

Middlezoy Parish Council

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Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 27th April 2021 at 7:30pm via Zoom

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

In attendance: Jacqui Strong (Clerk), Cllr. Anthony Betty, David Huxtable and 2 members of the public

Public Discussion: As a resident living on the Main Road, increased traffic noticed in particular large lorries – construction traffic. Could traffic calming measures be introduced on Main Road as causing noise problems – noted that this wouldn't reduce noise but speed. Believe traffic was linked to Windmill which has finished – DH has requested to review in the short term before going to highways post lockdown. Another issue that was reported is the amount of parking on Main Road and experienced an ambulance who couldn't get through due to the inconsiderate parking blocking the route. Believe some of the problem is linked to Merricks Farm and the vans from the development – DH advised for email to be sent to him outside of meeting for further consideration.

Cricket starts on Saturday – matches and training arranged. ECB regulations being followed for Covid and discouraging spectators. Field has been cut 3 times and the square will be cut weekly on a Thursday.

076/21/MPC Apologies

No apologies

077/21/MPC Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda and dispensations granted

No declarations of interest received.

078/21/MPC Councillor Vacancies – 2 available please contact clerk for information

079/21/MPC Receive and approve minutes

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Minutes received and **approved** of the meeting held by the Parish Council on Tuesday 16th March.

080/21/MPC Receive Chairman's report

Information on the affordable housing shared.

081/21/MPC Receive County Councillor reports

The County Councillor reported that his report still stands which is covid heavy, but happy to receive any questions. Highways have repaired pot-holes along Back Lane which have been generated by use of heavy vehicles. Tractors have increased in size and larger vehicles are widening the lane. DH left 19:52.

082/21/MPC Receive District Councillor reports

The District Councillor reported that there is an AGM full council meeting on 28 April, Anthony and Liz will both be on the development committee which will mean not being part of discussions in future on planning issues to remain impartial. Soil on the aerodrome, planning consultation happening early May.

083/21/MPC Receive reports for the police or other emergency services

No reports received from the police or other emergency services.

084/21/MPC Motion to note Skatepark Survey Responses

Flo discussed the recent survey about the skatepark. The council noted the responses to the survey and the overall response was to keep the skatepark. There were a number of comments about the consultation, the feedback originally looked at the young people's thoughts at the time. The feeling is that it should not necessarily be removed but interested in the comments for what people wanted, one thing was the adult's gym equipment would be a beneficial piece of equipment, along with a meeting place or football goals for young people or increased equipment for toddlers. Shop has raised concerns that someone is using the shop veranda as a shelter and caused damage. Once the Skatepark is sorted, the next stage can be considered and adding to the complement of council assets.

085/21/MPC Motion to approve skatepark contractor

The council **resolved** to carry the decision for the skatepark to the May meeting and **resolved** to agree to extend hire period to the end of May 2021.

086/21/MPC Motion to approve maintenance contract

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The council **resolved** to approve the maintenance contract and arranged to meet with contractor on site 28 April 2021. The hedge cutting regularity and wild meadow grass suggestion will be discussed with the contractor.

087/21/MPC Motion to approve Covid Risk Assessments

The council received and approved the Covid Risk Assessments. Note maximum number of 28 people allowed and advice would be to let clerk know if attending the May meeting.

088/21/MPC Motion to approve Internal Financial Control Risk Assessment

The council **resolved** to approve the Financial Control Risk Assessment.

089/21/MPC Motion to approve Financial Regulations (no change)

The council **resolved** to approve the Financial Regulations.

090/21/MPC Motion to approve the Code of Conduct (no change)

The council **resolved** to approve the Code of Conduct.

091/21/MPC Motion to note end of financial year AGAR procedures

The council noted that the Internal Audit had been completed ahead of next month's AGAR submission.

092/21/MPC Motion to approve reviewed budget for 2021/22

The council **resolved** to agree the movement from the audit budget of £200.00 to IT support to accommodate increased charge of website domain and service, owing to being a small authority for audit purposes and internal audit charge of £50 only.

093/21/MPC Motion to note resolve

The council received the grant application from the MCP for £500 to help towards the cost of a summer fete for the village - entertainment and music. The council **resolved** that 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.

094/21/MPC Payments were noted under delegated power within budget

Reimbursement for Herras Fencing (Clerk)	£ 72.00
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Insurance Premium 2021/22	£521.30
GDPR Registration	£ 40.00

095/21/MPC Payments were approved not in budget

Website Payment Zoytek	£119.00
Reimbursement Survey Subscription	£384.00

The council **resolved** to approve the payment for the Reimbursement of the Survey Subscription and agreed for the clerk to arrange an electronic payment. The survey can be used by community groups to obtain information for community projects and events. The council **resolved** that 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.

096/21/MPC The council noted quarterly spreadsheets and reconciliation

097/21/MPC The council agreed to set up an electronic payment - G Wagen James

To assist with payments the council **Resolved** to set up an electronic monthly payment for £305.00 to cover the cost of the maintenance work in the village for the period 1st May 2021 to 30th April 2022. The following period will be subject to a 3% increase.

