

## MINUTES OF MIDDLEZOY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017 in Middlezoy Village Hall @ 7.30 pm.

**PRESENT:** Cllr. P. Baker ( Chairman ) , Cllr. N. Gillard, Cllr. Lipscomb and Cllr. W. Hawkins.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chris Sidaway (Clerk to Council), Cllr. L. Perry and 9 members of the public.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr. D. Huxtable.

### 1. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

### 2. Parishioner's Question-time

2.1 It was reported that Kicks Hill Lane had been resurfaced but that there was foliage from gardens hanging over the lane. **Action:** Clerk write to residents with advice from Cllr. Laine.

2.2 The question of the give way white lines was raised again and the Chairman responded that the Parish Council had done everything in its power, including a 400+ petition from residents, but SCC would not move its position.

2.3 The Chairman invited Mr N. Turner to present, on behalf of Mr G. Ridgment the detail of the Licencing Application for Windmill Retreat. Firstly there had been confusion over the abbreviation LNR which stands for Late Night Refreshments Licence which was the only time extension to 5 a.m. And gave the premises permission to serve late night hot drinks and snacks, not alcohol. The alcohol would be served only in the Spa and under normal licencing conditions as the George Inn and Village Hall. The Entertainments Licence i.e. live and recorded music would be for a set number of events a year until 12.00 with provision for special events 2/3 times a year to 1.00 a.m. All would be strictly monitored and recorded for the Licencing Authority. This being accepted by Members as reasonable and proposed by Cllr. N. Gillard and seconded by Cllr. W. Hawkins to now support.

**Action:** The Clerk was instructed to withdraw the objection from the Parish Council.

### 3. County Councillor and District Councillor Reports

3.1 There was no County Councillor report.

3.4 Cllr. Perry reported that the 6 Affordable Houses in Othery had officially been opened and were generally well received and built to a high standard with integral solar panels. Cllr. Gillard reported that he had heard that there was some disquiet amongst locals in Othery that they had not all gone to villagers. The Clerk tabled the Middlezoy Appraisal and the Terms of Reference and Criterion for determining applicants which was first priority to locals then extending outwards. It was suggested that the Affordable Housing Team were invited back to give an update (perhaps meeting after next) and also representatives from Othery and Westonzoyland Councils. **Action:** Clerk to initiate.

### 4. Chairman's Comments

4.1 The Chairman's only comment was he regretted Sedgemoor Licencing not being more precise in their summary which would have avoided much ill-feeling.

## 5. Minutes of the last Meeting

5.1 The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the last meeting with the one amendment Riverside, Burrow bridge not Othery.

Proposed by Cllr. A. Lipscomb and seconded by Cllr. W. Hawkins. **All agreed.**

## 6. Matters Arising

6.1 Cllr. Gillard reported that there was a problem with dog fouling around the Primary School and enquired what could be done. The Clerk responded that he had gained some stickers from the SDC Dog Wardens and, although a start, it was decided that these were too flimsy and he should purchase some metal ones. **Action:** Clerk.

6.2 The Quote from James Pring was presented at £960 to put up the east playing field fencing. This was acceptable to Council but Clerk to just confirm that it included the access gate before putting in the order. Proposed by Cllr. Gillard and seconded by Cllr. Lipscomb. **All agreed. Action:** Clerk.

## 7. Financial Matters

7.1 The Clerk tabled a budget update showing that the balance stood at £17,990.65 as there had been no expenditure since the last meeting.

7.2 Payments to approve:

- Clerk's salary and expenses = £842.26
- SDC Playing Field lease = £125.00
- Steve Purchase repair to wall = £294.00 **All agreed.**

7.3 The Finance Working Party had met considered the budget and Precept for the following Financial Year. The Clerk tabled proposed Budget for 2018/2019 and went through line by line. The carry forward was a "guesstimate" based on presumed expenditure to end of year but showed that the Council after much capital expenditure was healthily solvent. The Rent Section was money in and money out and the Grant and Capital Section dependent on external funding but the Working Party recommended re-instating the Parish Grants and establishing a Capital Investment pot rather than showing as a surplus on the bottom line. The Revenue Budget stayed much as last year but adding to the maintenance budget to allow for extra work around the village and also upping the Clerk's "use of home office" to be in line with SALC guidelines and higher utility bills. The Working Party would **commend** this Budget to Council in January for adoption and **recommend** a stand-still Precept which this meeting approved, in principle.

## 8. Planning Matters

*8.1 Applications to be decided:*

**34/17/00023** Mr and Mrs James - extension and porch at 1. Old Chapel Road. Members were minded to support this as a sympathetic extension.

**34/17/00025** Mr Payne – extension to 21, Main Road. Supported.

Amendments to boundaries for barn conversion at Cutley Farm, Holloway Road. Supported.

**All agreed. Action:** Clerk respond accordingly to both applications.

## 9. Highways and Footpaths

9.1 Highways: It was noted that the road near Cutley Farm and Cutley Rhyne Bridge was breaking up.

9.2 It was reported that the bottom of Holloway Road was flooding again.

**Action:** Clerk report both to SCC Highways.

9.3 Mr John Farmer gave a “shopping list” of works and actions needed on the Parish Footpaths.

**Action:** Cllr. Laine to help Clerk to identify in order to ask for remedial action from County Footpaths.

**10. Playing Field and Car Park**

10.1 Nothing to report.

**11. Middlezoy Parish Website**

11.1 Nothing to report.

**12. Village Hall**

12.1 Nothing to report.

**13 .Clerk's Information and correspondence**

13.1 Nothing to report except receipt of a community survey which he would complete.

**14. Any other business**

14.1 Cllr. Hawkins gave 2 letters from his partner to the Clerk concerning the Middlezoy Arts Festival which the Clerk would digest and bring back to Council at next meeting. **Action:** Clerk

**15. Date and Venue of next meeting**

15.1 On **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY @ 7.30 pm** in Middlezoy Village Hall.

IMPORTANT AGENDA ITEM: to adopt the Budget and set the Precept 2018/2019.

Signed ..... Date .....

*(Chairman of Council)*

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