



MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE RECREATION ROOM
CHURCH LANE MIDDLETON
Date 19/1/2021 Meeting 7 of 2021/22

Present Councillors

Gill Keegan Chair (GK) Chair
Peter Rotherham (PR) Vice-chair
Cllr. James Beamish (JB)
Graham Smith (GS)

Quorum so meeting went ahead.

1. Apologies

Andy Jenns County Councillor (AJ) (prior meeting)
Mark Simpson Borough Councillor (MS) (Unwell)
Peter Rawlins (PRw) (Work commitments)

Clerk in Attendance Tony Harris (TH)

Public in attendance

None.

2. Police Surgery

None

3. Declarations of Pecuniary or other interests.

None

4. Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 17/11/2021

The previous minutes were duly signed Chairman Cllr Keegan

5. Matters Arising

- a. It was noted that the Coppice Lane notice area was looking much better although there seems to be persistent low level fly tipping there.*
- b. It was agreed to fit the new speed camera and test then if that works place the second order which has previously been agreed.*
- c. Remote camera on Wishaw Lane still under discussion.*
- d. The over 60s dinner club grant will be handed over tomorrow 20.1.2022 to Diana Crockett treasurer of the group.*
- e. Middleton need to consider the Queens jubilee celebrations and a statue by the sculptor who made the Woman's vote and initial quote has been received and the clerk has sort, a second quote to ensure value for money. Based on this the Council*



unanimously agreed to proceed with the project and order. This will be the principal memorial to the Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations and also an acknowledgement to Middleton's equine heritage.

- f. Investigate concrete base for seating on V.G. Clerk to meet with Russel who cuts the grass to determine the best distance to put them to enable grass cutting in between*
- g. Cllr. Smith raised the issue of additional storage in the compound area and proposed that a 20ft container be purchased to store all the fete stands freeing up space in the main storage unit, he also proposed that initially it is sited on the village Hall carpark so that it could store tables and chairs while the main extension is being built.*
- h. Green Lane flooding seems to be ok however a resident has again been harassed by a walker over a right of way, who having failed in a court action is once again causing concern, it was noted that the Clerk had threatened him with legal action if he continued to harass councillors of Middleton and Police have now visited his home to advise he ceases his one-man crusade or he could face arrest. The individual lives in Erdington and is talking about further legal action against the Middleton resident.*
- i. Pollarding of the Damson Trees has been actioned however no quotes or authority to proceed were received or given, Clerk to investigate.*
- j. Cllr. Keegan raised the issue of where we are with the new Lease. Clerk explained it was with our Solicitors but no update has been received either from our Solicitor or indeed the tenant's solicitor.*
- k.*

NEW ACTIONS

Ref	What	Who	When
N1	<i>Order second speed camera following trial installation scheduled for 22.1.2022</i>	Clerk	January
N2	<i>Investigate concrete base for seating on V.G.</i>		
N3	<i>Get competitive quote to ensure value for money and based on Neil Marshalls Sculpture being less expensive proceed with the order</i>	Clerk	January
N4	<i>Investigate why the pollarding of damson trees was done without a quote or authority to go ahead given</i>	Clerk	January/February
N5	<i>Chase current Status of the New Lease</i>	Clerk	January
N6			
N7	<i>With Cllr. Smith the clerk to obtain quotes and purchase a 20ft container</i>	Clerk/ Cllr. Smith	January/February

PENDING / ONGOING ACTIONS

Ref	What	Who	When
P1	<i>TRAVELLERS REST</i> <i>Two new fascia boards to be fitted to complete the structure</i>	Clerk/Cllr Rawlins	January
P2	<i>PLAYAREA</i> <i>Still awaiting quotes so Clerk will look at other</i>	Clerk/Cllr Rawlins	January