098/21/MPC The council noted planning update

Planning number **34/20/00011** – Full Planning Permission 5 Kicks Hill - **Granted**

099/21/MPC Affordable Housing update

The Chairman has been chasing Sedgemoor District Council, the data has been collated but has to be signed off before the information is released on the affordable housing. The steering group are ready to meet and discuss suitable sites based on the results from the survey including new opportunities that have arisen.

100/21/MPC Highways and Public Rights of Way

Note the concerns raised by the public about parking and traffic increase.

101/21/MPC Village Maintenance

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Quotations for dog bins will be presented at June meeting. Chapel was happy for it to be put in the grounds of the Chapel.

102/21/MPC Village Hall Updates

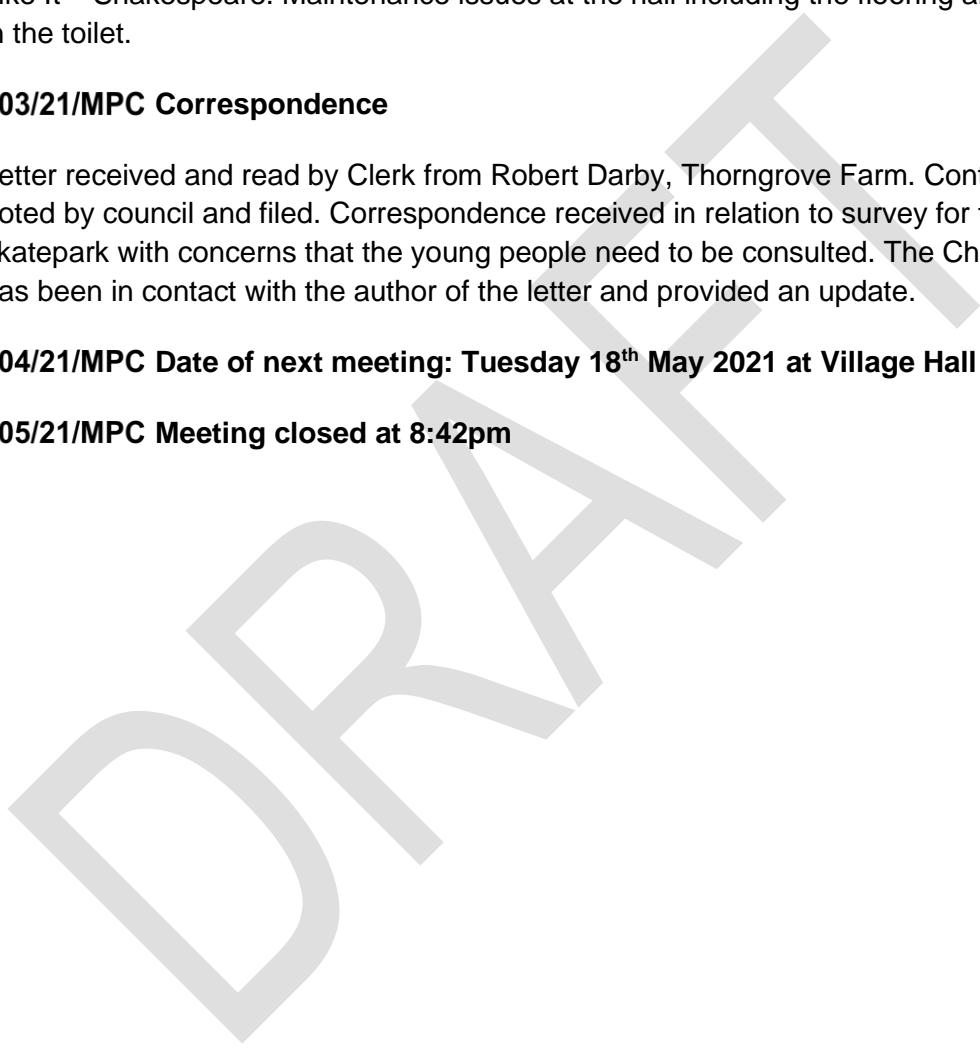
A few things arranged by the committee decided that all events would be held outside including the Queen Tribute on the 24th July 2021 – some tickets available. Bookings for 2022 being looked at due to the effects of covid still prevalent, 5th July – As You Like It – Shakespeare. Maintenance issues at the hall including the flooring and a leak in the toilet.

103/21/MPC Correspondence

Letter received and read by Clerk from Robert Darby, Thorngrove Farm. Contents noted by council and filed. Correspondence received in relation to survey for the skatepark with concerns that the young people need to be consulted. The Chairman has been in contact with the author of the letter and provided an update.

104/21/MPC Date of next meeting: Tuesday 18th May 2021 at Village Hall 7:30pm

105/21/MPC Meeting closed at 8:42pm



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