

MINUTES OF MIDDLEZOY ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Held on Tuesday 21 MAY 2019 in Middlezoy Village Hall @ 7.00 p.m.

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

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

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr David Huxtable (Somerset County Councillor), Cllr. Liz Perry (Sedgemoor District Council) and Cllr. Fi Collett.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

It was **agreed** to endorse The Minutes of the last Annual Parish Assembly that had been read and approved as a true and accurate record at the first business meeting in 2018.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that it had been a fairly quiet year with the Parish Council serving the community on a number of issues and many things had been achieved including initiating Affordable Housing programme :

- The MCP had introduced the new General Data Protection Regulations and as such there had been no inadvertent breaches of the regulations;
- The Parish Council, in partnership with the Middlezoy Community Project, had secured funding for and installed the Digital Projection equipment which had been used on a number of occasions;
- The Arts Group was working well and the Parish Council will continue to support their activities where possible and particular thanks to Caroline for organising events;
- This year saw the installation of new gates and signs which had been completed in conjunction with the Arts Group. This was a great asset to the village and the Parish Council would particularly thank Ian Henderson and Richard Horsham for their efforts and all other volunteers who contributed;
- In September there was an interesting meeting with an issue over a mobile home installed in the orchard adjacent to the drove behind the playing field. It is still there but things on that front had gone quiet.
- A number of us met Ian Liddell-Grainger, the MP, when he attended an event after which he visited the Kicks Hill site to try to resolve the long term problem but despite promises of intervening and coming up with a solution that was the last we heard.

- The Affordable Homes initiative had seem an Open Day to provide public consultation which was very well attended and over 200 questionnaires went out but only 50 returned. It was decided to go with the majority on the forms returned as to the preferred site but to date we are waiting the outcome of investigating an alternative site and when this is complete a decision will be made as to which site to go for. Nobby Turner has agreed to join the Affordable Housing Steering Group as he has a wealth of experience in housing provision.

6. Appointment of Auditor and adoption of Accounts

Mr Maurice Smith was been proposed, by Cllr. A. Lipscomb and seconded by Cllr. N. Gillard as a competent person to be confirmed as the Internal Auditor for Middlezoy Parish Council Annual Accounts for 2018-2019. **All agreed.**

7. Adoption of the Annual Governance Statement

It was **agreed** to defer signing off the Annual Parish Governance Statement until the June meeting.

8. Parishioners Questions and Comments

8.1 Mrs. Sue Wood reported that the Cricket Club were not keeping on top of their contract by not controlling weeds along her fence and in other areas. In particular the triangle in front of the gate and along the roadside hedge which was obscuring vision for drivers exiting the grounds. **Action:** Clerk write firm letter to Cricket Club reminding them of terms of contract.

8.2 The subject of highways was raised in particular Kicks Hill, abuse of the entrance from Main Road to A372 as an exit and flooding at Holloway Road junction with Main Road. **Action:** Clerk write to SCC Highways.

9. Date and Venue of next meeting

13.1 Regular Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 18th JUNE 2019 in Middlezoy Village Hall @ 7.30 pm.

(There being no further business the Annual Parish Assembly closed at 7.35 pm)

Signed Date
(Chairman of Council)

