

MINUTES OF MIDDLEZOY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 18th. DECEMBER 2018 in Middlezoy Village Hall @ 7.30 pm.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Chris Sidaway (Clerk to Council) and 4 member of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. D. Huxtable, Cllr. L. Perry and Cllr. J. Laine.

1. Declarations of Interested

There were none.

2. Parishioner's Question-time

2.1 Mrs. S. Wood reported that the kissing gate on the drove was damaged. Clerk to report.

2.2 The question of Ian Liddell-Grainger and hi ideas for Kick's Hill was raised and the Clerk reported that he had e-mailed to the MP's constituency and Parliamentary addresses but as yet no response.

2.3 It was reported that the road at the bottom of Holloway Lane was still constantly flooding. Cllr. Gillard observed that the only long term solution was to raise the drain level to that of the left side of the road and re-tarmac. **Action:** Clerk discuss with Lawrence Hackling.

2.4 It was proposed to install a dog bin at the bottom of the Four Valleys footpath. It was **agreed** to purchase a dog bin. **Action:** Clerk.

3. County Councillor and District Councillor Reports

3.1 There were no County or District Council reports.

4. Chairman's Comments

4.1 The Chairman had received a letter from the Parish Footpaths Officer about footpaths in general but also the prospect of situating wood carvings of which the Council were supportive.

4.2 Mr Ian Campbell had a balance of monies from heritage works which the Parish Council **agreed** could be put to charitable purposes.

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. A. Morris and seconded by Cllr. N. Gillard. **All agreed.**

6. Matters Arising

6.1 The Chairman reminded the Clerk that an updated Directory of Councillors and contacts would be useful. Clerk to action.

6.2 The issue of the digital projector for the village hall was now a priority as the SDC grant was time-scaled to April. It was suggested that the best specification available within funds was expected and that provision of an Induction Loop System was necessary to comply with Disability Discrimination legislation was necessary.

7. Financial Matters

7.1 The Clerk presented monthly balance sheet and reported that there were joint balances of £21,189.22. The Clerk had transferred £10,000 to the deposit account to gain some interest.

7.2 Payments to approve:

- SDC for playing field lease = £125.00
- MCP for hall hire = £ 35.00

Proposed by Cllr. A. Lipscomb and seconded by Cllr. F. Collett. **All agreed.**

7.3 The Finance Working Group on Tuesday 11th. December and considered the budget in some detail and Members gave subsequent feedback to the Clerk as well. There were some predictable inflationary increases but the Council finances were sound enough to cover and sufficient reserves for most eventualities. The Clerk reported that while SDC would adopt a modest increase that SCC were allowed to higher increases to cover Social Services and the Police sanctioned to higher increases again. It was **recommended** from the Finance Working Party to the Full Council to set the Precept at stand still of £11,330.00. Members were happy with this recommendation.

Proposed by Cllr. A. Lipscomb and seconded by Cllr. F. Collett. **Unanimously agreed.**

8. Planning Matters

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

8.2 **CIL Grant:** Nothing to report except the Clerk had to do a status report for SDC.

8.3 **Affordable Housing:** the Chairman reported that the Open Day had been a success and the Working Party would meet in the early New Year to consider the results which were mainly positive and the merits of the preferred sites. There would be a full report in February but there were ongoing investigations into shop/PO provision within a development. The Post Office was changing rules on its franchise contracts the Chairman instructed the Clerk to investigate Kingsbury Episcopi as a possible model. **Action:** Clerk.

9. Highways and Footpaths

9.1 Highways: nothing further to report.

9.2 Footpaths: Mr Horsham had asked to give a presentation to Council but could not make this meeting but would be asked to come to the February meeting. Mr. Farmer gave an update on state of the footpaths and enhancement works. The Chairman thanked everyone who had contributed to the art/craft projects. The clerk reported that he sat on the Somerset Local Access Forum and had attended a day seminar on non- Statutory Public Rights of Way which included customary and permissive paths which if not registered on the Definitive Map by 2026 would have no legal status.

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 reported that ambitions to set up a Youth Club were going ahead and a pilot would be launched alongside a survey of what the young people of the village wanted.

12.2 Provision of a digital projector would enhance facilities and work continued on improving lighting around the hall.

14 .Clerk's Information and correspondence

14.1The Clerk had attended an annual Planning Seminar at Bridgwater House held by SDC which was very useful as “revision” and updates from Local Plan.

15. Any other business

15.1 Cllr. Morris enquired who had effected repairs to and painted the railing on the path linking Nethermoor Road and Main Road? No one had any suggestions.

16. Date and Venue of next meeting

16.1 On **Tuesday 15th. JANUARY 2019 @ 7.30 pm** in Middlezoy Village Hall.

Signed Date

(Chairman of Council) (There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35 pm).

