



**MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE RECREATION ROOM**  
**CHURCH LANE MIDDLETON**  
**Date 11/2/2021 Meeting 8 of 2020/21**

**Present Councillors**

**Gill Keegan Chair (GK) Chair**  
**Peter Rotherham (PR) Vice-chair**  
**James Beamish (JB)**  
**Peter Rawlins (PRw)**  
**Graham Smith (GS)**

**1. Apologies (due to restrictions on numbers allowed to attend)**

**Andy Jenns County Councillor (AJ)**  
**Mark Simpson Borough Councillor**

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

*Public in attendance*

*None.*

*Cllr. Keegan welcomed everyone to our meeting and confirmed that the meeting was being conducted, in accordance with the Covid-19 risk assessment guidelines produced by the Clerk and approved by all Councillors. The MPC was also updated in real time by MPC WhatsApp on all local events and allowing MPC to be fully briefed at all times.*

**2. Police Surgery**  
None

**3. Declarations of Pecuniary or other interests.**  
*None*

**4. Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 3/11/2020**  
*The previous minutes were duly signed Chairman Cllr Keegan*

**5. Matters Arising**

- a. The Clerk outlined budgets for the year end with finances in good order to carry out projects identified.*
- b. It was noted that kerbstones had been re-laid by the County Council following requests from the clerk.*
- c. It was agreed to add the layby in Church lane as a potential project site to discourage fly tipping.*



- d. It was agreed unanimously to proceed with a budget of £2500 for installation of two APNR cameras on the village Hall as part of MPC crime reduction programme Cllr. Beamish to manage this project with support from the Clerk.
- e. Investigate solar panel speed signs

Ref	What	Who	When
N1	APNR camera installation to proceed	Clerk	completed
N2	Thought to be given to making the layby on Church Lane inaccessible to discourage fly tippers	All	ASAP
N3	Contact Vintage inns to address late night car park anti-social activities with a view to night time closure	Clerk	ASAP
N4	Investigate solar panel speed signs	Clerk	ASAP
N5	Oil spillage has recurred in Crowberry Lane. SSW, Severn Trent and Environment Agency to be involved in resolving.	Clerk	ASAP

#### PENDING / ONGOING ACTIONS

Ref	What	Who	When
P1	New traveller's rest rebuild based Contract awarded to Dave Davis local builder based on being the best and lowest cost option of three considered. Work has commenced	Clerk/	PLANNING STAGE
P2	RFQ has been written for the play area and sent to 5 companies only one has responded to date. <b>A second quote has been received</b>	Clerk	PLANNING STAGE
P3	WCC highways treatment of Coppice lane has made the road seem more unsafe and without Covid more accidents would have occurred but MPC need public support for a robust challenge to WCC highways	Clerk	MARCH
P5	Hedge cutting around the VG – an invoice has again been requested 3/3/2021 for work completed	Cllr PRw	MARCH
P6	Library door to be refurbished and installed some remedial work to be done in better weather £150 was paid as the installation was three hours so £30 added to cover this work. Which still represents very good value for money. Door being fitted 12/2/21	Clerk	PROJECT STARTED
P7	Review play area 2021/2022 Quotes to be obtained	Clerk	APRIL/MAY
P8	Clerk to look into Parish owned tree survey. <b>List supplied by Cllr. Rotherham</b>	Clerk	April
P9	Clerk to contact all MM advertisers to determine future adverts, demand. To resume for April edition.	Clerk	March
P10	Clerk to check on MCC insurance policy, <b>No issues</b>	Clerk	January



## CLOSED ACTIONS

Ref	What	when
C1	<i>Kerb stones outside shop and further down need resetting</i>	February
C2	<i>K9. Ramblers Rest Tree Work.</i>	
C3	<i>K10. Coppice Lane sign area on bend</i>	
C4	<i>K2 Village Green Christmas lights and animals</i>	

## KEY FINANCIAL PROJECTS

Ref	What	Who	When
<b>K1</b>	<b>TRAVELLERS REST</b> <i>A new build was unanimously agreed and contract awarded. To include the option of Perspex windows at the front and a bench seat Budget agreed for build £5000</i>	Cllr.Rawlins	November
<b>K3</b>	<b>TREE PLANTING</b> <i>It was proposed to introduce trees towards the bottom end of the village on the grassed areas an initial budget of £300 was agreed. Cllr. Keegan requested that she be involved in deciding the exact location with Penny Jenkins. Agreed. <b>Initial 8 Trees planted two more on order. A complaint was received about tree locations and size, however the trees were located in the only locations possible and were of excellent height and exceedingly good value. Lack of leaves was beyond MPC's control</b></i>	Cllr. Keegan	February
<b>K4</b>	<b>GARAGES (Church Lane)</b> <i>NWBC still keen to go ahead with the scheme but will now be later in the year due to Covid 19. <b>This is now a new financial year project realistically.</b></i>	Clerk	2021/2022
<b>K5</b>	<b>CEF Grant</b> <i>Two grants to be looked at for the hall extension repair and the hall rebuild <b>at a later date</b></i>	Clerk	February
<b>K6</b>	<b>PLAYAREA</b> <i>RFQ submitted to several contractors for the repairs and updating the play area equipment including introduction of new Play equipment</i>	Clerk	May
<b>K7</b>	<b>APNR SECURITY CAMERAS</b> <i>Cameras to be installed in early March</i>	Cllr. Beamish	March
<b>K8</b>	<b>BANDSTAND RAILINGS. To be installed</b>	Clerk	<b>COMPLETED</b>
<b>K11</b>	<b>LAYBY</b> <i>Thought to be given on how we can convert the</i>	Clerk	<b>2021/2022</b>



	<i>impromptu layby in church lane to discourage Fly tipping</i>		
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**6. Samuel White Trust and other Community Organisations**

- a. Issue of anti-social behaviour again raised, it was agreed MPC should write to Platform Housing Association expressing concern.

