

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18th February 2020 at 730pm in Middlezoy Village Hall

Present: Cllrs. Paul Baker (Chair), Ann Lipscomb, Will Hawkins, Jason Mackay, Jackie Laine (8:05pm)

In attendance: Jacqui Strong (Clerk), Cllrs. David Huxtable, Liz Perry and Anthony Betty, Tony (chairman of Othery Parish Council) and 5 members of the public

Parishioners question time:

Apologies given by Eleanor Rolfe who asked to speak at the meeting but had been called away. Photographs shown of the road condition that she provided. Advised meeting that SDC Clean Surroundings has indicated that the next clean will be in approximately 4 weeks. An additional member of staff will be in front clearing and scraping. MOP asked if we could circulate that date and encourage residents to move their cars. PB proposed a working party be created for a village approach to the street cleaning. Cllr Huxtable asked if any blockages to the drains could be reported, this led to further discussion about drains subject to being blocked due to mud/badgers and run off – one solution suggested is to elevate the drain. Clerk to email SDC in the first instance and from this second visit determine the working party route.

Drainage Board Rhyne – Last correspondence Clerk has had was that they were arranging a site visit, nothing more to report. Cllr Betty advised that Othery had had a site visit and that the Rhyne is on the priority list.

Signs overgrown with vegetation past Millards, number of road users not abiding to the signage. Clerk to send letter to home owners asking for cooperation to cut back any foliage obscuring the signage.

Point raised about the condition of the road by Derby's Farm – letter to be sent by Clerk

30/20/MPC Apologies
Apologies from Cllr Morris. No apology received from Cllr Collett

31/20/MPC Declarations of Interest in items on this agenda
No declarations of Interest

32/20/MPC Chairman's Announcements
Thanks to Cllr Mackay for sorting out the laptop purchase and printer for the Clerk.

Letter received regarding the Cricket Club Maintenance for the last quarter of the year, agreed because of the recent history to authorise payment in line with the contract agreement.

33/20/MPC To receive and approve minutes as circulated
Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 21st January 2020 received and approved – noted minor amendment to spelling of Towens. Signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.

34/20/MPC Receive reports from County Councillor

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Holloway Road – lots of calls since before Christmas from Middlezoy/Othery. LH Highways officer SCC responded to query, as follows:

The responsibility is with the landowner regarding the road closure and the defects to be made good. There is still approximately 6 month's work remaining and this should have been raised at the planning stage in hindsight. There will be a full condition report on completion of the work and any resurfacing/defects to be made good. There is now one haulier being used to avoid any confusion. From a County Council viewpoint, the planning is legitimate, hauliers have a reason to be there linked to the work being carried out and agreement to repair any damage has been agreed.

Road Collisions - Data is expected of the speed of vehicles w/c 17/2/2020 – if 85% of road users are travelling at 50mph/40mph then there is a reasonable chance that the limit could be reduced if the data supports that most people are travelling at the reduced speed due to the nature of the road. Will review data and report back.

There are situations occurring whereby road users are not abiding by the signage ie: no entry signs. PB to send information/map to Cllr Huxtable regarding possible solutions that could be considered.

35/20/MPC Receive Reports from District Councillors

Towens – Alan Hurford keen for the 3 parishes to meet and include the manager of Towens regarding Holloway Road, other roads and consideration to other traffic when lorries travelling in the Parishes.

Point raised as to where the soil was being moved from and was a Council contract and they were paying for the soil to be moved from another site?

Manege: 13 applications of which many were turned down. Sides are steep and slippery and takes a huge amount of soil to infill which wasn't clear to the extent on the plans – only one enforcement officer covering the entire district currently.

Grants – Cricket Club have submitted an application to SDC – oversubscribed at the end of the application period.

Concerns raised by the Parish about burning of rubbish at 38 Main Road and vehicles being left covered in ash, could it be checked with district if a Waste Licence is in place?

