

## MINUTES OF MIDDLEZOY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>. SEPTEMBER 2018 in Middlezoy Village Hall @ 7.30 pm.

**PRESENT:** Cllr. P. Baker (Chairman), Cllr. Laine, Cllr. Lipscomb, Cllr. W. Hawkins, Cllr. N. Gillard.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chris Sidaway (Clerk to Council), Cllr. L. Perry and 16 member of the public.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr. D. Huxtable.

### 1. Declarations of Interested

There were none.

### 2. Parishioner's Question-time

2.1 The Chairman reminded Parishioners of the Rules of Engagement for Public Question-time and also that the Parish council had limited executive powers and was primarily a consultative and advisory body to the higher tier Authorities.

2.2 The Chairman invited Cllr. Liz Perry to report on concerns about alleged illegal development on an orchard site on the drove to the east of the Playing Fields. The issue had been reported to SDC Enforcement, Environment Agency and Land Drainage Board. SDC Enforcement had inspected the site to determine if action is appropriate. There is a large pit for a septic tank that would require a Waste Exemption Certificate. There had been instances of intimidation and the Clerk had invited the Police to attend this meeting but had no response. It was advised to keep records of any complaints. It was emphasised that debris was blocking some of the water-courses and should be reported to the Drainage Board. Mr. Woods who was in the audience declared that he was the owner and that the development was not domestic to be used for accommodation but as a tack-room for his children's ponies who would be stabled in the orchard. He had joint ownership of access with the other land-owners and it was a "permissive path" access for walkers not a public right of way.

**Action:** Clerk respond to Land Drainage Board and Council monitor the situation.

2.3 Mr Nobby Turner introduced the issue of a pending Planning Application for a World War 2 Airforce Museum on the airfield which he would be keen to see the Council support. There was some resistance from other airfield users and Westonzoyland Councillors.

**Action:** Clerk look for application and ask for Parish to be consulted.

### 3. County Councillor and District Councillor Reports

3.1 There were none.

### 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.

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

## 6. Matters Arising

6.1 Write to Churchwarden about over-hanging vegetation on Church walls. **Action:** Clerk.

6.2 Write to Chapel about dog bins. **Action:** Clerk.

## 7. Financial Matters

7.1 The Clerk presented monthly balance sheet and reported that there were balances of £9002.96.

7.2 Payments to approve:

- An invoice from G Wagen James had been received but was “locked” in faulty computer. Noted as a priority to process as soon as computer repaired or a copy invoice issued.

7.3 **GRANTS:** There was a request from the Church for help in purchasing Silhouettes of World War 1 soldiers for Remembrance celebrations and it was **agreed** to contribute £150 from the Grants Fund.

7.4 Other grants to be considered in Part B: Exempt Item.

## 8. Planning Matters

8.1 *Applications to be decided: none.*

8.2 **CIL Grant:** Nothing to report.

8.3 **Affordable Housing:** the Chairman reported that there was no update as the anticipated meeting was after this meeting. There were questions from the floor expressing lack of due diligence on part of the Council. The Chairman endeavoured to answer concerns and it was stated that this process had started in 1995 and there had been at least 4 presentations to the Council Meetings which all residents may attend, there had been posters and flyers and the minutes of all meetings are posted on the notice board and on the website. Members of the public felt that there should have been individual consultation by post and the response was that this was SDC responsibility which they had carried out but not every household had received. The Clerk pointed out that the consultation was ongoing and far more expansive than if this was a private development which would only give the statutory 21 days consultation. It was **agreed** to put more information on the website and in Momss Magazine.

## 9. Highways and Footpaths

9.1 Highways: nothing to report.

## 10. Playing Field and Car Park

10.1 Nothing to report.

## 11. Middlezoy Parish Website

11.1 Clerk's e-mail address to be reviewed and accessed through web for additional security.

## 12. Village Hall

12.1 The Chairman of MCP was present and reported there was the possibility of a bonfire event in November.

## 13 .Clerk's Information and correspondence

13.1 The adoption of The General Data Protection Regulation Policy was deferred to the next meeting.

**14. Any other business**

14.1 There was none

**15. Part B: Exempt items.**

**15.1** It was **resolved** that due to the sensitive and confidential nature of grant awards that they could be taken as a Part: B exempt item under Local Government guidelines.

Proposed by Cllr. N. Gillard and seconded by Cllr. W. Hawkins. **All agreed.**

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

16.1 On **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>. OCTOBER 2018** @ 7.30 pm in Middlezoy Village Hall.

Signed ..... Date .....  
(Chairman of Council)

(There being no further business the OPEN meeting closed at 9.00 pm).

**CONFIDENTIAL PART B: EXEMPT**

1.1 It was confirmed that the grant awarded to the Arts Festival was £400 which was approved.

1.2 The Chairman explained that the following grant applications were not registered but needed “in principle” agreement to allow planning to go ahead.

1.3 Mark Whitford Williams: 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Armistice Day musical celebration. Mark has completed preparatory work but has requested financial help from the Parish Council to complete it and it was thought that £500 was an appropriate amount.

Proposed by Cllr. N. Gillard and seconded by Cllr. A. Lipscomb subject to application being received. **All agreed.**

1.4 The Middlezoy Community Project were planning a Halloween Fireworks Event with fancy dress and music. It would be carried out by fully qualified and licenced practitioner and insured. Request for £300.00 for the music element.

Proposed, in principle, By Cllr. A. Lipscomb and seconded by Cllr. W. Hawkins. **All agreed.**

(The Confidential Part B meeting closed at 9.20 pm.)