



MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Date 24/01/2019

Present Councillors

Gill Keegan (GK) Chairman
Graham Smith Vice Chairman
Peter Rotherham (PR)
Jack Everill (JE)
Pete Rawlins (PRaw)

Clerk in Attendance Tony Harris (TH)

Public in Attendance; None

1. Apologies

Andy Jenns (AJ) County Cllr (illness prevents attendance)

2. Police surgery

PC Jane Owen attended:

Key issues discussed were cars parked on the footpaths blocking pedestrian/ pushchair access. It was noted that it is a balancing act between allowing traffic to move freely and allowing pedestrians to have footpath access. Police to monitor the situation.

Cllr. Rotherham noted that cars still speed through the village and his car in particular had been damaged twice.

One pedestrian pathway had been the subject of a complaint in that access was blocked. The Path ran directly through a villager's rear garden and that it had in the past attracted criminal activity. PC Owen confirmed there had been a number of burglaries to the adjoining property, the meeting also noted that unsuccessful attempts had been made at the property where the path ran. The MPC had also reported that drug taking was a problem in Green lane as reported to PC Ramsell some months back. One resident collected 40 vodka bottles while litter picking. Based on these incidents MPC will seek a gating order and try to have the pathway closed or redirected.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary or other interests.

None,

4. Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 18.10.2018.

The previous minutes were duly signed by Chairman Cllr. Keegan

5. Matters arising

- a) *The designs for the "Votes for Women" were considered and the sculpture of a lady in chains was thought to be the favourite design. Cllr. Keegan raised the issue of*



- location, as it was important that the statue get maximum exposure. All agreed that the front of the Village Hall would be the best location and was unanimously agreed.*
- b) Cllr. Keegan and the Clerk to meet up to discuss Web page design for the MPC. Web site prior to meeting*
 - c) Cllr. Keegan to arrange meeting with Jim Ellis too discuss design changes of Web site, this is to be confirmed.*
 - d) Cllr. Rawlins stated that the work on sealing the bandstand would be actioned as and when weather permitted as a heavy vehicle was needed and could churn the VG up if wet.*
 - e) Bus shelter needed a technical drawing and the clerk will look into costs..*
 - f) Welcome sign at Coppice lane (costed at around £1500 plus VAT) to be ordered and installation carried out as soon as possible. Cost of installation was £300 and wild flower sowing estimated at £250. Clerk to provide PDF of Middleton logo to be sent to Glasdon on the manufacturer.*
 - g) Plaques for the opening of the Bandstand have been ordered and presentation time and date to be arranged by the clerk in conjunction with Cllr. Keegan who will present said trophies.*
 - h) PC Ramsell confirmed as our community liaison officer.*
 - i) 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.*
 - j) Mark Simpson was unable to make our January meeting but will be invited to our February meeting to discuss planning issues.*

NEW ACTIONS

- 1.** Clerk to contact Mark Kennel regarding road sweeping in Middleton.
- 2.** Grit bin needs filling at Allen End, Clerk to arrange.
- 3.** T15 ground uneven issues Clerk to raise with John Bardsley footpath officer.
- 4.** Clerk to approach Mr Tanner to ask for his kind cooperation in asking staff to park at the far end of the nursery.
- 5.** Clerk to look into adding more Forest bark in the play area.
- 6.** Clerk to consider where allotments might be sited and possible demand.
- 7.** Clerk to write to Cllr. Jenns protesting at the proposed closure of Coleshill fire station.
- 8.** Clerk to report garage doors to NWBC
- 9.** Investigate path wedding as reported by Councillor Rawlins
- 10.** Clerk to report the various potholes around the Parish

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

- 1.** Clerk - to consider changes the website. Cllr. Keegan to arrange meeting.
- 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 (February)

CLOSED ACTIONS

6. Reports of Councillors and Clerk

Cllr. Keegan

- a. *Cllr. Keegan updated the MPC on a recent meeting with HS2 groundworks team and Jonathan Lord and identified that HS2 contractors were available for carrying out community work such as working on Village Hall or the nature reserve.*
- b. *Pot holes have appeared in Church Lane Coppice Lane and by the Ford in Crowberry lane and these should be reported.*
- 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.*
- d. *Two garage doors are left open and banging on windy days Clerk to contact NWBC.*
- e. *Cllr. Keegan suggested the clerk should write to Jonathan Lord and Andy DeBell regarding help with the proposed nature reserve*

