

MINUTES OF MIDDLEZOY ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 21st. MAY 2019 in Middlezoy Village Hall @ 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. P. Baker (Chairman), Cllr. N. Gillard, Cllr. A. Lipscomb, Cllr. A. Morris, Cllr. W. Hawkins and Cllr. J. Laine.

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr. F. Collett, Cllr. D. Huxtable and Cllr. L. Perry.

(The Clerk took the Chair for the first part of the meeting.)

1. Declarations of Office

The Clerk explained the Declarations of Office and then witnessed each Member sign their respective forms.

2. Declarations of Interest

The Clerk explained the Declarations of Interest Forms and penalties for not complying and then witnessed the Members sign off of their respective forms.

3. Election of Chairman

The Clerk reported that he had no written nominations for Chairman and would open up for nominations from the floor. Councillor Baker was prepared to stand was proposed by Cllr. A. Lipscomb and seconded by Cllr. J. Laine. Cllr. Paul Baker was duly unanimously elected Chairman for the following year.

(Cllr. Baker then took the Chairman's role).

4. Election of Deputy Chairman

The Clerk explained that this was not a legally required role but is very useful to cover for the Chairman. Cllr. Jackie Laine was proposed by Cllr. W. Hawkins and seconded by Cllr. N. Gillard and was duly unanimously elected.

5. Declarations of Interested

There were none.

6. Parishioner's Question-time

6.1 This was dealt with under the Annual Parish Assembly.

7. County Councillor and District Councillor Reports

7.1 Cllr. Huxtable and Cllr. Perry were not present But Cllr. Anthony Betty introduced himself as the new District Councillor and was congratulated by Parish Councillors on his appointment. He would attend his first SDC Council meeting the following day.

8. Chairman's Comments

8.1 The Chairman wished to have minuted to Parish Council thanks to Mr Robert Colder for his efforts to maintain the grass verges near to the A372 cross roads.

8.2 There were overgrown conifers along the A372 and it was proposed to ask James Pring to trim.

Action: Cllr. Laine to instruct.

8.3 Cllr. Lipscomb reported overgrown Laurel Tree outside of Pebble Cottage and Clerk instructed to bring to attention of Mr Paul Derby of Chapel Farm in Church Road.

9. Minutes of the last Meeting

9.1 The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the last meeting after a single amendment to delete "...on the weekend of."

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

10. Matters Arising

10.1 There were none.

11. Financial Matters

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

11.2 Payments to approve:

- G Wagen James for works to playing field = £368.40
- SALC annual subscription = £196.53
- TSBA for Paye returns = £ 42.00
- Mrs C Pring allotment rent = £400.00 **All agreed.**

12. Planning Matters

12.1 *Applications to be decided:*

34/19/00011 Mr Newman -certificate of lawfulness – no observation.

12.2 Updates: there were none.

12.3 CIL Grant: No CIL receipts could be gained from Affordable Housing.

12.4 Affordable Housing: dealt with under Chairman's report in Annual Parish Assembly.

13. Highways and Footpaths

13.1 Mr Henderson gave a comprehensive report on behalf of Richard Horsham, Hon. Footpaths Officer which included:

- investigations showed many more footpaths than anticipated;
- the Sedgemoor Drain and Sowey Rivers were to be widened to mitigate flooding potential and associated fencing had no stiles but Somerset Rivers Authority/Somerset County Council would be approached to provide;
- Maps had been produced and distributed but already more were needed;
- The working group had reinstated wooden and metal gates;
- there was a slippery slope between Church Road and Main Road where it was proposed to install chippings;

- o it was suggested that training for volunteers in strimming should be reconsidered.
- o It was proposed that the Parish Council pay for half of the maps cost if they were invoiced.

All agreed.

13.2 Cllr. Gillard reported that domestic garden rubbish was being dumped in the lane between Holloway Road and Nethermoor Road which was getting out of hand. **Action:** Clerk arrange for sign to be made about fly tipping and penalties.

13.3 Clerk reminded to arrange permit for dog bin on triangle by Westfield Close and order 2 new bins. **Action:** Clerk.

14. Playing Field and Car Park

14.1 It was reported that the climbing frame needed repair. **Action:** Clerk instruct James Pring.

11.2 The Clark would investigate if exercise equipment would qualify for RLT2 funds.

12. Middlezoy Parish Website

12.1 Nothing to report.

13. Village Hall

13.1 Mr Birks reported that the Elvis event had generated £1000 in receipts.

13.2 Forthcoming events would include the Summer Music Fête.

13.3 It was noted that a notice from Julian Hutchings for the War Games event was on the “triangle”.

13.4 Mr Birks reported vandalism had resulted in a broken window in the village hall.

14. Clerk's Information and correspondence

14.1 The Clerk had correspondence about “Red Flag” Merchant Marine Day celebrations and was instructed to investigate further.

15. Any other business

15.1 There was none.

16.Date and Venue of next meeting:

16.1 On **Tuesday 18 JUNE 2019 @ 7.30 pm** in Middlezoy Village Hall.

Signed Date

(Chairman of Council)

(There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm).

