



MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE RECREATION ROOM
CHURCH LANE MIDDLETON
Date 17/10/2019 – Meeting 6. 2019/20

Present Councillors

Gill Keegan Chairman (GK)
Graham Smith (GS)
Peter Rotherham (PR)
Pete Rawlins Vice Chairman (PRw)
James Beamish (JB)
Shelly Lebrun Borough Councillor (SL)
And Jenns County Councillor (AJ)

Clerk in Attendance Tony Harris (TH)

Public in Attendance: Robert and Andrew Lockhart

1. Apologies

None

2. Police Surgery

Not present

3. Declarations of Pecuniary or other interests.

None

4. Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 18/07/2019

The previous minutes were duly signed Chairman Cllr Keegan

5. Matters Arising

- a) *Cllr. Keegan welcomed the newest councillor James Beamish to MPC*
- b) *Terry Cole was looking into costs and resources needed to dig out ditches around the village Clerk to liaise*
- c) *Was planning permission sought for the statue and would we need to apply for a temporary road closure.*

NEW ACTIONS

Ref	What	Who	When
N1	<i>An unused bus shelter in Elford might be a solution to a new shelter clerk to chase owners to obtain costings</i>	Clerk	November
N2	<i>Investigate costs and work detail for ditch clearance with Terry Cole including Ramblers Rest.</i>	Clerk	Oct/Nov
N3	<i>Clerk spoke to Landowner re land adjacent to the V/G</i>	Cllr. P Raw	September



	<i>and he was not for selling</i>		
N4	<i>MPC to organise event for VE day celebration on 8/5/2020</i>	Clerk	December
N5	<i>Discuss with Police, resolution for anti-social behaviour in the Village "Operation Snap"</i>	Clerk	September
N6	<i>Announcement in MM to be made regarding MHAG funds-to date no response</i>	Cllr Keegan	October
N7	<i>Wreath needed for Remembrance day memorial</i>	Clerk	October
N8	<i>Kerb stones awaiting additional resetting - reported to WCC. Chase Michael Newman. Send list and photographs to Andy Jenns</i>	Clerk	November
N9	<i>Cllr Rotherham to send copy of emergency plan to Clerk</i>	Cllr Rotherham	October
N10	<i>Check if planning permission is required for statue</i>	Clerk	October
N11	<i>Cllr. Lebrun agreed to send details to the clerk of HS2 grant finding site.</i>	Cllr Lebrun	November

PENDING / ONGOING ACTIONS

Ref	What	Who	When
P1	<i>Gravel bags to be purchased and put in place</i>	Clerk	October
P2	<i>Clerk to prepare plans for a new bus shelter and seek planning permission, authorisation of up to £500 was given to achieve planning permission in addition Clerk to look into possible HS2 Bus shelter funding. ongoing</i>	Clerk	December
P3	<i>A second quote is required for de-weeding the witches hat</i>	Clerk	December
P4	<i>Investigate costs for a new handrail for the bandstand. Approach Mr K. Wilkes in first instance</i>	Clerk	December
P5	<i>Traffic calming meeting to be set up. Andy Jenns to chase WCC</i>	Cllr Jenns	November
P6	<i>T15 path is awaiting new stumps to facilitate repair</i>	Clerk	July
P7	<i>Clerk to look into second defibrillator and agree dates for first aid training.</i>	Clerk	December
P8	<i>Discuss outcome of planning issue with Mark Simpson - Chase</i>	Clerk	Ongoing
P9	<i>Hedge cutting has not been completed</i>	Cllr PRw	November
P10	<i>Check playground work has been completed satisfactorily and pay bill if so</i>	Clerk	November

CLOSED ACTIONS

Ref	What	When
C1	<i>Sealing of Bandstand completed</i>	October
C2	<i>.Base for sculpture to be laid</i>	October
C4	<i>Play area work completed</i>	October
C5	<i>Path weeding completed</i>	October



KEY FINANCIAL PROJECTS

Ref	What	Who	When
K1	WEBSITE <i>Cllr. Keegan to arrange meeting</i>	Cllr. GK	December
K2	BUS SHELTER <i>Investigate bus company using shelter in Elford</i>	Clerk	December
K3	SCULPTURE <i>The base costs were agreed unanimously and authority to proceed was given to the Clerk Mr Davies quote accepted and work to be carried out asap costed at £345</i>	Clerk	October
K4	DEFIBRILLATOR <i>Clerk to look into second defibrillator and first aid training Costs</i>	Clerk	October
K5	CEF GRANT <i>Three projects identified</i> a. Village Hall Car park resurface b. Nature reserve £70,000 c. Bus shelter £5,000	Clerk	October
K6	VILLAGE GREEN a. Play area costs agreed unanimously Mr Davies to complete asap. Costed at £897.50 b. Path weeding costs agreed unanimously work to proceed asap. Costed at £175	Clerk	September/October

