised:

Middleton Forege	£22.80
CDALC	£32.00
Mickleton Service Station	£93.60

**25.73 REVIEW OF COMMON LAND WITHIN THE PARISH** - Awaiting a reply from the Mickleton Moss Committee.

**25.74 MICKLETON FIXERS** – No work currently planned owing to volunteer availability.

**25.75 NEW PARISH GROUPINGS – TEESDALE NETWORK** – The new Teesdale Network replaces the old TAP. Looking for 2 Parish Councillor representatives to serve on the Teesdale Network.

No Mickleton Parish Councillor was interested.

**25.76 SWIFT BOX PROJECT** – 16 boxes had been installed and the last 4 were allocated. The birds have arrived and unsure as to whether they had nested in any of the boxes. The boxes to be monitored.

**25.77 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS** – Clerk reported that she had obtained a contact from the Staindrop Lights Committee. Details to be passed onto D Shepherd.

**25.78 BEACON LIGHTING** - The beacon had been lit again on 8 May to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day. It had been very well attended and a thank you expressed to everyone who had attended and to those who had made the event a success,

**25.79 CORRESPONDENCE LIST** – This had been circulated,

**25.80 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: 16 June, 2025 at 19.00**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

Signed .....

Date .....