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# MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL



## Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 22 May 2024, Middleton Village Hall 6.45pm

Present:

CLlr J Beamish

CLlr F Smith

Apologies:

Attendees : Matt Price BBV

CLlr G Keegan

CLlr G Hawkins

CLlr A Jenns

CLlr P Rotheram

CLlr S Smith

CLlr M Watson

Clerk - Michelle Skinner

36/24	<p><b><u>PUBLIC QUESTIONS:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome to members of the public attending</li> <li>Are sandbags on order to replace those used in recent floods additionally new replacement sand bins and grit bins required , to be installed during summer months <i>M Skinner to action</i></li> <li>Green /Church Lane, Vicarage Hill gullies require cleaning and jetting</li> <li><i>MSk advised Highways have been made aware of the outstanding work required and has been informed that due to the volume of outstanding request could take a further 6 months to complete</i></li> <li>D-Day plans, no plans to commemorate however flag and post plaques have been installed.</li> <li>Band stand, it was requested that better use be made of the VG bandstand,potential saturday afternoon music sessions</li> <li>VHall carpark, it was requested that car park be more accessible to public , separate discussion to be had with VHC</li> <li>Repeated request for blind spot mirror to be placed junc of church land, coppice lane, however this not viable but potential junction sign to make motorist aware, <i>M Skinner to discuss with NWBC</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>M Skinner</b></p> <p><b>M Skinner</b></p> <p><b>CLlr Beamish</b></p> <p><b>M Skinner</b></p>
37/24	<p><b><u>POLICE MATTERS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non attendance due to emergency police matter</li> <li>CRIME PREVENTION team to attend the Middleton Village Fete, 13th July 2024</li> </ul>	
38/24	<p><b><u>HS2 UPDATE</u></b></p> <p>Overnight road closures in place 17/18/19 June A4091/Church lane and 20/21st June Church Lane 8pm - 6am Vehicles will be present overnight and MP to attend night shifts to ensure minimum disruption to residents. Surveys for Church Ln overbridge commence Aug; plant crossing will be in use, lights activate on vehicle approach. Main work new alignment of Church Ln to start Oct 24 - Spring 26. Speed concerns; traffic calming measures to encourage slower speed in design at present. HS2 community investment , providing timber structures to make nature reserve safer for walkers.</p> <p>It was noted by meeting that HS2 has removed hedges but not roots, these have now grown so request that HS2 maintain, cut back at junction of Crowberry /Church lane as currently poor visibility <i>CLlr Keegan to pursue with HS2</i></p>	<p><b>CLlr Keegan</b></p>
39/24	<p><b><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></b> CLlr Jenns, CLlr Watson</p>	
40/24	<p><b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></b></p>	<p>none</p>
41/24	<p><b><u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</u></b> Agreed and signed by CLlr Beamish as a correct record of meeting</p>	

41/24	<b><u>MATTERS ARISING:</u></b>	
41/24.1	<p><u>Speeding concerns</u> 30/24.1 <b><u>OUTSTANDING</u></b> request for a speed survey still outstanding, Cllr Jenns to update as soon as possible Request highways to fund SLS for Coppice Lane Bend, flash slow down sign with curvature of road, cost approx £5250, still outstanding Await feedback from NWBC Highways and Cllr Jenns</p> <p>❖ <i>Cllr Beamish has escalated to Steve Maxey, Chief Exec NWBC</i></p>	<p>Cllr Jenns</p> <p>Cllr Beamish</p>
41/24.2	<p><u>WCC Highways</u> Church/Crowberry Lane issues</p> <p>❖ Ongoing issues with potholes drain blockages throughout the various roads in Middleton, <i>M Skinner await new site visit from NWBC Highways</i></p>	M Skinner

