



**Gesta non verba**  
**MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 19th December 2023, Middleton Village Hall**

**Present:**

James Beamish - Chair  
Gill Keegan - Vice Chair  
Cllr Peter Rotherham  
Clerk in Attendance - Michelle Skinner

Cllr Frazer Smith  
Cllr Andy Jenns - part attendance

**Apologies:**

Cllr George Hawkins

69/23	<p>Public Questions: Due to the recent rainfall, the flooded areas in the village have been cleared again by local residents , especially the ford in Crowberry Lane. It was noted that NWBC has been slow to respond to the various issues logged. Residents asked if possible to hire a small JCB to enable clearance of the ford to alleviate future flooding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Can MPC fund JCB hire and recharge NWBC?</li> <li>❖ Can MPC investigate / fund Lengthsman scheme for the road maintenance required to keep the roads and lanes clear of obstructions and other general maintenance tasks</li> </ul>	Cllr Smith M Skinner
70/23	Police Matters PCSO confirmed attendance for 2024 meetings once 2024 meeting dates confirmed	M Sk to send mth dates
71/23	Apologies for absence: Cllr Hawkins	
72/23	Declarations of interests 57/23.8 Cllr Smith declared interest with respect to the purchase of shipping container	Cllr Smith
73/23	Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed and signed by Cllr Beamish as a correct record of meeting	
74/23	MATTERS ARISING	
74/23.1	Concerns raised regarding the speeding through village and Church Lane/Vicarage Hill, MPC to raise with residents and business' and to enquire re additional speed restriction signs for village.	M Sk
74/23.2	57/23.2 Church/Crowberry Lane MSk has requested attendance from NWBC Highways department to assess the outstanding repairs to Crowberry, Church Lane and surrounding lanes and has reported the repairs that have been made as unsatisfactory	MSk

74/23.3	Concerns raised regarding fencing at Murlac depot at end of Church Lane, planning granted for change of use but possible environmental issues due to potential chemical used for cleaning , to be clarified	Cllr Smith/MSk
74/23.4	57/23.7 Additional funding has been received, additional equipment to be selected by the playground committee. Ongoing	Cllr Keegan & others
75/23	NEW ACTIONS	
75/23.1	58/23.1 MPC to evaluate alternative options for footpath remodel improve access, as the architect has advised that remodeling the current path to meet standards will be costly and prohibitive due to the extent of work involved. Options therefore: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ do nothing, continue to permit access via the front of the hall path</li> <li>❖ obtain funding and re-model to meet disability access standards</li> <li>❖ create a new access via the car park (recognising the need to resurface and issues of an open car park)</li> </ul> VH to meet with MPC early 2024 to discuss	MPC/VHC
75/23.2	58/23.2 Social committee to be proposed for 2024 for events to work with VHC	All
75/23/3	58/23.3 Village speed signs UPDATE MSk has community speed watch signs costs, to be submitted for approval by MPC	MSk
76/23	KEY FINANCIAL PROJECTS 2024 Garages - Church Lane ongoing ANPR cameras Defibrillator for Hill Lane/Tamworth Road New PC Website for 2024 New pathway for Village Green Solar Panels for Speed Camera Little Libraries Lengthsman Scheme?,Precept funding? New Digital Screen?	All Cllr Smith MSk MSk Cllr Smith Cllr Beamish Cllr Beamish
77/23	COMMUNITY UPDATES	
77/23.1	HS2 Cllr KEegan/MSK to arrange follow up meeting for Feb 2024 Temporary road closure Church Lane from 29th Jan 2024	MSk Cllr Keegan
77/23.2	VHC Discussion re Gazebo purchase and funding from both VHC and MPC and to look at realistic budgets, meet with VHC. Fete committee early 2024	Cllr Keegan Cllr Beamish
77/23.3	MUFT None	

77/23.4	Samuel White Trust None	
78/23	REPORTS OF COUNCILLORS AND CLERK	
78/23.1	Cllr Keegan – Garage site - meet with NWBC to discuss arrangement and options	Cllr Keegan MSk
78/23/2	Cllr Beamish	None
78/23.3	Cllr Hawkins	None
78/23.4	Cllr Smith Outstanding works to be contracted to local builders subject to agreed costs Benches - Ramblers Rest and site opposite Green Man Village Green Pathway Surfaces in playground Hardstanding in Hill Lane for Defib Cabinet	MSk
78/23.5	Cllr Rotherham	None
78/23.6	Cllr Jenns Mobile Library - possibility of revisit to Middleton if there is interest Has discussed and escalated outstanding issues with NWBC highways relating to road repairs etc will ask Jeff Morris, Client Service Mgr if will attend next meeting to discuss concerns Dog fouling PSPO - ongoing	Cllr Jenns
78/23.7	Clerk Clerk training completed, Footpath Officer still to be confirmed Auditor for 2024 to be confirmed Budget process for 2024 to be planned Meeting dates for 2024 to be agreed including Annual Meeting MAY 2024 Set up meeting with planning dept for Garage site in January 2024 Contact NWBC Reece Berry to possible attend next MPC meeting to discuss Highways issues See if interest in Mobile Library visiting Middleton Defib for Hill Lane to be ordered early Jan	MSk Cllr smith
	PLANNING	
79/23	Finance Report Updated finance report issued to councillors by Clerk	
80/23	Any other business XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
	Dates of Next Meeting. Wednesday 17th Jan 2024, 6.30pm	
	MEETING CLOSED 8.00 PM	

ACTION LOG

Item No	Action	By Whom	Update
57/23.3	ANPR software to be installed	FS	
57/23.5	Cllr Beamish to update re insurance valuation for MCC	JB	
57/23.7	Additional play equipment to be ordered by end of Jan 24	GK	
78/23.4	58/23.1 Quotes from local bldrs/contractors for various remedial works including placement of benches, hardstanding for defib at Hill Lane	MSk/FS	
74/23.1	New speed signs to be placed in village, MPC to fund MSk to source	MS	MSk has sourced, await approvals
74/23.2	57/23.2 Church/Crowberry Lane MSk has confirmed request made to Highways to view the current issues with the road surfaces	Msk	Highways to visit during early Jan  Meeting arranged on site 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan 11am
74/23.3	Contact environmental dept to discuss concerns raised regarding unit at end of church lane	MSk	
75/23.1	Schedule meetings with VHC to discuss funding and action for the pathways repairs around VHall	All	
77/23.1	52/23 Meeting with HS2 to be arranged for February 2024 for update on proposed works	MSk / GK	
77/23.2	Meet with VHC to discuss purchase and funding of Gazebo for Fete and ongoing events	JB/VHC	VHC meeting 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan

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