

MINUTES OF MIDDLEZOY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 19th. FEBRUARY 2019 in Middlezoy Village Hall @ 7.30 pm.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Chris Sidaway (Clerk to Council), Cllr. D. Huxtable, Cllr. L. Perry and 30 member of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. F. Collett and Mrs Mari Bell Phillips

1. Declarations of Interested

There were none.

2. Parishioner's Question-time

2.1 The Chairman outlined the Affordable Housing procedure and before Public discussion would invite the SDC Affordable Housing team to give an update of the project.

2.2 The Chairman enquired firstly if there were any other relevant Public Questions before this important topic and there were none.

2.3 Esther Carter outlined the sequence of considering Affordable Housing for Middlezoy which began in 2012 and went through rural housing needs surveys, recorded debate at Parish Council meetings and establishment of an Affordable Housing Working Group of Parish Council representatives, SDC Affordable Housing Officers and planning consultants. This resulted in desk top analysis, further professional surveys and a public consultation meeting which had confirmed the need for Affordable Housing and also Back Lane as the preferred site. Briefing notes were available.

2.4 Duncan Harvey emphasised that the proposals were not at planning application stage but all progression had been informed by surveys and public consultation. There would need to be ongoing archaeological geophysics, environmental and traffic evaluations. There was, at this stage, no developer or housing association in place. Feasibility studies were going ahead on one site as Government funding was limited and did not allow for multiple in-depth studies.

2.5 The Chairman opened the meeting to the Public and a robust debate ensued with the major concern over road safety and access to Back Lane. Other sites were mentioned but these had already been considered and rejected for reasons of freeholders not wishing to sell, perceived flood risk, planning limitations and access issues. Other concerns were over mix of Affordable/Private stock which Mr Harvey explained helped finance the scheme. It was agreed that the provision of a shop was important to the community but would be "added value" not as a condition of the proposals.

2.6 It was **agreed** that there was a need for Affordable Housing in Middlezoy but there needed to be further public consultation and, if there were alternative viable sites, for the Parish to identify them.

3. County Councillor and District Councillor Reports

3.1 Councillor Huxtable reported that the SCC Budget would be set the following day.

3.2 The County would be spending £10 million on roads before the financial year-end.

3.3 Kicks Hill junction was raised and reported that a meeting was arranged with senior SCC Highways Officers to try to finally resolve this issue.

3.4 Cllr. L. Perry reported that the SDC Budget would also be set the following day with anticipation of a £5 increase on a Band D property and she would elaborate at the next meeting.

3.5 The Town's Planning Application was ongoing and she would forward details to the Clerk.

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 with the proposed changes that "lead to a full planning application" be amended to "lead to a full feasibility study" under item: 8.3(4) and "Hutchings" under item: 21.2.

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

6. Matters Arising

6.1 There were none.

7. Financial Matters

7.1 The Clerk presented monthly balance sheet and reported that there were joint balances of £19,079.83. The Clerk had retrieved £5000 from the Deposit Account to cover current expenditure.

7.2 Payments to approve:

- PKF Littlejohn fees for Annual Audit = £240.00
- MCP for hall hire = £ 72.50
- Clerk's salary for January 2019 = £250.82
- AudioVisual Direct for digital system = £3053.20
- SDC Clean Surroundings for dog bin = £78.00

Proposed by Cllr. A. Lipscomb and seconded by Cllr. W. Hawkins . **All agreed.**

8. Planning Matters

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

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

8.3 **Affordable Housing:** dealt with under item: 2.3.

9. Highways and Footpaths

9.1 James Pring was requested to install a new dog bin on instruction of Council.

9.2 Footpaths: Mr Ian Henderson gave a short Powerpoint presentation and outlined proposals for the Arts Group/Wood Carvers to produce some crafted road signs and that volunteers from the group to work under the auspices of the Parish Council.

9.3 The Clerk had investigated the Parish Council public liability insurance and had satisfied himself that "volunteers" were considered as employed staff if authorised by the Council to work on community initiatives.

Resolution: that Middlezoyn Parish Council invokes its powers under Section 43 of the Highways Act to authorise members of the Middlezoyn Arts Committee to do voluntary work on public footpaths and further to this confirm that they are covered by the Council's insurance.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Laine and seconded by Cllr. W. Hawkins . **All agreed.**

10. Playing Field and Car Park

10.1 Nothing to report.

11. Middlezoy Parish Website

11.1 Requirement of reviewed DDA to enhance readability of website for visually impaired - Clerk liaise with Cllr. Laine to see if it complied.

11.2 The Chairman requested that the Agenda went on the website and in Momms.

12. Village Hall

12.1 The Chairman of the MCP thanked the Parish Council for the installation of the Digital Display equipment and Hearing Loop and said it would be a great asset. The Clerk reminded the MCP Treasurer that the SDC grant of £500 would need to be transferred to the Parish Council.

12.2 There had been a complaint from the MX Cricket Club that the installed land drainage mixed with a very dry summer had resulted in damage and cracks to the surface of the field. The Clerk had investigated and his risk assessment was that there *was* a risk to users, compounded by damage caused by animal activity probably Badgers. It was proposed that Nathan liaise with James Pring to come back with a costed solution for the Council to consider.

12.3 There a pilot for a Youth Club in April with all due consideration to consents and compliance with working with Young People.

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 19th. MARCH 2019 @ 7.30 pm** in Middlezoy Village Hall.

Signed Date

(Chairman of Council)

(There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.23 pm).