41/24.3	<p>30/24.3 MSK confirmed issue has been raised with planning dept re fencing and use of plant machinery on the site of Church Farm. Landowner has informed current tenants to cease open storage. Retrospective application for metal fencing still to be received by planning dept, deadline for submission end of May</p>	MSK
41/24.4	<p>30/24.5 <u>MCC -</u> Cllr Beamish, and Cllr Hawkins to consult building surveyor to obtain market valuation and reinstatement valuation.</p>	<p>Cllr Beamish</p> <p>Cllr Hawkins</p>
42/24	<b><u>KEY FINANCIAL PROJECTS :</u></b>	
42/24.1	<p>New PC Website for 2024 _MSK awaiting updated costs Gazebos <b>6k, to be purchased</b> Village Green Development plans to revise frontage and access - <b>HS2 funding application in progress initial costings have been submitted to add to application</b> St Johns Church £500 contribution made for maintenance</p>	M Skinner
43/24	<b><u>NEW ACTIONS:</u></b>	
43/24.1	<p>32/24.4 <b>HS2 funding application</b> Evidence to support funding has been received, a joint bid to improve safety and access to the VH and VG, initial draft , awaiting submission, costs have been provided</p>	Ongoing
43/24.2	<p><b>Village Green</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Basketball in VG to be relocated, quotes required for metal steel supports or and hardstanding,</li> <li>❖ Benches for VG, costs for refurb or replacement</li> <li>❖ Picnic Benches for VG, costs for refurb and securing onto VG</li> <li>❖ Storage unit, area to be cleared, fence to be removed to provide better access to unit and use the area for the Fete, plant out with shrubs max cost £1k</li> <li>❖ Replace broken lock on gate with spring latch</li> <li>❖ All require quotations and final sign off</li> </ul>	<p>Cllr Smith</p> <p>Cllr Hawkins</p> <p>Cllr Beamish</p>
43/24.3	<p><b>Entertainment Committee</b> It was suggested and agreed that a new Ent Committee to be formed, initial funding from MPC will be £2K, Ent Committee to be agreed and introduced by end June</p>	

43/24.4	<p><b>MPC Meetings</b></p> <p>It was agreed at the meeting there will be bi-monthly MPC meetings and alternate working party meetings, dates as below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ JUNE 19th - WORKING PARTY MEETING</li> <li>❖ JULY 17TH - PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, PUBLIC</li> <li>❖ AUGUST - CLOSED NO MEETING</li> <li>❖ SEPTEMBER 18TH - PARISH COUNCIL MEETING PUBLIC</li> <li>❖ OCTOBER 16TH - WORKING PARTY MEETING</li> <li>❖ NOVEMBER 20TH - PARISH COUNCIL MEETING PUBLIC</li> <li>❖ DECEMBER - CLOSED, NO MEETING</li> </ul>	
44/24	<b><u>COMMUNITY UPDATES:</u></b>	
44/24.1	<p><u>HS2</u></p> <p>As per Matt Price report .38/24</p>	→
44/24.2	<p><u>MUFT</u></p> <p>None</p>	

44/24.3	<p><u>SAMUEL WHITE TRUST</u></p> <p>None</p>	
45/24	<b><u>REPORTS OF COUNCILLORS AND CLERK:</u></b>	
45/24.1	<p><u>Cllr Keegan</u></p> <p>Play area safety report issued , basket ball requires relocating, Cllr Smith to provide costs to relocate</p>	Cllr Smith
45/24.2	<p><u>Cllr Beamish</u></p> <p>Reports of vandalism at the Gun Club, roof tiles missing, smashed clay pigeon. Cllr Beamish to enquire whether the nature camera can be used to monitor the site</p>	Cllr Beamish
45/24.3	<u>Cllr Hawkins</u>	None
45/24.4	<u>Cllr Smith</u>	None
46/24.5	<p><u>Cllr Rotherham</u></p> <p>Regarding HS2 closures Cllr Rotherham raised the problem of (a) the number of vehicles affected with residents, visitors, commuters, customers of / staff f businesses, and (b) the accelerated wear to lanes, like crowberry, with very little support to repairs from WCC, NWBC, County Highways, Highways Agency,</p>	Cllr Rotherma
47/24.6	<u>Cllr Jenns</u>	None
48/24.7	<p><u>Clerk</u></p> <p>Audit - interim financial analysis presented at Annual Meeting, subject to final sign off AGAR to be completed by 1st July</p> <p>Dog fouling - new signage and additional bins requested , awaiting update from NWBC</p> <p>Little Library has been installed top of Hill Lane</p> <p>D-Day commemoratives have been displayed</p> <p>NWBC Highways awaiting confirmation for next site visit</p>	MSk
49/24	<p><b><u>PLANNING:</u></b></p> <p>AP/2024/0220 16/05/2024 The Cedars Coppice Lane Middleton  TamworthB78 2BU Proposed upward extension over principal part of the existing dwellinghouse to create one additional storey</p>	None

50/24	<b>FINANCE UPDATE :</b> Updated finance report issued to Councilors by Clerk Asset list to be re evaluated , requires input from ALL COUNCILLORS by end June	
	Dates of Next Meeting. Parish Meeting 17th July 2024, 6.30pm	
	MEETING CLOSED 8.40PM	

**ACTION LOG**

<u>Item No</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>By Whom</u>	<u>Update</u>
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