

Middlezoy Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19th January 2021 at 7:30pm via Zoom

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

In attendance: Jacqui Strong (Clerk), Cllrs. Anthony Betty, Liz Perry, David Huxtable and 6 members of the public

Public Discussion: Michael Loader update on the school project under the grant funding at the primary school, keen to happen on-line before end of tax year. Sedgemoor DC are in the process of being contacted in relation to the on-line version. Liz Perry offered to make enquiries also.

001/21/MPC Apologies

Cllr Paul Baker

002/21/MPC Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda and dispensations granted

Cllr Liz Perry declared interest in the planning section and will need to leave.

003/21/MPC Councillor

2 Vacancies still available, any interested parties encouraged to contact the clerk.

004/21/MPC Receive and approve minutes as circulated

Minutes **received and approved** of Parish Council meeting held on 15th December 2020

005/21/MPC Report received from Chairman

Bio-Diversity will be attended and represented by Simon Phelps and Florence Roulson. Affordable Housing update due to COVID there is a delay with the post staff and the new Digital Smart assessment programme that will work alongside the letters. Update that the Parish Council have agreed to manage donations for trees and plaques.

006/21/MPC Report received from County Councillor David Huxtable

Report: nothing Middlezoy specific, County wide over 700 members of county council staff seconded to help the NHS with the vaccine programme, there maybe a slow down in county council services due to this. Positive that on schedule to vaccinate the over 80s by the end of the month (24th), 2000 care staff will also be vaccinated, Taunton Racecourse can handle 900 people a day.

007/21/MPC Report received from District Councillor's Liz Perry and Anthony Betty

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Report: **Liz Perry** understands that enforcement are struggling to keep up with requests namely the Peat on the airfield, ongoing concern over the wall/fence on the corner of Nethermoor Road, Cutley Road with the lorries also being looked into, road will need to be inspected after work completed but no date in mind. Othery are involving the police due to damage to cemetery wall being damaged, Towans have tried to be contacted but no more information to date. Reiterated to the district councillors that Middlezoy skate park is still out of action and fenced off. **Anthony Betty** informed the council that Sedgemoor staff are a back up for vaccinations, but will check about the staff in the post room.

008/21/MPC Report from police or emergency services

No reports

009/21/MPC Grounds Maintenance – report received from Clerk for Maintenance Tender

The council received report and **resolved** to combine the maintenance and advertise for quotes on this basis.

010/21/MPC Risk assessments noted

The Council noted the risk assessment for Covid/Park/Home Working/Lone Working and Meetings.

011/21/MPC Home Working Policy – January 2021

The council **resolved** to approve the Home Working Policy

012/21/MPC Grant Application – Middlezoy Community Shop and Post Office

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:- To approve the Grant Application for £500.00 towards the cost of the canopy to allow the service to continue during the wetter months and allow for village to be provided with a Covid-19 safe operation.

013/21/MPC Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting dates

The council decided to postpone decision to next month owing to Covid and awaiting outcome from Somerset Association of Local Councils.

014/21/MPC Payments made under delegated responsibility within the budget

Cricket Club Invoice	£ 300.00
SLCC Membership	£ 120.00
Hedge and strimming maintenance	£ 240.00

015/21/MPC Quarterly income and expenditure spreadsheet and bank reconciliation

The council **resolved** to receive and approach the 3rd quarter 2021 income and expenditure

Signed

Liz Perry left the meeting 20:05

016/21/MPC Planning

Items for update received:

Application 34/20/00016 – Under Consideration

Pring - Erection of dwelling 12 Main Road, TA7 0PD – support of planning application following consultation with Chairman under Covid-19 approved delegated powers.

Application 34/20/00011 - Under Consideration

2 storey extension – 5 Kicks Hill TA7 ONU

Items for decision:

34/20/00015

Listed Building Consent (alterations) Merricks Farm TA7 0NN – native hedging concerns raised and ranch fencing put in place. Member of public has indicated that the hedging is still in place. The Council **resolved** to approve.

017/21/MPC Affordable Housing update from Steering Group

Due to the current situation with the pandemic and many staff working from home, there will be a delay in photocopying the letter and housing survey needs assessment. A new Smart Survey will also be used which is currently in the process of being set up and the letters and survey will be sent once this has been done. (as above)

018/21/MPC Village Maintenance

Signs for the play area advising people of safety advice will be displayed tomorrow.

019/21/MPC Village Hall

The Climate Grant Decision by the county council for solar panels and electric charging points will be delayed due to the pandemic.

020/21/MPC Correspondence

Correspondence sheet circulated, no requests for further information
Request for interest in pantomime for the village – Ann Lipscombe

021/21/MPC Date of next meeting: Tuesday 16th February 2021 7:30pm via Zoom

022/21/MPC Meeting closed at 20:20pm hours

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