

Minutes meeting held on Wednesday 20th November 2024, Middleton Village Hall 6.30pm

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| Present: |  | Apologies: |
| Cllr J Beamish | Cllr A Jenns | Cllr S Smith |
| Cllr G Keegan | Cllr M Watson | PCSO Demi Smith |
| Cllr P RotherhamCllr F Smith |  |  |
| Clerk - Michelle Skinner |  |  |

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| 74/24 | PUBLIC QUESTIONS:The following questions were submitted for response:1. How many occasions have the borough councillors attended the Parish Council since their election.?
2. what action have the borough councillors taken to improve pedestrian safety in the Middleton parish? Specifically overgrown hedging and pavement parking causing pedestrian to walk into road

Cllr Watson advised this matter was County Highways but would take this issue up on our behalf, perhaps County Highways to write to residents alerting them to the encroachment on pavements and asking for their cooperation in cutting back where necessary1. | It was noted the Parish Council should be congratulated for establishing and funding the events committee. Would the PC congratulate the events committee for the excellent bonfire event which was attended by many people from the village.
 | Cllr Watson/Cllr Jenns |
| 75/24 | POLICE MATTERSPCSO unable to attend but supplied the following report: WARWICKSHIRE POLICE CALLS FOR SERVICE – MIDDLETONBETWEEN 04/09/24 AND 20/11/24 – PRODUCED BY – PCSO 6360 SMITH* ASB RELATED 0 REPORTS
* BURGLARY 0 REPORTS
* VEHICLE CRIME 0 REPORTS (1 FOUND STOLEN VEHICLE)
* ROAD RELATED 7 REPORTS
* MISC INCIDENTS 11 REPORTS (X5 ANIMAL RELATED, X1 DRUGS, X1 SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES, X2 VIOLENCE/ISOLATED INCIDENTS, X1 CRIMINAL DAMAGE AND X1 ABANDONED VEHICLE)
* Car cruising on A38. West Midlands have a dedicated operation for this issue. We have spoken to the Sgt, and the team are doing regular patrols of the location to try and deter any activity. We are also doing regular patrols on late shifts to catch them in the act and get VRMs to build intel.
* Parking. Parking has been decriminalised and WCC civil enforcement officers now issue tickets for parking offences. Their email is civilenforcement@warwickshire.gov.uk if you would like to request them to come to the location
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| 76/24 | APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCECllr S Smith |  |
| 77/24 | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST | none |
| 78/24 | MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGWednesday 4th September, Agreed and signed by Cllr Beamish as a correct record of meeting | Cllr Beamish |

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| 79/24 | MATTERS ARISING:* ONGOING Re route of T9, MPC have unanimously agreed to fully support the proposed diversion of the T9right of way in Green Lane from going through the Fairways Barn rear Garden based on the following criteria: This small Hamlet on a small B road with very little traffic and has in the past been subject to a number of burglaries, Councillors recall the efforts in getting a gating order and Police at the time were very supportive although it was thought that a diversion would achieve the same result. The proposed new route is equidistant between the T17 and T9 pathways that cross Green Lane so seems a more logical position. As stated, before this is a very minor road with very little traffic flow as there are only 5 or 6 Dwellings on the road. The new proposed route provides easier access across the fields and removes the deterrent for many walkers, and residents of Middleton, from completing the walk due to going through a residential back garden. It is noted that the resident has gone to considerable expense to ensure the right of way proposed adds to experience for all walkers and is a logical and pragmatic solution. It is noted that our previous Rights of way officer is fully supportive of this measure and has expressed her views to the Council and the previous MPC Clerk has also remained highly supportive of this approach.
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| 80/24 | Speeding concerns 67/24.11 OUTSTANDING* request for a speed survey still outstanding, MSk has received follow up email but no confirmed date from NWMC Highways, Cllr Jenns follow up as costs agreed from delegated budget however G Stanley from highways has said no need for new signage,
* Cllr Beamish to follow up with Steve Maxey for support.
 | Cllr Jenns Cllr Beamish M Skinner |

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| 81/24 | MCC - 67/24.3Valuation completed and asset list updated…. review insurance policy to ensureadequate cover from renewal Jan 2025 | M Skinner |
| 82/24 | KEY FINANCIAL PROJECTS :68/24* Storage area has now been cleared and fence removed, shrubs to be planted , to be carried out during early spring, hardstanding to be laid. cost to be determined
* Cllr Smith to assess costs for shrubs and trees for the storage area
* Replace benches - cost approx 3k to include memorial bench and plaque, order early Jan for delivery early spring 2025
 | Cllr SMith M Skinner |
| 83/24 | NEW ACTIONS: |  |
| 83/24.1 | 69/24.1HS2 funding application - ongoing | Ongoing |
| 83/24.2 | Village Green1. MPC to work with Fete committee to clear excess stands from the storage unit
2. MPC to archive minutes pre 2018 and secure destroy other paperwork
3. New locks will be put onto storage unit once cleared and tidied Cllr Beamish
4. Kick Board, white lines to be placed around perimeter to outline the goal tbc
5. Table Tennis, review if small wooden cabinet available to store table tennis bats and balls to enable full use on VG Cllr Beamish SPRING 2025
6. Basketball - court to be marked out with appropriate D lines tbc EARLY SPRING 2025
 | ALLDiscuss next WPM |

