

Gesta non verba
MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes meeting held on Wednesday 4th September 2024, Middleton Village Hall 6.30pm

Present:

Cllr J Beamish	Cllr A Jenns	Apologies: Cllr G Hawkins
Cllr G Keegan	Cllr S Smith	
Cllr P Rotherham	Cllr M Watson	
Cllr F Smith		
Clerk - Michelle Skinner		

62/24	<u>PUBLIC QUESTIONS:</u> None	
63/24	<u>POLICE MATTERS</u> Non attendance	
64/24	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Cllr Hawkins	
65/24	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>	none
66/24	<u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</u> 17 July 2024 Agreed and signed by Cllr Beamish as a correct record of meeting	Cllr Beamish
67/24	<u>MATTERS ARISING:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issues have been raised re the works at The Belfry , Cllr Keegan ad M Skinner to meet with site manager to discuss - ONGOING Ramblers Rest - pond requires cleaning and general tidy up surrounding area, meeting to discuss at next working party meeting re cost/volunteer etc. 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. 	

67/24.1	<p><u>Speeding concerns</u> 58/24.1 OUTSTANDING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> request for a speed survey still outstanding, MSk has received follow up email but no confirmed date from NWMC Highways, Cllr Jenns to follow up Cllr Beamish to follow up with Steve Maxey for support. Quote for warning sign received, £4375. 	Cllr Jenns Cllr Beamish M Skinner
67/24/2	<p>58/24.3 Park Gate Farm/Murclac planning issue still outstanding, matter has been referred to the Principal Planning Enforcement Officer, to discuss the expediency of a Breach of Conditions Notice (BCN)</p>	MSk
67/24.3	<p><u>MCC -</u> 58/24.4 Cllr Beamish, has received quote for valuation for MCC, MSk has contacted surveyor and MCC for suitable time to carry out valuation , to keep meeting informed of progress</p>	Cllr Beamish M Skinner
68/24	<p><u>KEY FINANCIAL PROJECTS :</u> 59/24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village Green Development plans to revise frontage and access - HS2 funding application in progress initial costings have been submitted to add to application Village green pathway costs agreed at £4850, Walmley Landscapes, work to commence 11th September New Website provider confirm as easywebsites, build in progress £250 initial set up, £31pm management fee, website to be WCAG 2.2 compliant by October 2024 Entertainment committee - initial set up funding agreed £2000 Storage area to be cleared fence to be removed, shrubs to be planted , to be carried out during autumn, to be discuss in full at next working party meeting, costs tba Replace benches - cost approx 2k 	M Skinner
69/24	<p><u>NEW ACTIONS:</u></p>	
69/24.1	<p>43/24.1 HS2 funding application - ongoing</p>	Ongoing
69/24.2	<p>Village Green</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 ALL Storage area currently holds equipment for fete; fridges are to be assessed and remove those deemed unsafe to use, MPC archive paperwork pre 2018 to be secure destroyed. ALL New locks will be put onto storage unit once cleared and tidied Cllr Beamish Kick Board, white lines to be placed around perimeter to outline the goal tbc Table Tennis, review if small wooden cabinet available to store table tennis bats and balls to enable full use on VG Cllr Beamish Basketball - court to be marked out with appropriate D lines tbc 	ALL Discuss next WPM
69/24.3	<p>Middleton Social Committee Bank account to be set up, to manage funds and payments, Ruth McFarland to head on the social committee with volunteers, list of events to be discussed and considered, Fireworks event and Santa Parade confirmed</p>	Cllr Keegan

69/24.4	<p>A446 Bollard</p> <p>This has now been escalated to the WCC Environment team who have advised that engineers had visited the bollards earlier this year to resolve the non-functional internal lighting, they were unable to be repaired due to water damage. a complete replacement of both bollards and the works should be completed within the next 25 days. Msk to follow up if not resolved by 25th September</p>	MSk
70/24	<u>COMMUNITY UPDATES:</u>	
70/24.1	<p><u>MUFT</u></p> <p>None</p>	
70/24.2	<p><u>SAMUEL WHITE TRUST</u></p> <p>None</p>	
71/23	<u>REPORTS OF COUNCILLORS AND CLERK:</u>	
71/24.1	<p><u>Cllr Keegan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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
71/24.2	<u>Cllr Beamish</u>	None
71/24.3	<u>Cllr Hawkins</u>	None
71/24.4	<u>Cllr Smith</u>	None
71/24.5	<u>Cllr Rotherham</u>	None
71/24.6	<p><u>Cllr Jenns</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Agreed to follow up on Coppice Lane speed issues and confirmed some funding from delegated budget. ● ROW - advised that Regulatory Committee would meet to discuss proposed diversion, date to be confirmed ● 	None
71/24.7	<p><u>Clerk</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dog fouling - new signage and additional bins requested , awaiting update from NWBC - chased 4th Sept ● Mobile library continues to be well received and used ● Auditors have pushed back on some details and have asked for further info relating to 2023 audit ● Local community funding open for 15k grant for community projects ● Footpath officer, training to commence end September ● Play area inspection report received, no issue, findings low risk no issues raised ● Sandbags - stock held in storage unit, sand boxes to be reviewed ● Community Phone box - look into refurbishing, and current use of phone box, perhaps an information point. 	MSk

72/24	<p>PLANNING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PAP/2024/0297 - land north and south of Junc 9 M42 ● PAP/2024/0307 - Stables Church Lane ● PAP/2024/0274 - Aston Villa training ground 	
73/24	<p>FINANCE UPDATE :</p> <p>Updated finance report issued to Councillors by Clerk , current account balance as of end of July: £19,162 - as of end August: 19,564</p> <p>Asset list to be re evaluated , requires input from ALL COUNCILLORS by end October</p>	
	<p>Next MPC Meetings all start at 6.30 unless notified</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ OCTOBER 16TH - WORKING PARTY MEETING ❖ NOVEMBER 20TH - PARISH COUNCIL MEETING PUBLIC ❖ DECEMBER - CLOSED, NO MEETING 	
	MEETING CLOSED 8.30PM	

ACTION LOG

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