Cllr. Smith

- a. *Grit bin empty at Allen End*

Cllr. Rawlins

- a. *Pointed out that the T15 pathway had some bad bends with uneven ground from the church lane to Crowberry lane/Park lane pathway junction*
- b. *Cllr. Rawlins had been approached by residents opposite the school to ask if cars owned by the nursery staff could be parked near the Green man end as it made exiting houses more difficult.*
- c. *Raised the issue of street cleaning in Church lane particularly.*
- d. *The Susan Pallet play area could do with some more forest bark Cllr Rawlins suggested.*
- e. *Cllr. Rawlins had been approached about the possibility of allotments being established in the village.*
- f. *Raised issue of Path weeding Clerk to investigate.*

Cllr. Rotherham

- a. *Raised the issue of the proposed closure of Coleshill Fire station and the impact this might have on our Parish as it would entail the loss of two local fire engines and their*



- crews. Clerk to write to Cllr. Jenns protesting at this proposed action
- b. The Slade road Tamworth Road was still causing major concern and it appears Staffordshire Council are not listening.
 - c. Houses at the top end of coppice lane near the Butchers lane turning were having issues by dogs on the loose.

Cllr. Everill

- a. Raised issue of Ford again not being cleaned and said he had been advised that he needed to cut back branches on his land, Cllr. Everill said he would be doing this work at his own cost, to allow future cleaning by **NWBC**

CLLr. Jenns

- a. No new report as absent due to illness

7 Samuel White Trust and other Community Organisations

- a. Two places on the committee were needing to be filled.

8. High Speed Rail Line

- a. Clerk had written to Tahir Ahmed about re-scheduling a nature reserve site visit for HS2

9. Community Centre

Letter sent to inform tenant of rent increase in January

10. Village Green Development

Band stand still awaiting sealing when weather improves

11. Middleton Recreation Room

The hall is on a much better financial footing thanks to Cllr. Smith and Cllr. Rawlins efforts.

12.Planning Matters

17/12/2018	Moxhull Hall Hotel Holly	Single storey side extension for an orangery
20/12/2018	Hunts Green Farm Wishaw Lane Middleton	Replacement of existing agricultural building, approved under PAP/2017/0141 for use for self-storage - with new building on the same footprint for self-storage (use class B8)

13. Correspondence since last meeting dated 18/10/2018



NWBC/WCC:

- Quote for bin collection and play area inspection
- Car boots in 2019

General.

- Visit to Coleshill Fire station
- Votes for women designs
- Plaques for bandstand opening
- Anti-social behaviour new event
- Nature reserve awaiting study
- Rights of way issue- John Bardsley site visit
- Wild flowers – Tamworth Council
- MCC rent
- No response from Grayling
- HS2 visit requested-Nature reserve

WALC

Elections next May notice in MM/spoke with David Harris

14. Finance Report.

Balance at bank 15.1.2019	A/c 00411787	<u>£7,993.35</u>
Plus deposits not shown		
Less cheques not accounted for		
	CN	
	Prontaprint Dec inv.	2064
		-£274.73
Sub total		<u>£7,718.62</u>
Less cheques to be written following approval		
	Clerk wages (Jan. 2019)	-£665.79
	Prontaprint (estimate) February 2019	-£200.00
	sign groundworks ie sign erection	-£300.00
	exclusive of	
	Sign post VAT	-£1,500.00
	Grounds maintenance NWBC VAT to be added	-£613.07
	Data protection registration	-£40.00
	Plaques for band stand opening -estimate	-£50.00
sub total		-£3,368.86
balance total		<u>£4,349.76</u>
Capital reserve fund A/c 29525357		£7,345.73
interest		£1.25
		<u>£7,346.98</u>



£4000 is rent deposit

-£4,000.00

Available funds in current account A/c 00411787

£4,349.76

Available funds in reserve account A/c 29525357

£3,346.98

Grand total

£7,696.74

Notes

1. MCC rent due 25.3.2019

£5,290.00

2. Possible £40 MM revenues

£40.00

3. VAT can be collected

£3,268.55

4. womans vote memorial- estimate

-1200

£7,398.55

**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 February 2019 at 6.30pm**

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed _____ **Date** _____