



**MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE RECREATION ROOM**  
**CHURCH LANE MIDDLETON**  
**Date 25/5/2023**

**Present Councillors**

**Cllr. James Beamish Chair (JB)**  
**Cllr. Gill Keegan Vice Chair (GK)**  
**Cllr. Peter Rotherham Vice Chair (PR)**  
**Cllr. Frazer Smith (FS)**  
**Cllr. George Hawkins (GH)**

**1. Apologies**

**Cllr. Andy Jenns WCC**  
**Cllr. Mark Simmons NWBC**

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

**2. Police Surgery**

None

**3. Declarations of Pecuniary or other interests.**

None

**4. Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 25/4/2023**

*The previous minutes were duly signed Vice Chair Cllr Rotherham*

**5. Matters Arising**

- a. The council were extremely concerned about the proposed garden development in Church Lane especially as no news was available and asked the clerk to write to NWBC outlining MPC's concerns and those of local residents.*
- b. Car parking especially on pavements was briefly discussed with recognition that the law is not precise and that managing delivery drivers using the kerb as well as other road users was a difficult task*
- c. An EPC has been completed.*
- d. Due to time new National grid quotes will need to be obtained once gates have been selected Cllr. Smith was obtaining another quote to add to the three so far obtained.*
- e. Nature camera ordered and operational in the nature reserve and awaiting photos to be taken off.*
- f. Play area equipment was being installed and will be ready for the fete this main issue was how quickly the new seeded area would grow*



## NEW ACTIONS

Ref	What	Who	When
N1	<i>Cllr. Keegan to look at new bank mandate changes</i>	Cllr. Keegan	21/6/2023
N2	<i>Tree and tub planting budget set at £150 for Trees and £300 for tubs plus labour</i>	Clerk to inform Mrs Jenkins	20/6/2023
N3	<i>Contact Highways regarding visibility at Coppice Lane A466</i>	Clerk	completed
N4			

## PENDING / ONGOING ACTIONS

Ref	What	Who	When
P1	<b>PLAYAREA</b> <i>MPC voted a 2022/3 budget of £32k exclusive of VAT now increased to £41,257.21</i>	Cllr Keegan	March
P2	<b>MCC 15year LEASE</b> <i>all signed and awaiting WCC sign off</i>	Clerk	March
P3	<i>Garages cleared and awaiting decisions going forward</i>	Clerk	August

## CLOSED ACTIONS SINCE LAST MEETING

Ref	

## KEY FINANCIAL PROJECTS 2021/22

Ref	What	Quotes	Budgeted cost	Actual cost
K2	<b>GARAGES (Church Lane)</b> <i>Garages have been emptied and demolished and plans are to be drawn up for a new community</i>	Partial electricity connection charges in but obtaining electric gate quotes proving	£10,000 EMR This figure will need to revised due too large increases in all building estimates Quotes have been acquired	



	<i>facility</i>	<i>challenging</i>		
<b>K4</b>	<b>PLAY AREA</b> <i>New equipment ordered</i>	Creative Play selected at a	£42,000 final cost of play area	£41257
<b>K8</b>	<b>Quote to be obtained for another APNR site and software installation</b> <b>Quote to be obtained for another APNR site and software installation</b>			

## 6. Reports of Councillors and Clerk

### **Cllr. Keegan**

- a. *Cllr. Keegan suggested additional signatories should be added to the bank mandate and that internet banking should be adopted with safeguards, Cllr. Keegan to action*
- b. *Gates*
- c. *The fence at Coppice Lane in need of repair*
- d. *Car park need to be looked at again as to what we need to do.*
- e. *The new electoral role has properties missing.*
- f. *P. Jenkins had asked for a budget to replace two trees and to replant all the tubs it was unanimously agreed to budget £150 for the trees and £ for the planters £300 plus labour.*
- g. *It has been requested that the bench outside the Church in honour of Peggy Webb be moved as it was often used by walkers. No conclusions were drawn on this request at this point.*
- h. *The Play area needs a new sign Cllr Keegan suggested calling it The Middleton Play area.*
- i. *Cllr. Keegan suggested another addition to the play area might be the inclusion of communication boards for non-verbal autistic children. There was general agreement to look at this.*

### **Cllr. Beamish**

*Nothing to report*

### **Cllr. Rotherham**

- a. *Crowberry lane and Coppice Lane roads are in a terrible state and need to be looked at*
- b. *The band stand needs to have a couple of bands on at various times as community events Cllr. Beamish commented it was a good idea but perhaps the Village needs a social committee to organise such events*

### **Cllr. Hawkins**



*No reports*

**Cllr. Jenns**

*No Reports*

**Cllr. Simmons**

*No Reports*

**Cllr. Smith**

a. *Cllr Smith had conducted a village survey at a list of items that the council should consider in the coming year including:*

- 1. Phone Box needs a little TLC repaint etc*
- 2. Car park needs to be addressed*
- 3. Coppice Lane fence repair*
- 4. Drainage on Coppice Lane bend*
- 5. Hedge needs cutting at the junction of Coppice Lane/A446 to improve visibility*
- 6. Sign by Rugby club Coppice Lane needs attention*
- 7. Sign at Allen end needs attention*
- 8. Travellers rest tidy up*
- 9. Camera software to be looked at*
- 10. Village Hall fencing by horse needs replacing*
- 11. Village Hall parkin in front of hall restricts moms with pushchairs access to the field*
- 12. Dog bins looking old who owns them (MPC)*
- 13. Village green tables should be located on the green in fixed positions*
- 14. Hedge on Village green needs cutting*
- 15. Do we need the shipping container*
- 16. Goal post needs repairing*
- 17. Bandstand top brickwork needs replacing*
- 18. Remove the bench in the bandstand*

**7. Samuel White Trust and other Community Organisations**

*Nothing to report*

**8. High Speed Rail Line**

*Clerk met with Highways and HS2 at Crowberry Lane to ensure that the large pot holes in Crowberry Lane and Church Lane were filled and that the brook was cleared prior to the closure of Church Lane. This was agreed and work was carried out prior to the closure.*

*Rumour that HS2 stage I could be halted are unfounded and economically unviable, stage 2 from near Litchfield to the north is however, currently delayed.*

**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 made a grant of £2000 towards the play area refurbishment*

**11. Village Green Development**

*Site visit by Play area installation team of Creative Play*

**12. Middleton Recreation Room**

Continue their program of local events including Bingo and quiz nights

**13 Correspondence**

**Planning**

No new applications and no decision on 22 church Lane seen

**WALC**

Subscription fees

**Training**

Attending Heritage training session completed

**WCC**

Councilor Grants open

**NWBC**

Nothing to report

**General**

RSK Lab refund obtained

R of W Green Lane court case adjourned to September

Tamworth Rd sewerage works ongoing

**14. Planning Matters**

No new applications and no decision on 22 church Lane seen





**16. Public Questions**

Members of the Public were in attendance and asked questions relating to the garages concerning works proposed.

**17 Chair proposes**

**18. Any other Business**

None

**19. Date of Next Meeting**

**21/6/2023**

**Meeting closed at 8.55 pm**

**Signed**

**Date**

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