

Middlezoy Parish Council

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Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 15th June 2021 at 7:30pm at Middlezoy Village Hall

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

In attendance: Jacqui Strong (Clerk) and 3 members of the public

Public Discussion: Question raised about planning conditions with regards steel work going up in the village, but no planning – was this normal. In some circumstances yes this was normal.

Concerns over the standard of some of the Towns drivers have been observed, is it worth complaining? Clerk to send generic email asking Towns how best to report any concerns.

Drifting and screeching of vehicles – excessive noise can be heard in the village from the events held locally. Clerk to send email to district and county councillors asking about monitoring of these events and concerns about the noise.

Excessive/inappropriate speed in the village and inconsiderate parking causing obstructions. Police to be notified and enquiries to be made to ease this situation, possible event to raise awareness. Any issues happening at the time should be reported by calling 101.

Vegetation growth around village is increasing is there anything that can be done to encourage householders to tidy up the weeds outside their properties. Also discussed the encouraging of wildlife around the village and balancing the maintenance work.

129/21/MPC Apologies

Apologies received from Cllrs. David Huxtable (received prior to meeting but email arrived after clerk had checked) and Anthony Betty. Cllr. Hawkins not in attendance clerk to email and undertake a welfare check.

130/21/MPC Declarations of interest in items on this agenda

No declarations declared

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131/21/MPC Parish Council - Councillor Vacancies

There are currently two vacancies, contact the clerk for more information.

132/21/MPC Receive and approve minutes of Tuesday 18th May 2021

Minutes received and **approved** as a correct record of the meeting held by the Parish Council on Tuesday 18th May 2021.

133/21/MPC Receive Chairman's report

The Chairman reported that a meeting had just been held about the skatepark repairs which was most informative. In the future the parish council would like to create a community group with members of the parish to look at all options based around the survey results, which there were many suggestions including pump tracks, gym equipment etc.. Anyone interested in being involved to let the parish council know as there will need to be funding applications applied for. You do not need to be on the council to do this.

134/21/MPC Receive County and District Councillor reports

Report received from Cllr Betty: Meetings have resumed in person, councillors took part in Bridgwater House with members of the public accessing virtually via Teams.

Unitary Local Poll – 65.3% voted for the District Councils unitary proposal, with 34.7% supporting a single unitary, the turnout was 111,000. A decision of the local Government secretary is due before Parliamentary recess on 22nd July.

135/21/MPC Receive reports for the police or other emergency services

Report received from the police: one incident classed as violence in the last 28 days. Parking complaints have been received which will be monitored whilst on patrol, if an obstruction is being caused to ring 101 so the incident may possibly be dealt with as it is happening. A recent internet safety talk to the pupils at Middlezoy Primary has recently been undertaken and further education packages are planned for the future. PC 1348 Ross Rugman has joined the neighbourhood team.

136/21/MPC Receive Standing Orders (no additions or changes)

The reviewed standing orders were received and noted.

137/21/MPC Meetings Calendar

The calendar of meetings was agreed and noted for the next 12 months, copy to be displayed in the noticeboard by the shop and village hall.

138/21/MPC Payments were noted under delegated power within budget

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| Postage | £ 16.24 |
| Stationary (Laminate Pouches) | £ 2.00 |
| Herras Fencing Reimbursement | £ 72.00 |
| Clerks Expenses Administration | £ 24.30 |
| Total (Chq 993) | £114.54 |

139/21/MPC VAT Claim

Noted the payment of VAT Claim £627.18 paid into general reserves.

140/21/MPC Planning decision 34/21/0004

The application Weighbridge Farm – erection of agricultural buildings. The parish council were pleased to note that the cladding was going to be dark green in keeping with the existing buildings and the green of the landscape around the site due to the size and potential visibility from the village. The Parish Council **resolved** to approve the application.

141/21/MPC Planning update number: 34/21/0001

The application at Holloway Road is under consideration.

142/21/MPC Affordable Housing Steering Group

The steering group have met but are still waiting for Sedgemoor District Council to come and look at potential sites, SHAL have been contacted regarding the 5 possible available sites to accommodate 26 properties (increase from the 12 previously needed). Affordable homes are valued at 80% open market rent, shared ownership involves buying a percentage of the home which can appreciate in value but still the 80% is sold on in the future – to someone in the village. It is still to be determined how this will operate with SHAL. Considerations from outside agencies ie: Highways need to be agreed also.

143/21/MPC Highways

A number of concerns were raised during the meeting about the speed of traffic around the village both excessive and inappropriate speed for the conditions. It has also been highlighted that a number of road signs are in need of repair/replacement. The village sign is also peeling and falling into disrepair. Clerk to investigate.

144/21/MPC Village Hall Updates

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The MCP decided at the start of the year that all events would be outside, this still stands. Future events are being considered. School will be using the field during July for their annual sports day.

Due to the government's recent extension of the road map the parish council have decided to POSTPONE the parish meeting due to be held at the village hall on Wednesday 30th June. A new date will be announced in due course when the covid road map is clearer.

145/21/MPC Correspondence

Correspondence noted.

146/21/MPC Date of next meeting: Tuesday 20th July 2021 at Village Hall 7:30pm

147/21/MPC Meeting closed at 20:47 pm

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