36/20/MPC Receive Reports from Police

No reports received – Clerk to email again and request that a report can be left at the coffee morning for inclusion at the Parish meetings.

37/20/MPC Receive reports from MPC and Village Hall

2 Quotes for toilets and flooring – estimate £10,000
Tickets for events going well – on target for 150 tickets
VE Day celebrations

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Liaising with Jean Campbell about registering the defibrillator due to the maintenance company changing the way this is carried out and the need to know where all units are sited.

Bonfire area has been cleared with a magnet.

38/20/MPC Consider grant application for MCP – VE Day

Application received for a grant for £425.00 from the Parish Council for a community event to mark VE Day. Total cost approximately £800. The money will assist with the entertainment. The aim is to have a free event for the Parish to attend and involve the different age groups, plans to work with the school.

It was **Resolved** that the Council in accordance with its powers under section 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area of its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with expenditure to the value of £425 for a community event.

39/20/MPC To propose and agree date and time for the Annual Parish Meeting

It was decided to delay this until the next meeting as the Council had not been offered this 2 separate meetings to celebrate the groups within the Parish and felt that an evening of its own would be better for the Parish. Deferred until 17th March – groups to be considered and brought to the meeting.

40/20/MPC To propose and agree date and time for the Annual Parish Council Meeting

It was agreed to hold this meeting on the 3rd Tuesday in May.

41/20/MPC Allotment update

Allotment society and landowner to contact each other directly removing the need for the Parish Council to be involved due to the longevity of the arrangement and success.

42/20/MPC Playing Field Maintenance

Ollie Baker is currently studying at Cannington College and has expressed an interest in helping with the strimming around the village hall. It was **resolved** for the clerk to undertake a site visit and discuss arrangements and need for insurance cover and risk assessments. Clerk to arrange a mutually convenient time. Cllr Laine to contact James Pring about the twice yearly hedge trimming. Contract with Cricket Club to be reviewed with the grass cutting as only requirement.

43/20/MPC To agree disposal of Clerks old Laptop (4/5 years old)

It was **resolved** to offer the laptop free of charge to Ollie Baker once taken back to factory settings to assist with his college course and business set up. No monetary value due to age of machine.

44/20/MPC Agree payment and cost of website

Agreed for Clerk to determine if CIL money could be spent on a community website and to defer any decisions to future meetings after quotes had been received. Links on website

would be fine to external groups but not being part of the admin. Might be easier due to the amount of time to maintain and set up a webpage to consider an external company.

45/20/MPC Receive and note Balance Sheet

Balance sheet noted and **Resolved** to make a cheque payment in lieu of the last clerks salary for November 2019 due to the Standing Order being cancelled.

46/20/MPC Authorisation of payments

It was agreed and noted to make the listed payments:

MCP Hire of Village Hall invoice 428/432	£240.00
SALC Councillor Essential Training invoice 19874	£ 25.00
Curry's PC World Invoice 17067453	£339.00
Clerks Expenses & Fixed Expenses	£124.30
Cricket Club Invoice – Maintenance Contract	£300.00

47/20/MPC Planning – Items for decision

No planning decisions this month

48/20/MPC Planning – Items for update

34/19/00015 Granted outline planning permission South East Coronation Farm
34/19/00018 Refused Planning Permission Cutley Farm (West)

49/20/MPC Affordable Housing Update

No updates

50/20/MPC Middlezoy Parish Council Website

Quotes being obtained for resolution at next month's meeting

51/20/MPC Highways and Footpaths

Nothing to report on Footpaths
First Tree Group meeting held
Arts Festival – 10/11/12 July
Singing Pirate/Sea Shanties confirmed

52/20/MPC Items of Correspondence

Posters for Slim my Waste recycling campaign – Spring Litter Pick – Dog Poo Signs

53/20/MPC Items for next meeting to be forwarded by Monday 9th March 2020

54/20/MPC Date of next meeting

Tuesday 17th March 2020 in Middlezoy Village Hall at 730pm

Meeting closed at 9:05pm

Signed