



**MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE RECREATION ROOM**  
**CHURCH LANE MIDDLETON**  
**Date 19/12/2019 – Meeting (8) 2019/20**

**Present Councillors**

**Gill Keegan Chairman (GK)**  
**Graham Smith (GS)**  
**Peter Rotherham (PR)**  
**James Beamish (JB)**  
**Mark Simpson Borough Councillor (MS)**

**Clerk in Attendance Tony Harris (TH)**

**Public in Attendance:**

**1. Apologies**

Andy Jenns County Councillor (AJ)  
Pete Rawlins Vice Chairman (PRw)

**2. Police Surgery**

None

**3. Declarations of Pecuniary or other interests.**

*None*

**4. Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 19/11/2019**

*The previous minutes were duly signed Chairman Cllr Keegan*

**5. Matters Arising**

**NEW ACTIONS**

<b>Ref</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>
<b>N1</b>	<i>Clerk to contact Staffordshire CC regarding Bus shelter in Elford</i>	Clerk	January
<b>N2</b>	<i>Letter to be sent to NWBC to see if there was a budget for VE day celebrations</i>	Clerk	January
<b>N3</b>	<i>Cllr. Rotherham to liaise with Jack Everill on a plan for Middleton's celebration plan for May 8<sup>th</sup> 2020 VE day</i>	Cllr. Rotherham	February
<b>N4</b>	<i>Awaiting WCC highways report on Coppice lane works</i>	Clerk	January
<b>N5</b>	<i>Telephone Box has been damaged clerk to investigate</i>	Clerk	January



## PENDING / ONGOING ACTIONS

Ref	What	Who	When
P2	<i>Clerk to prepare plans for a new bus shelter and seek planning permission, authorisation of up to £500 was given to achieve planning permission in addition Clerk to look into possible HS2 Bus shelter funding. Ongoing see N1</i>	Clerk	December
P3	<i>Agreed plan to install turf under Witches hat as little used and this is a more cost effective solution</i>	Clerk	April/May
P4	<i>Details have been sent to Neil Marshal for Band stand rail quote</i>	Clerk	Completed
P5	<i>Kerb stones completed</i>	Clerk	Closed ??
P6	<i>T15 path is awaiting new stumps to facilitate repair</i>	Clerk	January
P9	<i>Hedge cutting has not been completed rescheduled March</i>	Cllr PRw	March

## CLOSED ACTIONS

Ref	What	When
C1	<i>Full Grit bin installed put in place Allen End P1</i>	November
C2	<i>Kerb Stones</i>	
C3	<i>Hill Lane Tubs. See K8</i>	

## KEY FINANCIAL PROJECTS

Ref	What	Who	When
K1	<b>WEBSITE</b> <i>Cllr. Keegan to arrange meeting</i>	Cllr. GK	January
K2	<b>BUS SHELTER</b> <i>Awaiting contact with Staffordshire CC</i>	Clerk	December
K3	<b>DITCH WORK</b> <i>Costs for carrying out ditch work estimated at £350 per day – Councillors agreed a budget of three days. The costs have increased because of a need for onsite material removal awaiting quote</i>	Clerk	December
K4	<b>DEFIBRILLATOR</b> <i>First aid training scheduled for 22/1/2020 7pm Village Hall a grant of £300 acquired thanks to Cllr. Jenns fund towards new defibrillator</i>	Clerk	December
K5	<b>CEF GRANT</b> <i>Main project is now a large grant for village Hall</i>	Clerk	December
K6	<b>VILLAGE GREEN</b> <i>Path weeding</i>		
K7	<b>GARAGES (Church Lane)</b> <i>A Heads of Agreement has been sent to NWBC regarding plans for secured off road parking Est cost of Project  £10k - £12k this proposal has been accepted by NWBC at least in</i>	Clerk	March 2020



	<i>principle awaiting next steps</i>		
<b>K8</b>	<p><b>HILL LANE TUBS</b>  <i>4 new tubs installed in Hill lane and lights for the Statue</i>  <i>Costs which were unanimously approved were</i></p> <p><i>Tubs                   £115.96</i>  <i>Compost             £ 29.64</i>  <i>Signage             £156.48 (we have an additional 5 in reserve)</i>  <i>Plants               £ 25.00</i>  <i>Labour              £ 15.00</i>  <b><i>Total               £342.08</i></b></p> <p><i>Response to tubs has been very positive from local residents</i></p> <p><b><i>Statue Lights £11.99</i></b></p>	Clerk	Closed

