

MINUTES OF MIDDLEZOY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 18 NOVEMBER in Middlezoy Village Hall @ 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. N. Turner (Chairman) ,Cllr. J. Laine, Cllr. A. Lipscomb

IN ATTENDANCE: Chris Sidaway (Clerk to Council) and 5 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. L. Perry, Cllr. Huxtable, Cllr. Gillard, Cllr.P. Baker and Cllr. D. Gooda

1.Parishioner's Question

There were none.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

3. County Councillor Report

There was none.

4. Chairman's Comments

4.1The Chairman reported that 5 prominent members of the community had recently died namely Lillian Tucker, Alex Lockyer, Bill Biffen, Humphrey Rabbidge and Ann Robinson (a former Councillor of the Parish Council and stalwart volunteer in the Community Shop). The Chairman asked the gathering to join with him in 1 minutes silence to show respect to these sadly missed individuals.

4.2 All the free bulbs from SDC had been allocated and planted and thanks were noted to Sedgemoor District Council.

5. Minutes of the last Meeting

These 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 There were none.

7.Noise from Westonzoyland Airfield

7.1 The Chairman had received a comprehensive report from Helen Cela of 68 pages documenting the events and suggesting ways to mitigate perceived problems. Equally he had a petition from Middlezoy residents and also 32 pro forma comment sheets about noise and disruption. He summarised the problems and ways of reducing them and said the way forward would be a communication from the Parish Council, copied to Helen asking Environmental Health to investigate. If they decreed no Statutory Nuisance that was the end of the business for the Parish Council.

Action: Chairman and Clerk to scrutinise the evidence and compose an appropriate letter to SDC.

8. Financial Matters

8.1 The Clerk tabled a budget update showing a significantly reduced balance of £20,257.18 in both bank accounts after the car park payments.

8.2 There were the following payment authorisations approved:

Dog Waste bin from SDC	=	£78.00
Grant Thornton – audit fees	=	£240.00
Heartsafe AED Locator (EU) Limited	=	£2,776.36

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

8.3 It was **agreed** to set up and authorise a Finance Working Party to consider the 2017/2018 Budget comprising the Chairman, Cllrs. Laine and Baker and the Clerk. Clerk to circulate some dates.

9. Planning Matters

To be decided:

9.1 **34/16/00016** Mr Harrison for retrospective permitted development to retain the double garage/workshop to the barn conversion in Moor Road. The Council were unanimous in response to this application and the Clerk was instructed to SDC recommending refusal on grounds that the original consent should be enforced and that there was sufficient turning area and parking bays if the garage was removed. Also that the Parish Council could not see any justification for inclusion of valuable arming land within the curtilage which was disproportionate to the allocation for domestic use. **Action:** Clerk to respond.

10. Parish Defibrillators

10.1 The Parish Council had received one device and the Clerk was instructed to chase delivery of the second. It was **agreed** that the second payment be on delivery.

10.2 The proposal to set up a “holding” account through the Parish Council for servicing/maintenance of the first device was ruled unlawful but the Chairman/Vice Chairman could be individually signatures. The Parish Council may only award monies to 3rd parties through Section 137 of Local Government Act as grants based on a per capita of the electorate.

11. Highways and Footpaths

11.1 The Chairman had agreed to investigate the broken bridge. **Action:** Chairman.

12. Village Hall and Car Park

12.1 Chairman reported that the wake of one of the funerals would be held at the Village Hall and should be a good gauge of capacity. He did report that despite providing this new facility cars were seen parked on the grass even when the car park was not full!

12.2 Cllr. Lipscomb reported that there would be Bingo on Friday and a Christmas fayre in support of the PTA. She wished to note thanks to Mr Eddie Handysides for his help in repairs to the building.

13. Middlezoy Parish Website

13.1 Clerk to provide Cllr. Laine materials to upload. **Action:** Clerk

14 .Clerk's Information and correspondence

15.1 SCC were promoting through posters and electronically opportunities to become a County Councillor.

15.2 There had been a request for the Parish Council to release details of the land-owner of fields to the south of Nethermoor Road. This was deemed to infringe the Data Protection Act and proper use of the Electoral Register. **Action:** Clerk instructed to write to the enquirer suggesting using the Land Registry database.

15. Any other business

There was none.

16. Date and Venue of next meeting

16.1 On Tuesday 20 DECEMBER @ 7.30 pm in Middlezoy Village Hall.

Signed Date
(Chairman of Council)

(There being no further public business the meeting closed at 8.55 pm)