6. Samuel White Trust and other Community Organisations

Clerk has now been appointed to the committee as an independent

7. High Speed Rail Line

Cllr PR raised issue of emergency plan in relation to an issue on the HS2 line. There was only a basic plan produced by NWBC but this would not really cover HS2 incidents specifically Cllr. PR stated he would send one to the clerk

8. Community Centre

Business rates are being re-evaluated with assertions that the school has been extended

9. Village Green Development

Ensure work is completed satisfactorily

See K6

11. Middleton Recreation Room

- a. *Planning permission for statue to be investigated.*
- b. *Storage area has mould and the committee are considering replacing the whole unit.*
- c. *Interior needs painting and a grant has been sort from Cllr. Jenns small funding budget.*



10. Reports of Councillors and Clerk

Cllr. Keegan

- a. *An invitation for the Remembrance Day commemorations at Tamworth on 11th November. Would any Councillors be available, unfortunately none were as it was a Monday. Instead a wreath would be laid at the Village Bandstand memorial.*
- b. *Cllr. Keegan suggested Councillors use WhatsApp in order that better communications and faster decisions can be made. Cllr. Rotherham refused to join all other Cllr's. agreed.*
- c. *A4091 grass needs cutting as it is a traffic issue*

Cllr. Smith

None

Cllr. Beamish

- a. *The telephone box lower panel would appear to have been vandalised*

Cllr. Rawlins

- a. *Resident reported an illegal camera on a tree directed at his business property.*
- b. *As there is no sign depicting the name of the road off Coppice lane emergency services potentially might find it difficult to find property's It was noted that this had been debated at some length previously and that residents could not agree on a name nor were they prepared to have a new postcode*

Cllr. Rotherham

- a. *Hill Lane some householders not receiving Middleton Matters*
- b. *Roger Brunton had been taken ill and as one of Hill Lanes most well-known residents, MPC wished to record their hope for his speedy recovery.*

Cllr. Jenns

No Report

Cllr. Lebrun

- a. *Raised the issue of Planning permission for the statue as she had had the question asked of her.*
- b. *Cllr. Lebrun asked if a road closure was needed- and after consideration it was deemed not to be needed as the statue unveiling could take place without affecting traffic flow.*
- c. *Cllr. Lebrun agreed to send details to the clerk of HS2 grant finding site.*

12. Planning Matters

1. *Green belt industrial development-Update*
2. *Stable/bungalow development - Update*

13. Correspondence since last meeting dated 17/9/2019



NWBC/WCC:

- T15 path –
- Meeting 21/10/2019 parishes/NWBC
- Garages
- Grant

General.

- Sculpture- NALC/WALC/NWBC/Tamworth Herald
- Ramblers rest letter

WALC

- Surveys

15. Finance Report.

Balance at bank 30.9.2019 A/c 00411787

Plus deposits not shown

	sub total	£23,688.37
Unpresented cheques	CN 2102 election	-£100.00
	2103 wages	-£499.34
	2104 D Davis	-£520.00
		£22,569.03
Sub total		
Less cheques to be written	wages-October	-£998.68
	Grass cutting	-£100.00
	NI	-£76.00
	Unique metalwork	-£1,200.00
	hedge cutting	-£300.00
	Prontaprint	-£250.00
	Play area repairs	-£897.50
	unveilling	-£200.00
		-£4,022.18
	Total funds available	<u>£18,546.85</u>

Capital reserve fund A/c 29525357 (05.07.2019)

opening balance	£7,356.74
interest	£1.25
new balance	<u>£7,357.99</u>
£4000 is rent deposit	-£4,000.00
Available funds in current account A/c 00411787	£18,546.85
Available funds in reserve account A/c 29525357	£3,357.99



Grand total		<u>£21,904.84</u>
		£0.00
Notes		£0.00
	2. VAT can be collected	<u>£3,947.65</u>
	Grand total	<u>22,494.50</u>

16. Public Questions and Comments.

Cllr Keegan asked the Council to initially start the meeting by listening to the Public matters raised by a local farming family so as not to detain them for the whole meeting although it was noted they were very welcome to stay.

The farmers explained with the aid of some very detailed maps the land acquisitions that HS2 had made from Drayton Bassett through to Middleton and he also stated that although large areas of land from theirs and other farms had been taken, no compensation had been paid which has been corroborated by other farmers in the area on other occasions. Councillors looked at the maps and asked questions about the situation the Lockhart's were facing.

As a Parish Council there was little practical help that could be given despite MPC continued support of the North Warwickshire special management Zone set up to discuss such issues with HS2. Cllr. Keegan expressed her thanks on behalf of the whole committee for the trouble taken by the Farming family in so eloquently explaining the reality and impact on local landowners in and around Middleton

17. The Chair proposes

None.

18. Any other business

19. Date of next meeting

Thursday 17 November 2019 at 6.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Signed _____ **Date** _____