

MINUTES OF MIDDLEZOY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 20th. MARCH 2018 in Middlezoy Village Hall @ 7.30 pm.

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

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr. D. Huxtable, Cllr. A. Lipscomb and Cllr. N. Gillard

1. Declarations of Interested

Cllrs. Laine and Hawkins both declared interest on the grants item by virtue of association with MCP and the Middlezoy Arts Group. Cllr. Hawkins declared a prejudicial interest in the Planning Application for 23, Church Road, Middlezoy of which he is joint owner.

2. Parishioner's Question-time

2.1 There were none.

3. County Councillor and District Councillor Reports

3.1 There was no County Councillor report but the Clerk reported, on behalf of Cllr. Huxtable, that the Town's application for the Westonzoyland Airfield could benefit from an environmental consultant's view and Cllr. Perry would discuss with the Parish Clerk at Westonzoyland to consider a joint approach.

3.2 Cllr. Perry reported that the SDC share of the Property Charge would increase by £5 on a Band D property.

4. Chairman's Comments

4.1 The Chairman had no comments.

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 after the Clerk amended item 13.1 to "Parish Council's".

Proposed by Cllr. J. Laine and seconded by Cllr. W. Hawkins. **All agreed.**

6. Matters Arising

6.1 Cllr. Laine reported that the dog-signs were now installed.

6.2 The Clerk had reported the Highway issues from the last meeting to SDC Highways.

7. Financial Matters

7.1 The Clerk tabled a budget update showing that the balance stood at £14,982.34.

7.2 Payments to approve:

- Clerk's expenses for final quarter year = £140.39. **All agreed.**

7.3 **GRANTS:** £400 to Middlezoy Arts Festival agreed, in principle, but had to be ratified by Full Council at next meeting as with declarations of interest from Cllrs. Laine and Hawkins the meeting was not quorate.

£500 to the MCP for digital projector equipment. - Cllr. Laine reported that £900 had been requested of SDC small grants but it was indicated that £500 would be awarded. It was agreed to revise the project estimates but a decision by Middlezoy Parish Council, already agreed in principle, would need to be ratified at the next meeting as Cllrs. Hawkins and Laine declared an interest. It was proposed to consider other external funding to address the shortfall including the EDF Mitigation Fund.

8. Planning Matters

8.1 Applications to be decided:

1/53/18/00003 Townen's material re-cycling centre – being re-considered (see item 3.1).

34/18/00004 Ms Roarty and Mr Hawkins : 23, Church Road, side and front elevation. (Mr Hawkins outlined the proposal and then declared his interest and left the meeting). The 2 remaining Members were not quorate and, though supportive of scheme, could not approve without reference to Cllrs. Gillard and Lipscomb, whose views would be sought.

8.2 Affordable Housing: the Chairman had been in contact with Mrs Esther Carter of SDC and was keen to move this item on to gain feasibility funding. It was noted that the Parish had aspirations to create a village shop out of the development and taking the advice of Derek Alder and John Swayne to build up to 20 affordable homes as 11 had already been identified. The Clerk confirmed that CIL money could go towards a community shop. There followed a debate about the merits of the respective sites identified and the preferred sites being to the north of the Church and north of the allotments.

9. Highways and Footpaths

9.1 Highways: the Clerk had notified Somerset Highways that works were needed at Nethermoor Road and Back Lane as advised by Mrs Sue Woods.

9.2 The Clerk had attended a seminar on Speed Indicator Device appliances and the fact that SCC would no longer provide and finance. There was an option to purchase at £1500 to £2500 but any Parish operator(s) would have to have mandatory road working (Chapter 8) training to work them. It was not thought that this was appropriate and other traffic calming measures would be investigated.

9.3 Footpaths to be subject to a health and safety inspection in the Spring.

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 except that there had been a burst pipe, in bad weather, necessitating action.

12.2 A fund raising event in April would be a table top sale in the Hall.

13 .Clerk's Information and correspondence

13.1 The Clerk reported that new Data Protection Regulations 2018 would come into effect in May and it was agreed that good housekeeping around e-communications and the confidentiality over Part B. Exempt Item issues should ensure the Council's compliance.

13.2 The Clerk reported on communication over the potential of Royal Wedding celebrations, which was noted, but the Parish to be planning other similar village activities throughout the Arts Festival.

14. Any other business

14.1 None.

15. Date and Venue of next meeting

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

Signed Date

(Chairman of Council)

(There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm).