

## MINUTES OF MIDDLEZOY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>. OCTOBER 2019 in Middlezoy Village Hall @ 7.30 pm.

**PRESENT:** Cllr. P. Baker (Chairman), Cllr. J. Laine, Cllr. A. Lipscomb, Cllr. F. Collett, Cllr. A. Morris and Cllr. W. Hawkins

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chris Sidaway (Clerk), Jacqui Strong (New Clerk), Cllr. A. Betty, Cllr. L. Perry and 5 member of the public.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr. D. Huxtable.

### 1. Declarations of Interested

1.1 Cllr. Laine declared an interest in that her company invoice for processing PAYE returns was on the Agenda.

### 2. Parishioner's Question-time

2.1 It was reported that there were youths of around 14/15 years old climbing on and jumping over the Cricket Club containers despite the Club maintaining that they had painted with climb proof paint. **Action:** Clerk write to Cricket Club.

2.2 The Clerk reported that Somerset Land Drainage Inspectors had visited Nethermoor Drive and could find no evidence of breaches of drainage regulations.

2.3 It was reported that there were issues around Suntrap Bungalow on Kicks Hill

2.4 Windmill Retreat planning consent: Concern was expressed that this application was approved despite many objections. The Clerk explained what were valid planning "material" concerns and that if there was disturbance from this site that complaints to Environmental Health would trigger an investigation into whether there was a Statutory Nuisance. If so enforcement action could be carried out. Mr Ridgment responded that they had installed CCTV and constantly monitored the situation and would act if alerted to any disturbance.

2.5 It was requested that the Clerk ask SDC to resume street cleaning as there were areas of grave concern about vegetation including Buddleia growing in gutters. **Action:** Clerk.

### 3. County Councillor and District Councillor Reports

3.1 There was no County Council report.

3.2 District Councillors: Cllr. L. Perry reported that Townen's had been granted consent for their operations on Westonzoyland Airfield but the residents of Westonzoyland were not impressed. SCC were due to put restriction and the WZ Clerk would advise Liz of the next consultation. The aggregates and soil deposits had been removed and caravans moved on at the other SCC site.

3.3 Further to this the East Bower multiple development was moving ahead with school and other facilities but SDC Affordable Housing had to agree to lower the percentage of Affordable Housing to allow the site to be feasible commercially.

3.4 Cllr. Betty provided good news, in that, Sedgemoor would allow free parking on weekends for the run up to Christmas to promote local trade.

### 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 one amendment in item: 4.1 that Kearney should read Keilty.

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 reported that he did not have a financial report for this meeting but a full report would be presented at the next.

7.2 Items of expenditure for approval:

- PFK Littlejohn for Annual Audit = £240.00
- TSBA for PAYE returns = £ 42.00
- Zoytek for website domain name = £ 40.00

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

7.3 GRANTS: A grant application had been received from the Middlezoy Rovers Football Club to landscape the perimeter of the Football Ground at Westonzoyland. It was **unanimously agreed** that it did not meet the criteria of being within the Parish and of the broad community benefit.

A further application was made by Michael Loader of One Tree Project for engagement with children but was thought too vague to merit consideration at this stage. **Action:** Clerk request specific project.

## 8. Planning Matters

*8.1 Items for decision:*

**34/19/00014:** Land to East of Holloway Road – conversion of barn to domestic accommodation. This application was debated at length and although there were misgivings about the various applications in this area there were no valid reasons to object. It was **agreed** to support, in principle, with condition that there is no associated development.

**34/19/00015:** Development adjacent to Coronation Farm, Main Road – build 2 dwellings. The Clerk explained that this was not the first application on this site and, that being within the development boundary, would be eventually built upon. The Council considered and came to decision to support, in principle, but make observations about land drainage, flooding, sight-lines and parking restrictions. **Action:** Clerk respond accordingly.

**34/19/00012:** Change of use from nursery to wellness hub. **Support.**

*8.2 Items for update:*

**34/19/00006 :** Windmill Retreat for Messrs. Ridgment – dealt with under item: 2.4.

8.3 **CIL Grant:** There was a new CIL receipt pending – report for next meeting.

8.4 **Affordable Housing:** The Chairman reported that there had been no response to e-mails from SDC and SHAL cannot progress without further information.

## 9. Highways and Footpaths

9.1 Highways: nothing to report.

9.2 Footpaths:

**10. Playing Field and Car Park**

10.1 Reported at item 2.4.

**11. Middlezoy Parish Website**

11.1 Nothing to report except Cllr. Laine will liaise with and mentor the new Clerk on its use.

**12. Village Hall**

12.1 Mr Birks reported that there was to be an ABBA Tribute event, Bingo and there were plans for the 5<sup>th</sup>. November Guy Fawkes Bonfire event. A new fund-raising initiative was under-way to upgrade the Village Hall toilets.

12.2 Cllr. Jackie Laine reported that there had been complaints from Parishioners that during a County Council event at the Hall that the car park was full and overspill parking had constricted all the adjacent roads. Mr Birks would liaise with SCC to ensure this would not repeat.

**13. Clerk's Information and correspondence**

13.1 The Clerk invited Members to attend a Planning Training meeting at SDC.

13.2 There was also training for Councillors through SALC – info to be forwarded. **Action:** Clerk.

13.3 Scope charity cloths bin in village: it was **resolved** that there already was one.

**14. Any other business**

14.1 Clerk was instructed to pursue the Back Lane Archaeological appraisal. **Action:** Clerk.

**15. Resolution to hold Part B: Exempt Item**

15.1 It was **resolved** to discuss the issue of Casual Vacancy co-option under Part B: Exempt item where Press and Public are excluded as it involved personal discussion.

**16. Date and Venue of next meeting:**

16.1 On **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>. NOVEMBER 2019 at 7.30 pm** in Middlezoy Village Hall.

Signed ..... Date .....

(Chairman of Council)

(There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 pm).