

MINUTES OF MIDDLEZOY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 13th. JUNE 2017 in Middlezoy Village Hall @ 7.30 pm.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Chris Sidaway (Clerk to Council), Cllr. L. Perry, Cllr. D. Huxtable and 6 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. N. Gillard

1.Parishioner's Question

1.1 Mrs. Mari Bell- Phillips gave a proposal that the Parish Council “adopt” 2 out of the 3 art/craft benches for insurance purposes and accept as a gift to the community. These 2 benches were on private land by permission of the landowners, while the third would be in the Churchyard and covered by the Church insurance. The Chairman had concerns about the Parish council accepting responsibility for all community projects and felt that in principle the Council could agree but as it was not an Agenda item would have to go to the next meeting for a decision. **Action:** Clerk tasked with investigating insurance implications.

1.2 Cllr. Gooda introduced residents concerns about the state of Kicks Hill Lane which was in a terrible state with some repaired and some with no tarmac whatsoever. **Action:** Clerk write to Lawrence Hackling.

1.3 The Clerk read a statement from Mrs. Jean Campbell concerning the omission of children's pads from the defibrillator packs and thought that these had been included as a “gift”. **Action:** Clerk to investigate.

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillors Laine and Lipscomb declared “corporate interests” as being involved in the Movers and Shakers grant application and would take no part in the decision making process.

3. County Councillor Report

3.1 Councillor Huxtable explained that it had been a busy time due to local elections with “purdah” inhibiting the communication of information. Now a new administration with David Fothergill as Leader of Council, John Woodman, Cabinet Member for Highways and himself for Adult Social care.

3.2 Cllr. Turner introduced the subject of the raised kerb and the fact that it was an unaccomplished project due to a mixture of bureaucracy and contractor unreliability. It was felt that the grant from Paul Bush should be returned. Councillor Huxtable agreed.

(Councillor Huxtable left with Councillor Gooda to inspect Kicks Hill Lane at 7.55.)

4. Chairman's Comments

4.1 The Chairman reported that he had served the community of Middlezoy since March 1993 and felt that he needed to slow down and enjoy retirement and gave forward notice that he would resign formally at the August meeting. He had spoken to Cllr. Gillard who would be prepared to assume the role if asked but there was some concern expressed at his attendance at meetings.

4.2 Cllr. Gooda announced that he would resign if Cllr. Turner was no longer involved and Members pointed out that the Council was already one Councillor short. This would result in a barely quorate Council and the Clerk would seek advice on this development but in meantime provide Cllr. Laine with Job Description/Recruitment advert for the website. **Action:** Clerk to gain legal advice over decision making process and being quorate. All to actively recruit potential Councillors with emphasis on younger people.

5. Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the last meeting . Proposed by Cllr. A. Lipscomb and seconded by Cllr. D. Gooda **All agreed.**

6. Matters Arising

6.1 There were none.

7. Financial Matters

7.1 The Clerk tabled a budget update showing that the first tranche of the Precept had been received and the balance stood at £17,639.44 in both accounts.

7.2 Payments to approve:

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| ○ Clerk's salary and expenses | = £877.24 |
| ○ Movers and Shakers Arts Events grant | = £500.00 |
| ○ Middlezoy Cricket Club field maintenance | = £300.00 |

All agreed to this expenditure.

8. Planning Matters

8.1 *Applications to be decided:* there were none.

8.2 Smith's Farm housing development. The Chairman had an irate Parishioner complaining of the change of orientation of the houses, nearest the Main Road on the Smith Farm development, which would now face into his property. The Clerk tabled the respective original and subsequently amended plans and Members agreed the orientation had changed but no-one remembered the change as emphasis at the time was on the narrow verges and proximity of buildings to the road. The whole site was now being offered for sale. **Action:** Clerk to investigate the Parish responses to discover what was registered.

9. Highways and Footpaths

9.1 The Chairman stated that the raised kerb issue had been dealt with and other road matters under items 1 and 3.

10. Playing Field and Car Park

10.1 G Wagen James had repaired vandalism to the netball court.

11. Middlezoy Parish Website

11.1 There was none.

12. Village Hall

12.1 The Hall was newly painted and decking repaired.

12.2 Jazz evenings successful and ongoing.

13 .Clerk's Information and correspondence

13.1 Application for funding of celebrations for National Merchants Navy were not deemed appropriate for the Parish Council..

14. Any other business

14.1 There was none.

15. Resolution to take a Part B: Exempt Item – Tenders for Playing Field Maintenance

15.1The Clerk stated that due to the commercially confidential sensitive nature of this item that a Part B Agenda item was justified but would need a resolution by Members to take.

Proposed by Councillor Turner and seconded by Councillor Gooda. **All agreed.**

16. Date and Venue of next meeting

16.1 On **Tuesday 18 JULY 2017 @ 7.30 pm** in Middlezoy Village Hall.

Signed Date

(*Chairman of Council*) (There being no further normal business the meeting closed at 9.05 pm).

