



MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE RECREATION ROOM
CHURCH LANE MIDDLETON

Date 21/02/2019

Present Councillors

Gill Keegan (GK) Chairman
Graham Smith Vice Chairman
Peter Rotherham (P
Pete Rawlins (PRaw)
Andy Jenns (AJ)

Clerk in Attendance Tony Harris (TH)

Public in Attendance; None

1. Apologies

Cllr. Jack Everill (illness prevents attendance)

2. Police surgery

None

3. Declarations of Pecuniary or other interests.

None,

4. Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 24/01/2019

The previous minutes were duly signed by Chairman Cllr. Keegan

5. Matters arising

- a) *Cllr. Rotherham wanted to assert that the full council was in principle against HS2 as he has been asked by residents what the Councils formal position is, It was unanimously agreed that the full council was against HS2.*
- b) *Cllr. Keegan and the Clerk to meet up to discuss Web page design for the MPC, using the two example sites of Mid Warwickshire Yacht club and Berkswell Parish council*
- c) *Cllr. Keegan asked when the bandstand sealant would be applied Cllr. Rawlins noted that as soon as the weather improves it will be done as it requires a JCB and at the moment it would leave tracks on the Village green due to the grass being wet underfoot.*
- d) *Cllr. Keegan announced that the road sign for Coppice lane had been ordered and that it would be implemented as soon as possible after delivery.*
- e) *Plaques to commemorate the opening of the bandstand are now available and Cllr. Keegan will present them to the recipients as soon as possible.*
- f) *Reported that the village green path needs weed treatment.*
- g) *Clerk advised that there was a potential grant for works associated with flooding. Despite working with WCC engineers for a year now they advised there was no*



budget available for Middleton.

- h) Mark Simpson to be invited by Cllr. Jenns to attend our next meeting.*
- i) It was noted that no Fire station closures or reduction of fire crews is planned for NWBC and was never a consideration an example of 'Fake News'.*

NEW ACTIONS

1. Clerk to consider where allotments might be sited and possible demand.(**See pending actions 4)**
2. Clerk to report garage doors to NWBC (**see pending action 5)**
3. A grant to be used for flooding was potentially available, Clerk to look into how we might apply and for what specific works. Parishioner Terry Cole had extensive knowledge of the main flood areas and would be a useful source of contact for consultation
4. Acquire some chippings for the play area **Completed**
5. Path needs weeding Clerk to investigate. Also consider approaching Kingsbury lawn care for play area quote.
6. Suggestions for a new style Annual Assembly meeting to hopefully encourage attendance and involve parishioners. Councillors could also write a short resume
7. Ask David Williets about his knowledge of Susan Pallet playground. Action PR.
8. T15 path uneven in parts and difficult to navigate (**see pending 3)**

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

1. Clerk and Cllr Keegan - to consider changes the website.
2. Clerk to prepare plans for a new bus shelter and seek planning permission, authorisation of up to £500 was given to achieve planning permission.

PENDING ACTIONS

1. Cllr. Jenns to invite Mark Simpson to MPC's meeting (March)
2. Grit bin needs filling at Allen End, Clerk to arrange. Reported ref. 484234 but needs checking.
3. T15 ground uneven issues Clerk to raise with John Bardsley footpath officer. Clerk met with John it would appear the bank is eroding so may require a lot of work. Awaiting update.
4. Clerk has made initial approach to Samuel White regarding allotments however this was not successful for various understandable reasons. So search continues for a possible site. Article in MM to gauge need.
5. Garage door issue has been reported to NWBC. To be monitored as no action taken by NWBC.

CLOSED ACTIONS

9. Clerk to contact Mark Kennel regarding road sweeping in Middleton.
10. Clerk approached Mr Tanner and he was extremely cooperative and cars have been



move.

11. Wood chippings acquired. A big thank you to both Will and David Jenkins who supplied and delivered them..
12. Pot holes reported and Crowberry Lane and Park lane filled.