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| 83/24.4 | VILLAGE HALL CAR PARKongoing discussions regarding parking access for Village Green users, specifically playground users to allow safe parking on VGMeeting to be scheduled Jan 2025; PM, SC from VHC and Cllr Smith. Cllr Hawkins from MPC | Cllr Smith Cllr Hawkins |
| 83/24.5 | VILLAGE GREENNew dog signage to be sourced to encourage keeping dogs under control at all times | M Sk |
| 84/24.3 | Middleton Social CommitteeFirst event held 8th november Family Bonfire Night was extremely successful and well received by all who attended, with great support /sponsorship including MUFT, Ash End Farm/Big Play Barn, Jayne and Merv from Village store, James Taroni, Jack Everill, Green Power, Walmley Landscapes.Next Event 1st December, Santa Run and Lights Switch on.Planned events for 2025; Burns Night, MiddletonBall, BarnDance, Bonfire Night. MPC will confirm next funding for Jan 2025; 2k | Cllr Keegan |

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| 85/24 | COMMUNITY UPDATES: |  |
| 85/24.1 | MUFTNone |  |

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| 85/24.2 | SAMUEL WHITE TRUSTNone |  |
| 86/24 | REPORTS OF COUNCILLORS AND CLERK: |  |
| 86/24.1 | Cllr Keegan 71/24.1* Finance, contribution of £1500 to MPC from Fete Committee as agreed Cllr Keegan to follow up with P Milligan
* Overgrown trees and hedges around the VG need to be assessed and cut back where appropriate
* to confirm Fete committee will contribute £1500 to the gazebos over 2 years 2025/26. In the meantime, GK to continue to pursue Grant funding opportunities.
 | Cllr Keegan MSk |
| 86/24.2 | Cllr Beamish | None |
| 86/24.3 | Cllr Hawkins | None |
| 86/24.4 | Cllr Smith | None |
| 86/24.5 | Cllr Rotherham | None |
| 87/24.6 | Cllr Jenns* Agreed to follow up on Coppice Lane speed issues and confirmed some funding from delegated budget. Meeting discussed this was outstanding for some time, Clr Jenns to follow up with Grahan Stanly; Highways
* ROW - advised that Regulatory Committee would meet to discuss proposed diversion, date to be confirmed - Cllr Jenns to update next meeting
* Advised a new Councillor Surgery to be hosted in Middleton Hall, commencing 2025, Friday evening as a drop in session, to be confirmed
* Cllr Jenns to escalate the outstanding request for the unlit street light in Church Lane which has been out of action since October 2023. M Sk to provide details
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| 87/24.7 | Cllr Watson* advised several reviews ongoing including:
* Boundary review
* Langley development
* Green Belt
* Council owned garage sites - those owned by the borough Cllr Watson to updated next MPC meeting
 | Cllr Watson |
| 87/24.8 | Clerk* Dog fouling - new signage received
* Footpath officer, training outstanding, M Sk has chased NWBC for updated
* Sandbags - stock held in storage unit, sand boxes to be reviewed
* attending and online feedback session with Warwickshire police and crime commissioner on 20th december community safety and funding
* Middleton Hall, meeting to be held with MPC early Jan with Events and chair to discuss plans for 2025
* IM Properties update, reviewing consultation responses and hosting technical workshops and pre-appli meeting with NWBC early 2025
 | MSk |
| 88/24 | PLANNING:* PAP/2024/0495 - Ash End House Farm
* PAP/2023/0284 - Church Lane
* PAP/2024/0493 - Hill Lane
* PAP/2024/0478 - Hill Lane
* PAP/2024/0462 - Hill Lane
* HS2/2024/0010 - HS2
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| 89/24 | FINANCE UPDATE :Updated finance report issued to Councillors by Clerk: Current a/c end October £27,049.Reserve a/c end October £9,622 |  |
|  | MPC Meetings 2025*2025 meeting dates confirmed as below, there will be 6 public Parish Council meetings and 4 Working Party meetings*Jan 8th - MPC meeting Jul 9th - MPC meetingFeb 12th - WPM Aug - NO MEETINGMar 12th - MPC meeting Sep 10th - MPC MeetingApril 10th - WPM meeting Oct 8th - WPMMay 7th - Annual Meeting/MPC meeting Nov 12th MPC meeting Jun 11th - WPM Dec - NO MEETING |  |
|  | MEETING CLOSED 8. 20PM |  |

SIGNED DATE

ACTION LOG

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