

MINUTES OF MIDDLEZOY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 15th. AUGUST 2017 in Middlezoy Village Hall @ 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. N. Turner (Chairman) , Cllr. P. Baker, Cllr. N. Gillard, Cllr. J. Laine and Cllr. Gooda

IN ATTENDANCE: Chris Sidaway (Clerk to Council), Cllr. L. Perry and 1 member of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. A. Lipscomb and Cllr. Huxtable.

1.Parishioner's Question

1.1 There were none.

2.Avon and Somerset Police

2.1 Were unable to attend so it was agreed to invite to the October meeting.

3. Declarations of Interest

3.1 There were none.

4. County Councillor Report

4.1 In Cllr. Huxtable's absence the Chairman reported that on Kicks Hill "No Entry" white lines were repainted and Shepherd's Drove had been resurfaced to a high standard.

4.2 A Slow Down sign would be installed on the approach from Othery and SDC not SCC would re-instate the fallen Kicks Hill sign.

4.3 The "pinch point" on the A372 would probably remain unresolved as the potential cost would exceed the small project scheme cost criteria.

4.4 Complaints from residents on grass and weeds growing on approach drove to Moorfield Park and it was resolved as beyond the remit of the Parish Council as it was not a legal right of way or permissive path and therefore between the residents and landowners.

5. Chairman's Comments

5.1 The Chairman had no comments except to confirm his resignation with effect after this evening and would put in writing to the Clerk and that Cllr. Gooda's resignation was also active from this evening.

5.2 The Clerk to inform SDC and instigate the formal process of inviting an election from Parishioners of whom 10 would need to lobby the District Council.

6. Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the last meeting after amendments 400 not 1400 screws for the skate park and Mike Birk not Mike Bird.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Baker and seconded by Cllr. J. Laine **All agreed.**

7. Matters Arising

7.1 The Clerk introduced the issue of Protection of Public Open Space Orders and this was debated in light of vandalism and dog waste problems. It was **resolved** that the Parish did not need this as it was not clear who would monitor and enforce it.

7.2 The issue of security lighting CCTV was discussed and discounted as the quality of images unless that of urban Council CCTV was not admissible as evidence. The Hall already had some lighting. The Chairman of the MCP confirmed permission for the Clerk to have Dog Waste sign affixed to the end wall of the Hall.

8. Financial Matters

8.1 The Clerk tabled a budget update showing that the balance stood at £14,362.20.

8.2 Payments to approve:

- RT Signs for small aluminium signs = £56.40
- G Wagen James for maintenance = £496.60

Proposed by Cllr. Turner and seconded by Cllr. Gooda and **all agreed** to expenditure.

9. Planning Matters

9.1 Applications to be decided: Messrs. Govier conversion of a barn at Cutley Farm, Holloway Road to 2 bed dwelling. It was felt that this was a “sympathetic conversion of a former military building and derelict barn to living accommodation” and should be supported on that basis.

Proposed by Cllr. Gillard and seconded by Cllr. Baker. **All agree** and Clerk to respond accordingly.

10. Highways and Footpaths

10.1 Nothing further to report.

11. Playing Field and Car Park

11.1 It was reported that there were, in addition, to widespread vandalism “tin tacks” spread around the field and drugs paraphernalia which the Clerk had reported to the Police. It was suggested that a “Visitor Book” be lodged at the village hall for members of the Public to record incidents or dissatisfaction.

11.2 The Clerk had drawn up a Contract for the Cricket Club including penalty clauses and desire for regular invoices. **Action:** Clerk forward to Councillor Laine for her legal expertise on wording.

12. Middlezoy Parish Website

12.1 The Clerk reported that the Chairman had admonished him for not keeping up the Parish Website to date and that the Chairman thought it resolved to pay a small gratuity for a “webmaster”. He agreed that it was now up to date but that all Councillors name and contacts be included. **Action:** Management issues of website to be resolved between Clerk and Cllr. Laine with Clerk being tutored into updating as a back-up.

13. Village Hall

13.1 Cllr. Laine reported that Moovers and Shakers were producing a Musical Extravaganza on 16th September.

14 .Clerk's Information and correspondence

14.1 There was none.

15. Any other

15.1 Cllr. Laine reported that it was coming up to the 10th anniversary of the Village Shop and some sort of celebration and merchandising planned. The Shop was doing well and as a community asset does not make a loss but is desperately in need of volunteers to make it viable so a call was out to gain volunteers to help run the shop.

17. Date and Venue of next meeting

17.1 On **Tuesday 19th SEPTEMBER 2017 @ 7.30 pm** in Middlezoy Village Hall.

Signed Date

(Chairman of Council)

(There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05 pm).