

# Middlezoy Parish Council

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## Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 16th March 2021 at 7:30pm via Zoom

**Present:** Cllrs. Paul Baker, Aviva Morris, Ann Lipscombe and Florence Roulson

**In attendance:** Jacqui Strong (Clerk), Cllr. Anthony Betty, Cllr. Liz Perry and 5 members of the public

**Public Discussion:** No public questions

### 051/21/MPC Apologies

No apologies – Cllr Hawkins not present

### 052/21/MPC Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda and dispensations granted

Cllr.Perry declared interest in planning.

### 053/21/MPC Councillor Vacancies

2 Vacancies remain on the Parish Council – any interested parties to contact the Clerk

### 054/21/MPC Receive and approve minutes

Minutes received and **approved** of the meetings held by the Parish Council on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March (extraordinary planning meeting).

### 055/21/MPC Receive Chairman's report

Nothing to report

### 056/21/MPC Receive County Councillor reports

The County Councillor no report received

### 057/21/MPC Receive District Councillor reports

The District Councillor's reported that Covid is taking up most of officers workload at the moment, no updates from Liz for Middlezoy. Enforcement notice on fence on Nethermoor Road, but no updates currently. Quiet month from district .

### 058/21/MPC Receive reports for the police or other emergency services

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4 Incidents reported, 2 were transport linked, 1 general and 1 public/welfare concern. There has been a rise in the theft of catalytic converters, please report any suspicious behaviour.

**059/21/MPC Motion to increase the maintenance budget for 2021/22**

The council **resolved** to increase the budget to £4000 for the forthcoming year.

**060/21/MPC Motion to agree contract for village maintenance**

The council **resolved** to approve the quote from G Wagen James on the basis of being a local company and competitively priced.

**061/21/MPC Motion to appoint internal auditor**

The council **resolved** to appoint Richard Young as the internal auditor for 2020/21 accounts.

**062/21/MPC Motion to agree meetings calendar 2021/22**

The council **resolved** to agree the meetings to be held on the third Tuesday in each month except August. The Annual Parish Council meeting will take place (Covid permitting) on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021. The Annual Parish Meeting date is to be confirmed ordinarily between 1 March and 1 June – awaiting further guidance but considering 23 and 30<sup>th</sup> June being considered outside of the date above on the basis of the government lifting restrictions.

**063/21/MPC Motion to agree Skate Park Repairs**

The council **resolved** to carry this forward to April.

**064/21/MPC Motion to agree extension period for the Herras Fencing**

The council **resolved** to agree to extend the fencing until the end of May 2021.

**065/21/MPC Payment of Zurich Insurance**

The council **resolved** to approve payment by BACs of £521.30 to Zurich Insurance and delegate authority for this payment to the Clerk. Request made due to delay in cheques being presented.

**066/21/MPC Payment to Cricket Club**

The council **resolved** to approve payment by BACs of £300.00 to Middlezoy Cricket Club and delegate authority for this payment to the Clerk. Request made due to delay in cheques being presented.

**067/21/MPC Planning – items for decision (cllr. Perry left meeting 20:31)**

34/21/00002 Merricks Farm, 46 Main Road: Variation of conditions. The council **resolved** to support the application

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34/20/00011 5 Kicks Hill - Amended Plans – no major change in plans. The council **resolved** to maintain their original viewpoint of 03/11/2020 no grounds to object

**068/21/MPC Planning – items for update**

The council **noted** the following:

34/20/00013 Poole Barn – Full planning permission **granted**

34/20/00015 Merricks Farm – **Under consideration**

34/20/00016 12 Main Road – Full planning permission **granted**

32/21/00003 Land East of Holloway Road - **Withdrawn** after registration

**069/21/MPC Affordable Housing update**

The Chairman has nothing to update as not heard from the district council following the survey despite chasing them once the results are available the council will display on the website and via Facebook. The next step would be to have a steering group meeting – a further piece of land has been proposed. Observation made that affordable housing is for anyone including first time buyers and older relatives who want to be near their families is an important consideration.

**070/21/MPC Highways and Public Rights of Way**

The drain is sinking in the layby along Kicks Hill – photographs and report to highways.

**071/21/MPC Village Maintenance**

The dog warden is to increase patrols but locations of concern would be appreciated to focus the patrols. Forward any details to the clerk via email.

Conservation – village Eco event planned. Planting of trees being discussed and area around the church yard. Meeting due to take place with Simon Phelps and Cricket Club to determine where to plant trees in the future that will cause minimal disturbance with reduced mowing to encourage bio-diversity.

**072/21/MPC Village Hall**

Letter has been received unfortunately announcing that the village hall has been un-successful with the climate fund grant application.

**073/21/MPC Correspondence**

Unification information from Somerset County Council and Sedgemoor District Council

Covid advice - disposal of lateral flow tests and transport assistance to vaccination centre

**074/21/MPC Date of next meeting: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021 19:30pm**

**075/21/MPC Meeting closed 21:01pm**

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