



MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE RECREATION 00ROOM
CHURCH LANE MIDDLETON
Date 21/3/2023

Present Councillors

Cllr. Adrian Bell (AB)
Cllr. Alex Helliwell (AH)
Cllr. Gill Keegan (GK)
James Beamish MPC Chair

1. Apologies

Mark Simpson Borough Councillor (MS) (prior meeting)
Sandra Smith Borough Councillor (SS) (prior meeting)
Cllr. Andy Jenns County Councillor (AJ)
Cllr. Peter Rotherham Vice Chair (PR)

Clerk in Attendance Tony Harris (TH)

2. Police Surgery

3. Declarations of Pecuniary or other interests.

None

4. Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 17/1/2023

The previous minutes were duly signed Vice Chair Cllr Rotherham

5. Matters Arising

- a. *Update on the Church Lane Planning application no decision made as far as we are aware*
- b. *Car parking has been included in Middleton Matters chairs report*
- c. *An EPC has been completed and a second cheque has been hand delivered by the Clerk the first cheque has been cancelled at the bank by Cllr. Keegan.*
- d. *Quotes for supply have been requested from National Grid and received.*
- e. *It was unanimously agreed to order nature camera but a meeting to discuss how the software from all cameras can be used and scope and costs should be looked at Cllr. Helliwell agreed to be the lead councillor on the project.*
- f. *Play area equipment to be ordered following a final negotiation, with costs estimated at £32k plus VAT Councillors agreed to the budget being revised to reflect this with VAT being able to be reclaimed giving net cost circa £32K Grants totalling £12,250 have been awarded totalling*
- g. *Quotes for gates for the Garage area have been received but will be put on hold as budget priority has gone to the Play area until funds are replenished.*
- h.

NEW ACTIONS



Ref	What	Who	When
N1	<i>Meeting at garage site re electric doors etc</i>	CLERK	16/3/2023
N2	<i>Order new nature Camera</i>	Clerk	March
N3	<i>Budget to be produced for next meeting</i>	Clerk	March
N4	<i>Calculate VAT owing</i>	Clerk	March

PENDING / ONGOING ACTIONS

Ref	What	Who	When
P1	PLAYAREA <i>Cllr Keegan/Lucy Smith to look at new equipment options with suppliers and MPC voted a 2022/3 budget of £32k exclusive of VAT</i>	Cllr Keegan	March
P2	MCC 15year LEASE <i>all signed and awaiting WCC sign off</i>	Clerk	March
P3	<i>Garages cleared and awaiting electricity supply and electric gate quotes-Ongoing</i>	Clerk	August

CLOSED ACTIONS SINCE LAST MEETING

Ref	
K8	Mobile camera ordered and aquired

KEY FINANCIAL PROJECTS 2021/22

Ref	What	Quotes	Budgeted cost	Actual cost
K2	GARAGES (Church Lane) <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 will need to revised due too large increases in all building estimates Quotes have been acquired	
K4	PLAYAREA <i>New equipment</i>	Creative Play selected at a	£28,000 2022/23 £12,250 grant	June installation



	<i>ordered</i>	cost of circa £38000	obtained/awarded	completion
K8	MOBILE CAMERAS <i>For wildlife use one camera to be ordered</i> Quote to be obtained for another APNR site	Camera £474 per camera sim card £10 month	£151.20	ordered and received

6. Reports of Councillors and Clerk

Cllr. Keegan

- a. *The Notice board at Ash end had been removed and was propped up at the side, Clerk to look into removal but did not have a vehicle to do this personally.*

Cllr. Beamish

- a. *Cllr Beamish reported that two youths with balaclava hats on drove through the Village acting suspiciously their registration was noted and Clerk actioned to report the incident top the police. **Action completed***

Cllr. Rotherham

No reports

Cllr. Bell

No reports

Cllr. Helliwell

No reports

Cllr. Jenns

No Reports

Cllr. Simmons

No Reports

Cllr. Smith

No reports

7. Samuel White Trust and other Community Organisations

Nothing to report

8. High Speed Rail Line

Matt Price of BBV gave an update on HS2 works in the area namely



Church Lane will be closed on the 17th of April until 28th April 2023 between the hours of 8am until 6pm each day a further closure will take place on 2nd May 2023 until 26th May 2023 and this will be a 24-hour closure as main utilities will be exposed and need a protective concrete cover laid in layers and the road cannot be reopened during this time frame on safety ground. Large EXVAC machines are being brought in to vac up soil from the utilities including the high-pressure mains gas pipe. Concern was raised at the condition of the ford on Crowberry Lane as this will be the main diversion route. Matt Price explained that HS2(BBV) legally cannot do work on the ford and this was a matter for WCC. It was further stated that a large sum had been donated to WCC by HS2 as a road safety fund.

Subsequent to the full council meeting the clerk met with BBV and WCC highways onsite at Crowberry Lane and it was agreed that large pot holes would be filled in on crowberry lane and one on the junction in Church Lane as a matter of urgency it was also agreed the ford would also be cleared. This work has been completed ahead of road closure.

Other works HS2 will be involved with over the coming months are:

- *Coppice Lane cuttings works begins August 2023*
- *A4091 pilings work begins December*
- *Bridge works still some time away possibly 2/3 years time*
- *Vibration sensors installed at last 2 houses in Church Lane as early warning of any vibration damage issues*

9. Community Centre Matters

Contract signed by MPC awaiting WCC agreement copy of signed document hand delivered by Clerk to our solicitors.

10. Middleton United Foundation Trust

Have generously donated grants to MPC totalling £2,500 towards the play area

11. Village Green Development

Nothing to report

12. Middleton Recreation Room

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

13 Correspondence

WALC

Nothing to report

Training

WCC

NWBC

General

1. VAT report
2. Garages/National grid



3. Ongoing Severn Trent issue Tamworth Road
4. Camera installation at Crowberry Lane and software set up-delayed

Lease agreement WCC never c

14. Planning Matters

Planning

No new applications and no decision on church Lane seen

15 Finance Report

MPC Financials 21/3/2023

Available funds in current account A/c 00411787 15/03/2023 **£42,635.84**

Unpresented cheques

name	what	C/N	date	value
Gallagher	insurance	2347	09/01/2023	-£1,887.94
RJB	APNR		21/02/2023	-£108.00
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R-N property	EPC for MCC		21/02/2023	-£249.00
				<u>-£2,396.14</u>
			Balance	<u>£40,239.70</u>

cheques to be signed/budgeted for

name	what	C/N	date	value
CC direct	subs			-£14.00
wages				-£830.68
HMRC				-£201.21
Prontaprint				-£200.00
Green bins				-£80.00
expenses				-£200.00
grass cutting				-£100.00
VG grass cuttiing				-£400.00
hedge cutting				-£300.00
Contingency				-£200.00
NWBC	dog bins			-£739.34
	A/C 00411787	Current a/c	balance	<u>-£3,265.23</u>

net available funds in current account A/c 00411787 £36,974.47

Play area -£32,000.00



projected March income				£4,974.47
Rent				£2,028.00
MUFT	April			£2,000.00
	A/C 00411787	Current a/c	balance	£14,002.47
Available funds in reserve account A/c 29525357			03/02/2023	£7,395.23

Notes

1. Small amount of interest accrues each month on savings a/c
2. reserve a/c includes £4k held on deposit for MCC

16. Public Questions

Two members of the Public were in attendance and asked questions relating to the play area and garages concerning works proposed.

17 Chair proposes

18. Any other Business

None

19. Date of Next Meeting

25/4/2023

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Signed

Date
