

## **MINUTES OF MIDDLEZOY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>. JUNE 2018 in Middlezoy Village Hall @ 7.30 pm.**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chris Sidaway (Clerk to Council), and 10 member of the public.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr. L. Perry, Cllr. D. Huxtable, Cllr. W. Hawkins and

### **1.Declarations of Interested**

There were none.

### **2. Parishioner's Question-time**

2.1 It was noted that there were many complaints about the development at Smith's Farm: that the density of the housing and number of cars per property was causing congestion and outside parking which the Parish Council had objected to; that both building site delivery and house removal delivery drivers were inconsiderate and belligerent; residents had not been able to exit their respective drives and the proximity of the development to the corners was obstructing sight lines making safe access difficult and parking was damaging kerbs and pavements. There had been numerous cases of near miss accidents including twice for the Parish Clerk. The problems had caused altercations nearly resulting in assault. **Resolution:** that the Clerk write to Cllr. Huxtable to bring to the attention of Somerset Highways and copy Sedgemoor District Council Development Management. Meantime Clerk investigate regulations contained within the Road Traffic Act.

2.2 Smoking in the Bus Shelter: it was reported that youths were using the bus shelter to congregate and leaving cigarette butts everywhere and other rubbish. **Resolution:** Clerk arrange for sign and cigarette "butt box".

2.3 The Clerk reported that he had delivered letters to residents of Kick's Hill Lane about vegetation over-hanging the road. It was noted that the Church need to be reminded of their neighbourly obligations as well and parking on the pavement. **Action:** Clerk.

2.4 There were complaints about contractors lorries restricting movement in Old Chapel Road. Clerk to follow up.

### **3. County Councillor and District Councillor Reports**

3.1 There was no County Councillor report

3.2 Cllr. Perry had given telephone report to the Clerk:

- She had arranged removal of the dumped caravan in the lay-by on the lane o Westonzoyland.
- She had facilitated SDC Enforcement to visit the static caravan owners at the Old Post Office site but they accepted the owners justification and would take no further action.

### **4. Chairman's Comments**

4.1 The Chairman had no comments.

### **5. Minutes of the last Meeting**

5.1 The minutes of both the Annual Parish Assembly and Annual Parish Council meetings were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the last meeting after “Nielsen Gillard” was corrected.

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

## **6. Matters Arising**

6.1 There were none.

## **7. Financial Matters**

7.1 The Clerk did not table a monthly balance sheet as it was so close to the accounts being approved at the last meeting and there was little activity..

7.2 Payments to approve:

- MZ Cricket Club for grounds maintenance Jan/Feb/ Mar = £300.00
- Mr Maurice Smith honorarium for 2 years internal audit = £100.00

## **7.3 GRANTS:**

The Clerk reported that the specialist AV company had come back with a quote of around £1800 which was in the original ball-park of basic implementation. There were expensive add-ons that the MCP and MPC felt unnecessary. **Action:** Clerk to further external funding opportunities.

## **8. Planning Matters**

*8.1 Applications to be decided:*

**34/18/00009:** Merrick's Farm, 46 Main Rd. - demolition of rear extension and extensive renovations, and extensions to historic farm-house. This item was debated and approval expressed that medieval onwards historic features would be retained and the **resolution** was to support this application.

**Action:** Clerk to respond accordingly.

8.2 **CIL Grant:** The Clerk reported that a further receipt of £1215.32 had been received.

8.3 **Affordable Housing:** the Chairman reported that a Working Party meeting would be held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>. June to consider the preferred sites which were:

- the field off Back Lane to the north of the allotments
- the field off Knowleyards Lane to the north of the Church.

## **9. Highways and Footpaths**

9.1 Highways: dealt with under Parishioners questions.

9.2 Footpaths: Church vegetation over-hanging footpath resolved under item: 2.

## **10. Playing Field and Car Park**

10.1 The Clerk had instructed Mr. James Pring to remove the damaged concrete benches and also given formal brief to maintain the grass triangles beside the Church and A372.

## **11. Middlezoy Parish Website**

11.1 Nothing to report

## **12. Village Hall**

12.1 The Chairman of MCP was present and reported that the works were now signed off and stage reinstated.

12.2 It was noted that the hay/straw bales left over from wedding celebrations was serious fire risk in the current weather conditions and should be removed.

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

13.1 The Clerk would respond-on behalf of the Parish, to a health and well-being survey.

13.2 The Clerk wished permission to attend a SALC training event in Somerton on Data Protection Regulations 2018 at a cost of £25 to be shared between his 3 Parishes. **Granted.**

**14. Any other business**

14.1 There was none.

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

15.1 On **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>. JULY @ 7.30 pm** in Middlezoy Village Hall.

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

*(Chairman of Council)*

(There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.52 pm).