**7. High Speed Rail Line**

- a. *Royal Assent given for the Birmingham section of the route.*
- b. *£8m worth of properties are owned by the Department of Transport in Middleton alone.*
- c. *Vegetation clearance has begun on Crowberry and Park Lanes plus A4091 between Middleton and Bodymoor Heath Lane with road closures.*

**8. Community Centre**

- a. *It was agreed to move to monthly payments from March as the tenant has always acted in good faith and paid all dues on time.*

**9. Village Green Development**

- a. *It was noted that work might be delayed to allow the ground to dry out to allow for the necessary large vehicles that would be needed to carry out the works*

**10. Middleton Recreation Room**

- a. *A grant of £500 was duly awarded to the Village hall to repair the kitchen area*
- b. *A second grant of £100 was awarded to the 60splus luncheon club.*

**11. Reports of Councillors and Clerk**

**Cllr. Keegan**

- a. *No issues raised*

**Cllr. Smith**

- a. *No issues raised*

**Cllr. Beamish**

- a. *The neighbourhood watch group who carried out regular nightly patrols has proved to be good for community spirit as well as very likely contributing to the capture of a burglar who please apprehended and believe was probably responsible for some of the Middleton burglaries.*
- b. *Drug and other anti-social activity continues at the Green Man Car park late at night*



**Cllr. Rotherham**

- a. *Pot holes are occurring again all around the parish*

**Cllr. Rawlins**

- a. *Mr Dudley has raised the issue of building behind Holly Cottage as plans resubmitted. (MPC raised two formal objections building beyond the building line which has been addressed we understand and secondly the exit onto Church lane /Coppice lane junction which we were informed will be determined by WCC highways department ).*

**Cllr. Jenns**

*No Report*

**Cllr. Simmons**

*No Report*

**Clerk**

*Oil spillage has recurred in Crowberry Lane. SSW, Severn Trent and Environment Agency to be involved in resolving.*

**12. Correspondence**

1. Bridge at Wishaw lane on the T9 towards A4091 has rotted away and needs replacing.
2. ICO renewal paid £40 data protection office.

**13. Planning matters**

1. Jon Zako applied for new opening onto Coppice Lane. Agreed providing that the original entrance on 'Woods lane' no longer in use.
2. Atlantic Nurseries land appear to be host to around 50 lorry movements delivering large plastic crate like structures , this would appear to contravene the agreement reached with NWBC planning who are aware of this latest development.

**14. Finance Report**

**Financial summary**

Balance at bank 29.1.2021	A/c 00411787	£35,394.94
Plus deposits not shown		<u>£0.00</u>

sub total **£34,731.49**

**C/N Description**



<b>Unpresented cheques</b>		2189	envirolsabs	-£196.00
	None	2191	Unique Metalworks	-£780.00
		2192	wages	-£998.68
		2193	NWBC play area	-£53.94
		2194	DPR fees	-£40.00
<b>Sub total</b>				<b><u>-£2,068.62</u></b>

**sub total** **£31,686.68**

<b>Less cheques to be written</b>			wages february	-£998.68
			hedge cutting VG	-£780.00
			Grant over sixties	-£100.00
			Xmas tree Hill lane	-£40.00
			Cppice lane groundwork EST	-£200.00
			Djenkins ramblers rest	-£216.00
			telephone box paint	-£34.00
			Phone Box EST	-£120.00
				<b><u>-£2,488.68</u></b>
			subtotal	<b><u>£28,217.01</u></b>

**Note**

carpark funding ring fenced		-
<b>total unallocated funds available</b>		<b><u>£10,000.00</u></b>
		<b><u>£18,217.01</u></b>

**Capital reserve fund A/c 29525357 (5.11.2020)**

opening balance		<b><u>£7,367.93</u></b>
interest		<u>£0.06</u>
new balance		<b><u>£7,368.06</u></b>
£4000 is rent deposit		

<b>Available funds in current account A/c 00411787</b>	11/02/2021	£28,217.01
<b>Available funds in reserve account A/c 29525357</b>	04/09/2020	£3,368.06
<b>Grand total</b>		<b><u>£31,585.07</u></b>

**Notes on expenditure end of Q4**

play area VG groundworks	quote		-£9,540.00
Re-build bus shelter	quotes being sort	circa	-£5,000.00
Basketball net	quotes being sort	circa	-£1,500.00
new equipment Toddlers	quotes being sort	circa	-£3,000.00
wages March			£998.68
expences	est		-£100.00



£18,141.32

**sub  
total**

£3,320.97

**income**

MCC

Feb

£1,000.00

March

£1,000.00

total

£2,000.00

**15. Public Questions and Comments.**

*No public present*

**16. The Chair proposes**

*None.*

**17. Any other business**

**18. Date of next meeting**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021 6pm**

**Meeting closed at 8.05 pm**

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