

MINUTES OF MIDDLEZOY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 16th JANUARY 2018 in Middlezoy Village Hall @ 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. P. Baker (Chairman) , Cllr. Lipscomb, Cllr. Laine and Cllr. W. Hawkins.

IN ATTENDANCE: Chris Sidaway (Clerk to Council), Cllr. L. Perry and no members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. D. Huxtable and Cllr. N. Gillard

1. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

2. Parishioner's Question-time

2.1 It was reported that cars were speeding around the village and exiting via the no exit A372 Junction. **Action:** Clerk investigate 20mph speed limit in village and speed limit and road calming measures on the A372.

3. County Councillor and District Councillor Reports

3.1 There was no County Councillor report.

3.4 Cllr. Perry reported that there may be funds to purchase digital projection equipment through SDC small grants fund. **Action:** Clerk to investigate.

4. Chairman's Comments

4.1 The Chairman commented that he was advised that it was important to buy the most expensive projectors available to give "film" quality projection.

4.2 He had communicated with Mari Bell- Phillips who would consider becoming the "champion" for Affordable Housing initiative and could be co-opted in this capacity. **Action:** invite to next meeting.

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 "Gillard" with only one "I".

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

6. Matters Arising

6.1 Clerk to write to residents of Kicks Hill Lane about over-hanging vegetation. **Action:** Clerk.

6.2 Clerk had secured metal "dog signs" and it was **agreed** to position outside of school and chapel, outside of Church and bus shelter. Cllr. Laine to check permissions. **Action:** JL and then Clerk.

7. Financial Matters

7.1 The Clerk tabled a budget update showing that the balance stood at £16,774.01 reflecting payments to himself, Steve Purchase and the SDC Playing Field lease. There had been Shop lease payments but this was money in, money out.

7.2 Payments to approve:

- SALC subscription = £181.42

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

7.3 The Council had considered the proposed Budget for 2018-2019 at the December meeting and **agreed**, in principle, to a Stand-still Precept. As nothing had changed the Clerk **recommend** a stand-still Precept of £11,538.00. Proposed by Cllr. A. Lipscomb and seconded by Cll. W. Hawkins.

All agreed and the Budget and Precept were adopted for 2018-2019.

7.4 The Clerk read letters from Caroline Roarty inviting Members to a special Tea Party marking the Middlezoy Arts Festival in July 2018 and a request for funding. The Members were appreciative of the invitation but observed that an application for funding should be done formally through the Grants bidding process. **Action:** Clerk to supply Caroline with requisite documents.

8. Planning Matters

8.1 *Applications to be decided:* None.

8.2 *Updates:* Greylake House – Grade 2 Listed including environs and agricultural buildings. The Clerk had checked with the SDC Listed Building register and there had been many applications but none recently. Councillors were concerned that when challenged about building works the owner had responded that he could do what he wanted with his own property. **Action:** Clerk refer back to SDC Conservation Officer and Enforcement in case there was unlawful development at this site.

9. Highways and Footpaths

9.1 Highways: Clerk to enquire about traffic calming and speed limits.

9.3 The Clerk had been ill over the Festive period and had not felt well enough to follow up the footpath works as outlined by Mr John Farmer. **Action:** pending.

10. Playing Field and Car Park

10.1 Nothing to report except go ahead purchase order to James Pring for fencing.

11. Middlezoy Parish Website

11.1 Jackie Laine had updated as Clerk had yet to figure out how to do it!

12. Village Hall

12.1 Nothing to report except internal decorating works completed.

13 .Clerk's Information and correspondence

13.1 Nothing to report.

14. Any other business

14.1 None.

15. Date and Venue of next meeting

15.1 On **Tuesday 20th. FEBRUARY** @ 7.30 pm in Middlezoy Village Hall.

Signed Date

(Chairman of Council)

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