	<i>suppliers. Cllr Rawlins is to provide a site contact in Devon</i>		
P3	VILLAGE HALL <i>This looks to be very long-winded process just to get WIFI so Cllr Keegan to investigate sim card option</i>	Clerk	November
P4	LIBRARY <i>Remedial work on the door to be completed</i>	Clerk	January
P5	MCC 15year LEASE <i>To be based on an initial 5year rent increase based on RPI after this both parties would agree to continue with RPI or if it was deemed that commercial rent value was not being achieved a new process agreed. we need to set up a mechanism for rent increases the options appear to be a) linked to property valuation and rents in similar establishments b) link rent increases to the Retail Price Index c) a negotiated rent profile. All three options would be over a 5year period to allow re alignment and agreement with the next 5year profile. Solicitor costs paid by the tenant. Clerk to discuss with Dan</i>	Clerk	
P6	<i>Will Jenkins has been approached regarding pollarding damson tree but no quote received work completed but no authority to proceed given so under investigation</i>	Clerk	CHASE
P7	Speed Cameras. <i>One received a second to be order on successful installation of the second</i>		
P8	PARTY IN THE PARK <i>Maybe merge with Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Additional bank holiday in June expected.</i>	All	March-May
P9	<i>Chase Garages status with Angela Coates-noted this will be the third time of chasing</i>	Clerk	November
P10	<i>Travellers rest sign to be ordered by the clerk with an initial budget of £200 set.</i>	Cllr. Beamish	
P11	<i>It was unanimously agreed to purchase two remote cameras for wildlife monitoring and impact of HS2 works on our local biodiversity (see project costings). Cllr. Beamish has quote</i>	Cllr Beamish	January
P12	<i>Cllr. Keegan to look into new sim card solution for WIFI in village hall</i>	Cllr Keegan	February
P13	<i>Investigate concrete base for seating on V.G. with Russel</i>	Clerk	January/ February

CLOSED ACTIONS SINCE LAST MEETING

Ref	
C1	



C2	
C3	
C4	
C5	<i>RE HS2 works. Investigate Drone video over the area Film maker? the aim is to chart the impact of HS2 on the area. Video obtained</i>
C6	<i>Grant of £100 awarded to the over 60 plus club passed to Diana Crockett</i>
C6	

KEY FINANCIAL PROJECTS 2021/22

Ref	What	Quotes	Budgeted cost	Actual cost
K2	GARAGES (Church Lane) <i>NWBC still keen to go ahead with the scheme but will now be later in the year due to Covid 19. This is now a new financial year 2021/22 project realistically. Angela Coates to review timescales project has been on hold since 2018. Clerk to chase again</i>	On Hold	£10,000 EMR	
K3	CEF Grant (HS2) <i>Grant to be submitted before end of September 2021 this is a grant application for £75,000 the Clerk has submitted for the building of a new function room onto the Village Hall at the rear. MPC have promised a grant of £500 towards the build if grant is awarded.</i>	N/A	(£75,000) Value of Grant applied for	MPC contribution £500
K4	PLAYAREA <i>A full set of costs is being sought from various suppliers based on steel constructed items to improve longevity of play equipment.</i>	£23,000 First quote		
K7	ROAD SPEED CAMERAS <i>The Council agreed to order one speed camera initially with 4 batteries, Clerk to order once second quote and technical comparisons made, unless budget figure is exceeded then council will need to again review. IT was agreed to order a second camera based on same terms.</i>	Camera £2050 batteries at £70 based on initial quotes plus vat	£3,000	£2692.80
K8	MOBILE CAMERAS <i>For detection of fly tipping and other crimes</i>	Camera £474 per camera sim card £10 month	£1250	



K9	HILL LANE NOTICEBOARD <i>It was agreed to purchase a new noticeboard the same as recently installed at Travellers Rest but on metal poles clerk to complete purchase based on budget of £2500 any amount over this will need to be referred back to MPC for additional approval</i>	£2500	£2500	2448.80
K10	APNR Cameras <i>Council agreed to investigate further APNR cameras throughout the Parish. Initial camera to be sourced for Wishaw Lane following the theft of two caravans from Hunts Green. Remote cameras on Wishaw Lane are being investigated with two quotes received. A trial is being conducted to identify the correct choice. Data as and when required. The theft demonstrates that Middleton needs robust deterrents. A second quote to be obtained but MPC agreed purchase as long as budget not exceeded for Wishaw Lane</i>	1200/1700	£1700	
K11	Horse Sculpture <i>A second quote to be obtained to ensure value for money and if Neil Marshalls sculpture is at a lower cost, it was unanimously agreed to proceed with the purchase</i>	Initial quote £5,500 Second quote £35,000	£5,500	

