



**MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE RECREATION ROOM**  
**CHURCH LANE MIDDLETON**  
**Date 17/1/2023**

**Present Councillors**

**Cllr. James Beamish (JB) Chair**  
**Cllr. Adrian Bell (AB)**  
**Cllr. Alex Helliwell (AH)**  
**Cllr. Gill Keegan (GK)**  
**Cllr. Andy Jenns County Councillor (AJ)**  
**Cllr. Peter Rotherham**

**1. Apologies**

**Mark Simpson Borough Councillor (MS) (prior meeting)**  
**Sandra Smith Borough Councillor (SS) (prior meeting)**

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

**Public in attendance**

*There were several members of the public in attendance who raised two topics of concern impacting the parish of Middleton and the Village in particular.;*

- a. *Residents were concerned that a new planning application submitted By NWBC housing to build a garden building for habitation set a bad precedent for future developments in the Village as the gardens were small would have a negative impact on neighbours. The sense of outrage in the village was on a scale not seen before by MPC councillors. It was noted that unhappy residents should submit letters of objection to either MPC who would pass them on or sent directly to NWBC.*
- b. *A second issue was raised by a resident into pavement parking in the Village and questioned why MPC had done nothing about the issue. It was noted that this issue had been looked at before with Warwickshire County Council (WCC) Highways and they were against any yellow lines being installed near to the junction to Coppice Lane which was a particularly problematic site.  
*Parking on pavements outside of London is not an offence, despite what is stated in the highway code. WCC have no enforcement powers to police the issue and while the police can leave notices and in some cases ticket a vehicle if it is completely blocking a pavement this is not going to be an ongoing activity of the police. The issue being narrow rural roads such as church lane have to permit large agricultural vehicles' and HGVs to use the road. MPC councillors fully acknowledge that it would be better if no vehicles were parked on the pavement but have no enforcement capabilities especially when a lot of the vehicles tend to be parcel delivery vans. We would however, appeal to all residents to stop parking on pavements**



On these two issues MPC agreed the following actions;

- To write to NWBC planning objecting to the proposed development in Church Lane and to pass on any written objections received this was unanimously agreed with the Clerk instructed to coordinate.
- Clerk to contact the Police and WCC to ascertain the legal position should this differ from what was presented at the meeting.
- A letter to residents politely asking residents not to park on the pavement to be considered at next meeting or an article in Middleton Matters, Clerk to Draft for consideration.
- Cllr. Jenns to raise issue with WCC Highways

## **2. Declarations of Pecuniary or other interests.**

*None*

## **4. Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 9/11/2022**

*The previous minutes were duly signed Chair Cllr Beamish*

## **5. Matters Arising**

- Chair Councillor Beamish recognised the support given by former Councillors Graham Smith and Peter Rawlins in their many years of service to the community. Cllr Beamish then welcomed our two new co-opted councillors Cllr. Adrian Bell and Cllr. Alex Helliwell who bring new skills to our Council*
- It was raised that insurance inspections may need to be made regularly. This however is not required as it is a commercial lease and a full repair lease. It was further noted that a final version of the lease with some minor amendments would soon be available for signature. One outstanding issue was that WCC had to sign off any new lease agreement to ensure that any covenants put on the original sale of the school to MPC were not infringed. Clerk chasing with WCC and our solicitor.*
- The need to obtain electricity supply to the garage site was raised and Cllr Bell agreed to work with the Clerk to arrange this with National power. Cllr. Bell has experience in electrical installations and his assistance would be of great help.*
- WIFI, installation has been completed after countless attempts by the Village Hall committee to achieve this with a number of suppliers who failed to deliver.*
- An APNR camera operational at Allen End. Another site identified at Crowberry Lane.*
- Play area meetings are to be arranged to discuss options with suppliers and grant submitted for £10,000*



### NEW ACTIONS

Ref	What	Who	When
N1	Meeting at garage site re electric doors etc	All	9/2/2023
N2	Speak to nursery tenant about parents speeding through the village and send follow up letter	Clerk	February

### PENDING / ONGOING ACTIONS

Ref	What	Who	When
P2	<b>PLAYAREA</b> Cllr Keegan to look at new equipment options with suppliers and complete a grant application for £10,000. MPC voted a 2022/3 budget of £15k inclusive of VAT	Cllr Keegan	March
P3	<b>VILLAGE HALL</b> Village Hall Committee to source have installed WIFI <b>£186.00 cheque raised and paid to VH</b>	Clerk	November
P5	<b>MCC 15year LEASE</b> Lease ready for signature	Clerk	February
P9	Garages cleared and awaiting electricity supply and electric gate quotes	Clerk	March
P10			
P11	It was unanimously agreed to purchase one remote cameras for wildlife monitoring and impact of HS2 works on our local biodiversity and site another ANPR camera at Allen End	Clerk	February

### CLOSED ACTIONS SINCE LAST MEETING

Ref	



## KEY FINANCIAL PROJECTS 2021/22

Ref	What	Quotes	Budgeted cost	Actual cost
<b>K2</b>	<b><i>GARAGES (Church Lane)</i></b> <i>Garages have been emptied and demolished and plans are to be drawn up for a new community facility</i>	Partial electricity connection charges in but obtaining electric gate quotes proving challenging	£10,000 EMR This figure may need to revised due too large increases in all building estimates	
<b>K4</b>	<b><i>PLAY AREA Repair</i></b> <i>has been discounted due to recent structural issues</i>	Awaiting quotes	£15,000 2022/23 £10,000 grant	
<b>K8</b>	<b><i>MOBILE CAMERAS</i></b> <i>For wildlife use one camera to be ordered</i> <b><i>Quote to be obtained for another APNR site</i></b>	Camera £474 per camera sim card £10 month	£500	<b>March</b>

### 6. Samuel White Trust and other Community Organisations

a. *Nothing to report*

7. **High Speed Rail Line** Clerk in discussion regarding Church Lane closure

8. We are seeing problems with traffic issues on the A4091 and increased traffic flows on the A446.

9. **Middleton United Foundation Trust-** Bob Webb due to ill health and no longer being a local resident has resigned from the Trust so MPC have a right under the constitution to propose a trustee.

