

MINUTES OF MIDDLEZOY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 16th. APRIL 2019 in Middlezoy Village Hall @ 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. P. Baker (Chairman), Cllr. A. Lipscomb and Cllr. A. Morris.

IN ATTENDANCE: Chris Sidaway (Clerk), Cllr. L. Perry, Cllr. D. Huxtable and 7 member of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. N. Gillard, Cllr. J. Laine, Cllr. F. Collett and Cllr. W. Hawkins.

1. Declarations of Interested

There were none.

2. Parishioner's Question-time

2.1 It was reported that vehicles were still exiting the village through the "No Entry" sign on the dangerous A372 junction. There were regular offenders including the local milk float. **Action:** Clerk e-mail Cllr. Huxtable copied to Kathryn Tyson and Police. It was noted thanks to Mr. Robert Colder, a resident, who maintains the verges on the A372.

2.2 Affordable Housing: a question about alternative sites to Back Lane which the Chairman could not respond as confidential but works on archaeology had proceeded on the Back Lane site as contract signed. They had revealed activity dating back to the Iron-Age that would be further investigated.

2.3 Shop market survey: no information as yet to usage but any suggestion of a move would involve public consultation on what was required.

2.4 Kicks Hill site meeting update? See item 3.1.

2.5 Mrs. Wood was going to spray her fence and enquired about best time and restriction of vehicles parking to allow for this. Mr Birks agreed that if notified of the date he would arrange for the gate to be locked.

3. County Councillor and District Councillor Reports

3.1 Councillor Huxtable stated that he was determined to get the Kicks Hill item off the agenda and had had a robust but productive meeting with the Clerk and senior Highways Officers.

The proposals on the table were:

- to introduce a mandatory STOP sign junction at the approach to Kicks Hill Lane from Kicks Hill;
- Reposition existing 2-way traffic warning sign at this junction;
- Make hatched road markings on the junction to assist drivers approaching to position themselves to the right hand side of the junction to gain the optimum visibility of cars on Kicks Hill Lane.

The issue was vigorously debated but on reflection the Chairman decreed that although not to Parishioners choice that this was the best that the Parish Council could achieve and would draw a line under it.

Action: Clerk to write to Cllr. Huxtable, copied to Ms Tyson, to request these works be carried out and also to improve signage on the No Exit at the A372 junction.

3.3 Cllr. L. Perry reported that the Town's Planning Application was on hold and awaiting a County Council ruling. Meanwhile the gates by the spoil heaps were gone and learner drivers were accessing the runway here.

3.6 Cllr. Perry had investigated the perceived unlawful development at Greylake House and was assured by SDC Enforcement that all consents had been granted between 2014 and 2015.

3.7 Both Cllr. Perry and the Clerk had lobbied the police and SDC Enforcement about the derelict car on Nethermoor Road and now it was removed into the registered owners garden.

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. A. Lipscomb and seconded by Cllr. A. Morris. **All agreed.**

6. Matters Arising

6.1 There were none.

7. Election Results

7.1 The Clerk congratulated all Councillors as the uncontested election meant that they were all duly elected. He proposed that the next meeting, being the Annual Parish Assembly and Annual Council Meeting start at 7.00 to accommodate all the business. This was **agreed** and the Clerk instructed to book the hall for half an hour earlier.

8. Financial Matters

8.1 The Clerk did not present the monthly balance sheet as the audit process would begin shortly and he would present end-of-year accounts to next meeting.

8.2 Payments to approve: There were none.

9. Planning Matters

9.1 *Applications to be decided:* **34/19/00003** Cutley Farm – fields adjacent, amendment to application to re-align barn. It was felt there was insufficient information and Clerk was required to make further enquiries before responding. It was also reported that a wind turbine had been erected without consent and the Clerk was instructed to report this to SDC Enforcement.

9.2 Updates: Greylake House – see item 3.6

9.3 CIL Grant: No CIL receipts to be gained from Affordable Housing.

9.4 Affordable Housing: dealt with initially under item: 2.2.

10. Highways and Footpaths

10.1 Highways dealt with under items 2.1 to 3.1.

10.3 Mr Henderson gave a comprehensive report on footpaths and arts projects and it was mooted that the Parish Council may be able to contribute some funding.

10.4 Now that the PC had confirmed that volunteers would be covered by the Zurich insurance they could go ahead and Ian Henderson and the Clerk would exchange letters to that effect.

10.5 Clerk to order another 2 dog bins for Chapel perimeter and on the junction of Main Road and Westview Close. **Action:** Clerk order after ascertaining consents required for Westfield Close site.

11. Playing Field and Car Park

11.1 It was reported that it was too late in the season to do major remedial works to the playing field. Meantime, the Chairman had instructed James Pring to carry out essential remedial works to repair holes and make the pitch safe until more permanent works could be achieved. David Lovejoy had advised that the short cuts by the Cricket Club, particularly during dry spells would have detrimental effect on the health of the grass. There needed to be a conversation with the Cricket Club as to an agreed minimum cut height to avoid “parching” the grass.

11.2 The Clerk reported that there were RLT2 funds available for children's play equipment but that they were time scaled and he would discuss with SDC Open Spaces Manager. He asked for suggestions as to what Councillors would like to see. Cllr. Morris suggested a “zip wire” for older children and a step machine.

12. Middlezoy Parish Website

12.1 Nothing to report.

13. Village Hall

13.1 Mr Birks reported that the Cricket Club had spray cleaned the terrace decking and re-coated it and it looked much improved.

13.2 Forthcoming events would include the Summer Fête and an Elvis tribute evening.

14. Clerk's Information and correspondence

14.1 The Clerk had correspondence about “Red Flag” Merchant Marine Day celebrations but Councillors felt it not appropriate for an inland community.

14.2 On the weekend of

15. Any other business

15.1 There was none.

16. Date and Venue of next meeting:

16.1 On **Tuesday 21st. MAY 2019 @ 7.00 pm** in Middlezoy Village Hall to include the Annual Parish Assembly and Annual Meeting of the Council.

Signed Date

(Chairman of Council)

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

