

MINUTES OF MIDDLEZOY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

PRESENT: Cllr. P. Baker, Cllr. N. Gillard, Cllr. J. Laine, Cllr. A. Lipscomb, Cllr. V. Collett and Cllr. A. Morris.

IN ATTENDANCE: Chris Sidaway (Clerk to Council), Cllr. L. Perry, Cllr. D. Huxtable and 8 member of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. W. Hawkins

1. Declarations of Interested

There were none.

2. Parishioner's Question-time

2.1 The clerk had written to the Rev. Kirk to enquire if a dog bin could be re-instated adjacent to the Chapel. The response was given by Sandy Rogers that the original was moved because of health concerns and the chapel still regularly had refuse deposited outside. On the farmyard side it was too close to the shop and the school did not want it on the school wall. Further investigation necessary.

2.2 Kicks Hill: after the firework display the MP, Ian Liddell-Grainger inspected the junction at the bottom of Kicks Hill with residents. He had some suggestions and would contact Somerset Highways and it was ascertained that the warning signs needed adjusting.

3. County Councillor and District Councillor Reports

3.1 The County Councillor reported that the County was in receipt of £10 million additional Government grants for highways and the proposed salt/gritting programme which was due to be cut would be re-instated. He had no knowledge of the MP's visit or any subsequent communication with County. **Action:** Clerk to follow up.

3.2 Cllr. Perry indicated that there were small grants available through SDC for village halls, arts, healthy living and sports bursaries. Anyone interested contact Parish clerk in first instance.

4. Chairman's Comments

4.1 The Chairman thanked all those who had distributed the flyers advertising the Affordable Housing consultation which would take place between 2.00 and 7.00 on the following Thursday. This was the first phase consultation and would include representation from the Affordable Homes team, the potential developers and planning consultant. The proposals included affordable to buy and 50/50 mortgage/rental.

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. N. Gillard. **All agreed.**

6. Matters Arising

6.1 The Cricket Club had responded with alacrity in putting up warning signs on the ship's containers and painting with no climb paint.

6.2 The kerbs were still down outside of Middlezoy House and the bank in Kicks Hill by Bown House was in dangerous repair. **Action:** Clerk report to Lawrence Hackling.

6.3 The issue of the drove and public access was introduced and the Clerk read a letter from the County Rights of Way Manager who stated that this was not a right of way and no previous attempt had been made to establish it as a “customary or permitted path” therefore a part owner was within their rights to challenge walkers. The community could lobby for such a public right of way but would have to make a case that it had been such over a number of years based on evidence. Cllr. Gillard felt strongly that droves should not all become footpaths. The Chairman ruled matter closed.

7. Financial Matters

7.1 The Clerk presented monthly balance sheet and reported that there were balances of £9005.21 and £12,732.80 The Clerk had transferred £10,000 to the deposit account to gain some interest.

7.2 Payments to approve:

- Mark Whitworth Williams for concert = £500.00
- MZ Arts Festival for arts events =£400.00
- MZ Cricket Club for 6 months maintenance = £600.00
- Clerk’s quarterly expenses = £163.03

7.3 The Finance Working Group: to include the Chairman, Clerk, Cllr. Laine and Cllr. Morris would meet at 7.30 in the George Inn on Tuesday 11th. December.

8. Planning Matters

8.1 *Applications to be decided: 34/18/00015:* Design statement for Ken Marsh domestic and ancillary accommodation on former transit camp site. Members were unanimous in support and Clerk to respond accordingly.

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

8.3 **Affordable Housing:** the Chairman had reported.

9. Highways and Footpaths

9.1 Highways: reported under 6.2 matters arising.

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 The Chairman of MCP was present and enquired before the meeting what was the status of the digital projection equipment. The Clerk responded with an update on costs and that he was investigating Hinkley Point C community grants.

12.2 The Chairman of MCP also reported that the bonfire night had been a roaring success and thanked the Parish council for their generous support.

12.3 He concluded that there was an appetite, in the village, to set up a Youth Club.

14 .Clerk's Information and correspondence

14.1 There was none.

15. Any other business

15.1 There was none.

16.Date and Venue of next meeting

16.1 On **Tuesday 18th. DECEMBER 2018** @ 7.30 pm in Middlezoy Village Hall.

Signed Date

(Chairman of Council) (There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm).