### 10. Village Green Development

a. *Cllr. Keegan has initial £15,000 budget to investigate equipment and costs.*

### 10. Middleton Recreation Room

a. *New Extension completed opened at an event for those who contributed time and materials to make it possible.*

### 11. Reports of Councillors and Clerk

#### **Cllr. Keegan**

a. *Cllr Beamish signatory to the cheque book needs to be concluded so that we have three signatories. Cllr Beamish agreed to complete this before next meeting*



- b. *Pot hole filled at Coppice Lane and kerbs have now been repaired in Church Lane*

**Cllr. Beamish**

- a. *An issue with speeding cars through the village is being reported with some from patrons being parents from the Nursery. Clerk to speak to Tenant and put MPC concerns in writing*

**Cllr. Rotherham**

- a. *There is continued fly tipping on the A4091.*  
b. *Parking on road outside Villa training ground at Bodymoor Heath an issue.*  
c. *It should be noted that there has been a spate of deaths in the Village over the Christmas period.*

**Cllr. Bell**

*No reports*

**Cllr. Helliwell**

No report

**Cllr. Jenns**

*No Reports*

**12. Correspondence (Clerk)**

**WALC**

Nothing to report

**Training**

Nothing to report

**WCC**

Paintings to Middleton Hall Cllr. Jenns grant award

**NWBC**

1. **Precept**
2. **Village Hall carpark**

**General**

1. Police response to Village mugging at car boot
2. Garages
3. Ongoing Severn Trent issue Tamworth Road



4. Camera installation at Archers/business watch
5. Insurance 1-3 years
6. Lease agreement
7. Data protection fee £40
8. Garden development

### 13. Planning matters

#### Application Details

Reference number	PAP/2022/0606
Old Reference Number	
Portal Ref	
Site Location	22 Church Lane Middleton

Proposal	B78 2AW Erection of single storey ancillary outhouse to rear garden
Received Date	18/11/2022
Valid Date	22/12/2022
Stat.Expiry Date	16/02/2023
Decision	Decision Pending

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Middleton Hall - Middleton Hall Trust Tamworth Road Middleton Tamworth Warwickshire	B78 2BD	Proposed repair and re-covering of The Great Hall roof, reforming / reconstruction of the eaves gutters and flat roofed areas surrounding the main part of The Great Hall roof and to the east side of the West Wing roof, new
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<a href="#">PAP/2022/0537</a>				rainwater outlets and disposal arrangements.
		26/10/2022	The Willow Tree Coppice Lane Middleton Tamworth	Double storey rear extension with new roof to dormer and proposed porch
<a href="#">PAP/2022/0541</a>	24/10/2022		Wood Farm Coppice Lane Middleton B78 2BT	Proposed single storey rear extension and first floor extension
<a href="#">PAP/2022/0595</a>	17/11/2022		Holly Lane Farm Holly Lane Middleton Tamworth B76 9PE	Erection of a detached dwelling following the demolition of existing structures on the site

## 14. Financials

### MPC Financials 17/1/2023

Available funds in current account A/c 00411787	30/12/2022	£32,274.36
Available funds in reserve account A/c 29525357	05/01/2023	£7,384.95
Grand total		<b><u>£39,659.31</u></b>

#### Unpresented cheques

name	what	C/N	date	value
MRR	WIFI	2325	10/10/2022	-£186.84
HMRC	tax/NI		12/12/2022	£204.22
NWBC	Inspection MPC	2342	05/01/2023	-£55.56
Gallagher Ins.	Insurance	2347	09/01/2023	-£1,887.94
HMRC	tax/NI	2345	31/12/2022	-£201.21
Lodge Farm	Plants	2342	14/12/2022	-£113.75
P Jenkins	Planting	2343	14/12/2022	-£64.00
			withdrawals	-£2,305.08
	<b>A/C 00411787</b>	<b>Current a/c</b>	<b>subtotal</b>	<b>£29,969.28</b>

cheques to be signed

name	what	c/n	date	value
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Clerk	Wages	2344	31/12/2022	-£830.68
HMRC	tax/NI	2345	31/12/2022	-£204.22
			withdrawals	-£1,034.90
	<b>A/C</b>	<b>Current</b>		
	<b>00411787</b>	<b>a/c</b>	<b>subtotal</b>	<b>£28,934.38</b>

net available funds in current account A/c 00411787

projected January income £2,028.00

<b>A/C</b>	<b>Current</b>		
<b>00411787</b>	<b>a/c</b>	<b>total</b>	<b><u>£30,962.38</u></b>
<b>A/c</b>	<b>Saving</b>		
<b>29525357</b>	<b>a/c</b>	<b>total</b>	<b><u>£7,384.95</u></b>

Notes

1. Small amount of interest accrues each month on savings a/c

#### 15. Public Questions and Comments.

#### 16. The Chair proposes

*None.*

#### 17. Any other business

**Meeting closed at 8.55 pm**

**Signed**

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

**Date of next meeting 21/2/2022**