

DRAFT MINUTES OF MIDDLEZOY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 17th JANUARY 2017 in Middlezoy Village Hall @ 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. N. Turner (Chairman) ,Cllr. J. Laine, Cllr. A. Lipscomb, Cllr . N. Gillard and Cllr. D. Gooda.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr. L. Perry, Cllr. D. Huxtable, Chris Sidaway (Clerk to Council) and 10 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Paul Baker and Mrs S. Wood.

1.Parishioner's Question

1.1 It was reported, for the attention of Cllr. D. Huxtable to note, that the manhole cover on the railway bridge at East Lyng needed remedial work as it was hazardous. **Action:** Cllr. DH

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

3. County Councillor Report

3.1 Somerset County Council had balanced its books with a little financial gain approved by central Government to cover unprecedented calls on social services.

3.2 There was Government money available to combat pot-holes and the public were encouraged to report faults. Also Waste disposal lorries would be equipped with cameras to detect faults in the roadways. The question of the raised kerbs was brought up and it **agreed** this should be a priority to complete.

4. Chairman's Comments

4.1 The Chairman reported that the sale of tickets for a dance/music evening for January 28th were not going well and would Members encourage residents to go.

4.2 The 2 Defibrillators were now installed , commissioned and each with a “guardian” being respectively Linda Davey and Caroline Storey. There will be a training session on January 25th and the Clerk to note in the minutes that the batteries will need replacing on 1st January 2021.

5. Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record of the last meeting.

Proposed by Cllr. A. Lipscomb and seconded by Cllr. J. Laine. **All agreed.**

6. Matters Arising

6.1 Clerk had written to SDC Waste and Environmental Health to express deep concerns about Waste Collections and in the meantime was instructed by Durleigh Council and Enmore Council to write about the growing problem of fly-tipping which was serious in these Parishes. Cllr. Laine

endorsed the fact that the lay-by in Place Drove was often used for this illegal purpose. The Clerk asked instruction to write also on behalf of Middlezoy Parish Council. **All agreed.**

6.2 The Chairman reported that the small parcel of land with storage sheds on Place Drove was now offered for rent.

6.3 Cllr. Gooda asked if there was progress on establishing if the large stores of soil and aggregates on Westonzoyland Airfield were licensed? **Action:** It was agreed that the Clerk would contact SDC Environmental Services and Cllr. Laine would enquire of the Environment Agency.

6.4 The Clerk read an e-mail from Helen Cela outlining the fact that her neighbour on the Airfield was utilizing his land for motor events. It was decided, at this stage, no action by the Parish Council whilst SDC were investigating.

7. Financial Matters

7.1 The Clerk tabled a budget update showing a balance of £13,998.82 in the deposit account but after recent significant payments the current account was depleted to only £51.59. He requested authorisation from Council to transfer £5000 into the business account.

Proposed by Councillor Gillard and seconded by Councillor Gooda. **All agreed.**

7.2 There was only the following payment to be approved:

- Purnell Secretarial for copying = £29.96

Proposed by Cllr. J. Laine and seconded by Cllr. A. Lipscomb **All agreed**

7.3 The Clerk tabled the Budget for 2017-2018 and **recommendation** that the Precept remain at stand still of £11,527 for 2017-2018, which had been previously approved in principle, for formal adoption. Proposed by Cllr. D. Gooda and seconded by Cllr. A. Lipscomb. **All agreed.**

9. Planning Matters

None to be decided but updates as follows:

34/16/00017 14, Main Road, Middlezoy – retirement bungalow for Mrs. Slade. Withdrawn.

34/16/00018 Barn conversion, Moor Road, Middlezoy for Mr. Harrison. Garage workshop – deemed unlawful and permission refused.

34/16/00020 Barn conversion, Moor Road, Middlezoy. Extension – application withdrawn.

11. Highways and Footpaths

11.1 The Chairman reported that he had asked the County Councillor if the speed limit could be moved further out from Main Road, past Messrs. Ridgments development and closer to Shepherds Drove. **Action:** Clerk to provide map showing positioning.

11.2 The riverside to Burrowbridge would be closed for 11 days for works for remedial works.

11.3 There had been complaints about the wall outside of Mr Dave Crosiers property as being unstable and potential danger to children. **Action:** Clerk to write.

11.4 It was reported that lights over Towan's works at the old recycling centre were a distraction to drivers and affected residents of Broadfield Park. Also the roadway was disintegrating. Clerk to investigate.

12. Playing Field and Car Park

12.1 Nothing to report

13. Middlezoy Parish Website

- 13.1 Clerk provide Cllr. Laine with Agenda and Minutes to upload. **Action:** Clerk
- 13.2 It was agreed to use the website to promote the the music evening. **Action:** JL
- 13.3 Cllr. Laine requested authority to remove the Facebook Page which was proving trouble some. **Agreed unanimously.**

14. Village Hall

- 14.1 Cllr. Lipscomb reported that the errant security alarm would be dealt with on the coming Friday.
- 14.2 The Music evening would feature the Mighty Fender Twins, a fusion of R&B with 60's, 70's and 80's classics. The tickets were £10 to include a food voucher but more needed to be sold.
- 14.3 The Swing/Jazz Band featured at the VE Celebrations were prepared to do a regular Jazz feature on Sundays at a nominal charge of £2 to cover costs but the bar would open generating income.
- 14.4 In the Spring the outside of the hall will be redecorated to continue the improvement programme and conclude with some form of celebration to honour previous contributors.

15. Village Christmas Tree

- 15.1 The Chairman reported that Westonzoyland had procured a Village Christmas Tree for December last year (2016) and he had ambitions for a Middlezoy Tree in a prominent position for next year. **Action:** Clerk to put on June Agenda.

16 .Clerk's Information and correspondence

- 16.1 The Clerk reported that SDC were holding a training session on the 27th March and that Cllr. Baker had indicated he would go and the Clerk would also attend "as revision" for himself.

17. Any other business

- 17.1 Cllr. D. Gooda reported that there was the ongoing roll out of high speed broadband which would facilitate 500 to 1000 megabytes of fibre delivery to each home. Need to register an interest on www.giga.clear.secure.force.com
- 17.2 Cllr. J. Laine appealed to the Parish Council to put out, in the minutes, a plea for more volunteers for the Village Shop to replace those retiring or dropping out. Volunteers are essential to keep this valuable community asset afloat. There was a meeting planned to adjust opening times to suit the needs of potential volunteers.

16. Date and Venue of next meeting

- 16.1 On **Tuesday 21st February 2017 @ 7.30 pm** in Middlezoy Village Hall.

Signed Date

(Chairman of Council)

(There being no further public business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm).