6. Samuel White Trust and other Community Organisations

- a. *It was agreed that the Middleton Nature reserve would be a closed area with hides on the perimeter and annual organised visits for those interested this was agreed to preserve wildlife and their habitat*

7. High Speed Rail Line

Video footage of the nature reserve taken by HS2 BBV has now been received

8. Community Centre

- *No update from Solicitor Clerk to chase4*

9. Village Green Development

a. *Playground inspection some remedial work needs to be considered along with new equipment so it was agreed for a meeting to take place t Saturday 22 January 2022 on the village green to look at three particular issues:*

1. *what remedial work can be done on the play area.*
2. *Potential citing of the benches onto permanent locations*



3. *where to site the new statue*

10. Middleton Recreation Room

- a. *New Porch looks almost finished*
- b. *Grant of just under £75,000 obtained through HS2 Groundworks for new extension*

11. Reports of Councillors and Clerk

Cllr. Keegan

- a. *A resident has raised what is being organised for the Queens jubilee. It was unanimously that events need to be driven by local groups, however a commemorative statue would be installed and a picnic in the park organised with a band but individuals would have to bring their own food and drink. Th Parish Council will look to assist directly with Grants and also help residents with outside grants.*
- b. *Despite requests to HS2 BBV no satisfactory correspondence has been received concerning the height of the flyover sited at the Park Lane junction.*

Cllr. Smith

- a. *No Reports*

Cllr. Beamish

- a. *No Reports*

Cllr. Rotherham

- a. *Some Hill Lane residents are concerned about the Langley/Peddimore housing and industrial estate developments, Cllr Rotherham explained that this there were three areas of concern 1. Additional traffic especially at Bassets Pole Island 2. Increased water run off and impact of flooding at Langley brook and 3. Potential for building at the rear of Hill Lane*
- b.

Cllr. Rawlins

- a. *No Reports*

Cllr. Jenns

No Reports

Cllr. Simmons

No Reports

12. Correspondence NWBC/WCC

Angela Coates update

General.

Data Protection

Insurance 12/1/2022



Queens jubilee horse/tree planting/party?

HMRC

Lease

Village Hall extension no update

List of spend options

VAT

Precept

Mr Norris

Grounds Maintenance //£649.84

WALC

New courses end of year

13. Planning matters

PAP/2021/0666/8/12/2021 Aston Villa new telecoms pole installation

PAP/2021/070223/12/2021 Demolition of Garages Church Lane

PAP/2021/069324/12/2021 Cross Green house, Green Lane loft conversion 4 Dorma windows

Pap/2021/0610/ 12/2021 WOOD FARM Coppice Lane new build opposite

14. Finance Report

Middleton Parish Council 2021/2022

Capital reserve fund A/c 29525357 (3.12.2021)

opening balance	<u>7,368.80</u>
interest	<u>0.06</u>
new balance	<u>7,368.86</u>
£4000 is rent deposit	

Current Account 00411787 (30.12.2021)

Financial summary

Balance at bank	A/c 00411787			<u>34,056.60</u>
<u>Unpresented cheques</u>	<u>C/N</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	
	2248	09/11/2021	Speed sign	- 2,692.80
	2255	05/01/2022	Insurance	- 1,620.15
			Subtotal	<u>29,743.65</u>
				29,743.65
	Est		HMRC	- 60.00



2257	19/01/2022	60+ grant	-
			100.00
2256	19/01/2022	Data protection	-
			40.00
	Est	wages	-
			798.68
2258	19/01/2022	Insurance	-
			50.00
			<u>28,694.97</u>

Notes

** No knowledge yet of when audit will be finalised or additional costs so figure is precautionary

Income	MCC rent	2,028.00
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15. Public Questions and Comments.

No public present

16. The Chair proposes

None.

17. Any other business

Meeting closed at 8.00 pm

Signed _____ **Date** _____

Date of next meeting 19/12/2021