6. Reports of Councillors and Clerk

Cllr. Keegan

- a. *Cllr. Keegan asked whether the black dog that gained access to the playground at MCC had been identified, but there was no further information to report on the incident at this time. It was noted that Dog environmental services should be involved in any further incidents of dog running loose in the Parish*
- b. *Pot holes have appeared in Church Lane Coppice Lane and by the Ford in Crowberry lane and these should be reported. Move to Matters arising:*
- c. *Cllr. Keegan enquired when the VH would be re painted inside, and Cllr's. Rawlins and Smith advised that this work was planned for the spring. Move to Matters arising:*
- d. *Cllr. Keegan suggested the clerk should write to Jonathan Lord and Andy DeBell regarding help with the proposed nature reserve. Move to Matters arising:*

Cllr. Smith

- a. *Raised the issue of payment towards the internal painting of the village hall via increased payment of MPC bookings. Clerk noted this would not be a legitimate action however the MRR committee could apply for a Grant towards the work.*

Cllr. Rawlins

- a. *Support Cllr. Smith's funding request.*

Cllr. Rotherham

- a. *Raised the sad news that a resident had sadly died and another was ill the Council acknowledged its sympathy with both families.*
- b. *A consideration has been put forward to site a mobile police station in the village and if so where? This has been tried before and failed what was needed were police on the beat, this view was supported by all the councillors.*

Cllr. Everill

Absent

CLLr. Jenns



- a. Cllr. Jenns re affirmed that fire services in the County were not being cut back
- b. Cllr. Jenns agreed to invite Mark Simpson to our next meeting.

7 Samuel White Trust and other Community Organisations

8. High Speed Rail Line

- a. Clerk to invite John Lord HS2 to the proposed nature reserve.

9. Community Centre

A forest school qualified staff member has been appointed

10. Village Green Development

*Band stand still awaiting sealing when weather improves.
In an effort to find legal proof of the ownership of Susan Pallet playground, it was suggested to ask David Williets.*

11. Middleton Recreation Room

The hall will be redecorated in the spring

12.Planning Matters

PAP/2019/0040	30/01/2019	Aston Villa Training Ground Bodymoor Heath Lane Bodymoor Heath Middleton B78 2BB	Variation of condition no: 2 of planning permission PAP/2018/0005 relating to revisions to details of spectator area to academy requirements; in respect of Phase 1 - change of use involving formation of replacement football pitches (including one artificial floodlit pitch) together with new access and car/coach parking; provision of changing rooms and new floodlit show pitch
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PAP/2019/0013	15/01/2019	Langley Brook Farm London Road Middleton B78 2BP	Prior approval for proposed steel framed agricultural storage building 35.7m long x 27.9m wide
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13. Correspondence since last meeting dated 18/10/2018

NWBC/WCC:

- Quote for bin collection and play area inspection
- Street cleaning



General.

- Visit to Coleshill Fire station
- Plaques for bandstand presentations
- Wild flowers – Tamworth Council
- No response from Grayling
- HS2 visit requested-Nature reserve
- Coleshill mowing's requested quotes
- Mobile Police station

WALC

Small grant for under 18 activities

14. Finance Report.

Balance at bank 15.2.2019	A/c 00411787	<u>£6,974.23</u>
Plus deposits not shown		
	PKF Littlejohn auditing fee	2068
	Data protection registration.	2067
		-£240.00
		-£40.00
Sub total		<u>£6,694.23</u>
Less cheques to be written following approval		
	Clerk wages (February, 2019)	-£665.79
	Prontaprint (estimate) March 2019	-£200.00
	sign groundworks ie sign erection	-£300.00
	Sign post inclusive of VAT	-
	Grounds maintenance NWBC VAT to be added	£1,814.25
	Penny Jenkins flower tub planting	-£613.07
		-£96.25
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sub total		<u>£3,689.36</u>
balance total		<u>£3,004.87</u>
Capital reserve fund A/c 29525357 (05.02.2019)		£7,346.98
interest		£1.25
		<u>£7,348.23</u>
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£4000 is rent deposit		£4,000.00
Available funds in current account A/c 00411787		<u>£3,415.37</u>
Available funds in reserve account A/c 29525357		<u>£3,004.87</u>
Grand total		<u>£6,420.24</u>
Notes	1. MCC rent due 25.3.2019	£5,290.00
	2. Possible £40 MM revenues	£40.00
	3. VAT can be collected	£3,570.92



4. womans vote memorial- estimate	-1200
Sub total	<u>£7,700.92</u>
total funds	<u>14121.16</u>

**15. Public Questions and Comments.
(Parishioner issue from previous meeting)**

**16. The Chair proposes
None.**

17. Any other business

**18. Date of next meeting
21st March 2019 at 6.30pm**

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed _____ **Date** _____