

MINUTES OF MIDDLEZOY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 21st AUGUST 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), Cllr. D. Huxtable, Cllr. L. Perry and 6 member of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. W. Hawkins and Cllr. Gillard.

1. Declarations of Interested

There were none.

2. Parishioner's Question-time

2.1 Mgrs. S. Wood enquired if there was any progress on the static caravan on a drive to the Old Post Office. The Clerk responded that SDC Enforcement had investigated and were disinclined to enforce on a legal technicality that the van was being used as a supplementary bedrooms not for living in. There was concern that this created a dangerous precedent.

2.2 Mrs Wood continued to report a mobile home (or half of one) in the orchard off the drove adjacent to the playing fields, formally housing pigs. There had been widespread damage to trees and bushes and debris thrown into the drainage ditches. There appeared to be no consents for this.

Action: Clerk and Cllr. Perry would investigate.

2.3 The Clerk reported that he had briefed SDC, SCC Highways and the Somerset Inland Drainage Board of the "grubbed" out hedges and rhyme in-filled with concrete on the old Westonzoyland Road. They were investigation to see if there was a breach of regulations or planning.

2.4 The Townen's application 1.53/18/00012 for re-cycling had been temporarily withdrawn. Keilty Bros. had withdrawn application for aggregate storage on the airfield but were still in operation with a illicit transit camp on site. **Action:** Clerk liaise with Alan Hurford.

2.5 Cllr. Laine reported on behalf of a Parishioner that there were branches and vegetation from the Church obscuring the footpath. **Action:** Clerk write to Church Wardens.

2.6 Cllr. Lipscomb reported that a Parishioner had complained that black rubbish bags outside the PO/Chapel were being used for babies' disposable nappies and dog waste. The Chairman explained that a dog bin had been installed there subsequently unilaterally moved and damaged and finally moved away by the Council. **Action:** Clerk to re-negotiate with Chapel to replace outside the Chapel at the Council's cost and maintenance.

2.7 It was reported that the hedges along Main Road towards Thorngrove were obscuring the 30 mph signs. **Action:** Clerk report to Lawrence Hackling.

3. County Councillor and District Councillor Reports

3.1 Cllr. David Huxtable reported that 6 months into the new financial year nothing fiscal had improved and further cuts were necessary. 70% of the budget was allocated to adult social care and vulnerable young people who together made up only 5% of the population.

3.2 On the subject of the SID appliances, 2 of his Parish Council's had bought and 3 more were interested in an SCC rental scheme.

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. Ed. 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 presented monthly balance sheet.

7.2 Payments to approve:

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| ◦ MCP for hall hire for July | = £ 15.00 | |
| ◦ Clerk overtime and expenses | = £202.67 | |
| ◦ HMRC for PAYE | = £ 34.60 | All agreed. |

8. Planning Matters

8.1 Applications to be decided:

34/18/00007: Ménage, hay barn and stables on land near to Cutley Farm. Councillors considered this as a potential asset to the village contributing to growing leisure and recreation facilities in the Parish are were minded to support. **Action:** Clerk to respond accordingly.

8.2 CIL Grant: The Clerk reported that he had visited Wembdon Parish Council consultation on their Neighbourhood Plan. The Neighbourhood Plans were time consuming and expensive but did release 25% of CIL monies as against 15% without but he felt that Middlezoy was still not at a stage where the effort and expense would be quickly recouped by the level of development anticipated and the Council **agreed.**

8.3 Affordable Housing: the Chairman reported that a Working Party had met and were now developing a detailed housing project study to include all the consents and considerations such as environmental, heritage and access. The 2 preferred sites still being:

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

It was hoped to give a further report in September.

9. Highways and Footpaths

9.1 Highways: infill ditch on Place Drove dealt with under Parishioners questions.

9.2 Footpaths: many needed cutting back and maintenance.

10. Playing Field and Car Park

10.1 Nothing to report except that the Clerk had completed a regular risk assessment of field before this meeting and found no issues of maintenance or safety apart from evidence of drug taking around the skate park.

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 complete and wished to publicly thank Caroline Storey for her support in this matter.

12.2 Clerk to gain more information on the digital projector and ancillary items and investigate Gannet Foundation and EDF funding sources. **Action:** Clerk.

13 .Clerk's Information and correspondence

13.1 There was none.

14. Any other business

14.1 Cllr. Laine reported that there had been a number of thefts in the village. Noted.

14.2 Ian and Jane Campbell had enquired about silhouettes for Remembrance Month in November. Clerk to investigate.

14.3 Cllr. Lipscomb enquired about the status of the forge set up during the Arts Festival and was proving to be a noise nuisance to neighbours? It was an arts studio but did the alteration to forge require a "change of use" consent? Clerk to investigate.

15. Date and Venue of next meeting

15.1 On **Tuesday 21st. AUGUST 2018 @ 7.30 pm** in Middlezoy Village Hall.

Signed Date

(Chairman of Council)

(There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05 pm).