**6. Samuel White Trust and other Community Organisations**

*Nothing to report*

**7. High Speed Rail Line**

- a. *Monies received into the HS2 campaign fund will be transferred into the Village Hall to benefit the whole community.*

**8. Community Centre**

**9. Village Green Development**

- a. *The hedge to be cut in March due to wet weather.*
- b. *Witches hat to be turfed in the spring*
- c. *Ongoing path weeding*

**11. Middleton Recreation Room**

- a. *The grant for paint towards refurbishment has been awarded MPC wish to warmly thank Cllr. Jenns for supporting our activities here in Middleton.*

**10. Reports of Councillors and Clerk**

**Cllr. Keegan**

- a. *Middleton Matters needs volunteers for delivering in three areas including Hill Lane*

**Cllr. Smith**

- a. *Signs are down on the A4091*

**Cllr. Beamish**

- a. *Raised issue of telephone box damage Clerk to investigate*

**Cllr. Rawlins**

*None*



**Cllr. Rotherham**

- a. *Traffic on the A446 is getting worse*
- b. *Scrambler bikes in village with riders without helmets*

**Cllr. Jenns**

*No Report*

**Cllr. Lebrun**

*No report*

**12. Planning Matters**

- 1. Naming email received for Bungalow on Crowberry lane  
**The Willows Stables, Crowberry Lane, Middleton, Tamworth. B78 2AJ**
- 2. **PAP /2019/0658** McDonalds new neon sign.
- 3. **PAP/2019/0667** Back of Holly Cottage Church lane. Build of 6 houses

Item 3 was discussed by the council and in principle the building of small development was considered in the long term a better option than one large development. Cllr Simpson pointed out that a minimum of 10 houses were required before social housing could be included as part of the scheme.

As Middleton has lost 15 family homes to HS2 which are now rental a lot of active community members have left, the introduction of family homes may help to bring in active community minded families with a real stake in the village. There were however 2 issues that needed attention a) one proposed dwelling seemed to be well back and beyond current dwelling building lines. b) the proposed exit was near the main village junction so this needs expert opinion within the planning department although it was acknowledged that there were two existing entrances to the Junction already.

**13. Correspondence since last meeting dated 17/9/2019**

**NWBC/WCC:** Report from Paul Taylor re Coppice lane.  
Garages reported suspected misuse.  
Church Lane road closure 11 February 2020.

**General.** Grit Bins in place Vicarage Hill and Allen End.  
Thanks to Cllr. Jenns re 2 Grants now received.  
First Aid training 22/1/2020-3 people responded so far  
60+ Grant.  
Tubs in situ At Hill Lane.  
Transporting of statue from Stafford to Middleton cost £20

**WALC** Queens Garden Party



## 14. Finance Report.

<b>Balance at bank 13.12.2019</b>	<b>A/c 00411787</b>	<b>£16,929.7</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Plus deposits not shown</b>				
		sub total		<b>£16,929.72</b>
<b>Unpresented cheques</b>	CN	2123	Grant 60+	-£100.00
<b>Sub total</b>				<b><u>£16,829.72</u></b>
<b>Less cheques to be written</b>				
		hedge cutting		-£300.00
		Prontaprint Dec		-£250.00
		wages		-£998.68
		Fazely Signs/MRR		-£156.48
		D Jenkins petrol		-£20.00
		Cutting edge		-£40.00
		tubs est.		-£115.96
		Compost		-£29.64
		dx		-£1,910.76
		Total funds available		<b><u>£14,918.96</u></b>
		payments in		
			MCC rent	<b><u>£5,290.00</u></b>
		<b>Total</b>		<b><u>£20,208.96</u></b>

## Capital reserve fund A/c 29525357 (5.12.2019)

<b>opening balance</b>	<u>£7,359.24</u>
<b>interest</b>	<u>£1.17</u>
<b>new balance</b>	<b><u>£7,360.41</u></b>
£4000 is rent deposit	-£4,000.00
<b>Available funds in current account A/c 00411787</b>	
<b>Available funds in reserve account A/c 29525357</b>	£3,360.41
<b>Grand total</b>	<b><u>£23,569.37</u></b>
	£0.00
<b>Notes</b>	£0.00
2. VAT can be collected	<b><u>£3,947.65</u></b>
<b>Grand total</b>	<b><u>£27,517.02</u></b>



**15. Public Questions and Comments.**

*No public present*

**16. The Chair proposes**

*None.*

**17. Any other business**

**18. Date of next meeting**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020 at 6.30pm**

**Meeting closed at 8.05 pm**

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_