

Middlezoy Parish Council

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Minutes of the parish council meeting held at Middlezoy Village Hall on Tuesday 21st September 2021 at 7:30pm.

Present: Cllrs. Paul Baker, Ann Lipscombe, Florence Roulson and Becky Turner

In attendance: Jacqui Strong (Clerk), Cllrs. David Huxtable, Anthony Betty, Liz Perry and 3 members of the public

Public Discussion: Q: Would like information about obstructing the highway by vehicles?

The police have advised for information on any vehicle causing an obstruction to be reported via 101 this includes parking complaints. If the police are notified when it is happening the incident may possibly be dealt with at the time. Many highway complaints are on the increase due to the numbers of vehicles and consideration would be recommended to all members of the parish to avoid potential inconvenience to others i.e: blocking of a public footpath or road.

Q: Signpost responsibility – Condition and Visibility

Question was raised about the collection of a Kicks Hill sign – this is going to be arranged to be collected by Cllr. Huxtable.

Foliage should be kept cut back by the landowner

Condition of the finger post sign at the Junction of Oliver's Road was raised and the possibility of locating the sign and repainting. Men's Shed have been known to do this in the past and could be contacted. Initially member of the parish is going to visit the junction and try and locate the missing sign.

Village Badger Signs – the Chairman to speak with the school about new designs.

177/21/MPC Apologies

Cllr. Aviva Morris

178/21/MPC Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda and dispensations granted

No declarations of interest received.

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179/21/MPC Declaration by co-opted Councillor Becky Turner

Declaration signed by Becky Turner in the presence of the Clerk and welcomed to the council.

180/21/MPC Receive and approve minutes

Minutes **approved** of the meeting held by the Parish Council on Tuesday 20th July 2021.

181/21/MPC Receive Chairman's report

The Chairman reported that Middlezoy Parish Council received a certificate of commendation for their playing field by the Somerset Playing Fields Association. Certificate to be displayed in the village hall.

Note that there is approximately £3,400 in Sedgemoor District Councils RLT 2 funding pot for Middlezoy which could be used as part funding for outdoor play equipment, Cllrs Morris and Roulson to continue research.

The Jubilee Committee are making arrangements for the weekend in June 2022, the question was raised about how funds were going to be raised and if the parish council was taking overall responsibility, this will be clarified at next committee meeting. A rough outline of events:

Thursday - Beacon lighting hopefully a creation of a beacon brazier to be sited by the Church with a view to being used to mark future anniversaries also.

Friday – Possible dancing/barn dance/hog roast/tribute band – still in discussion.

Saturday – suggestions include the screening of the Royal ceremony on a large screen or TV.

Sunday – Big Lunch (bring your own food)

182/21/MPC Receive County Councillor reports

The County Councillor reported that up to now the reports have centered around Covid however the Local Government Review is likely to be the ongoing topic of discussion. The indication is that the process is likely to move along quite quickly although waiting for communications from Michael Gove Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. A survey of local area with the new officer responsible for signs and lines was carried out and positive steps are being made moving forward with this however the situation with road condition has been delayed due to workforce issues.

183/21/MPC Receive District Councillor reports

The District Councillors reported that grant money is available, and members of the parish are encouraged to apply including individuals for arts/sports funding up to £500 and groups with a bank account can apply for funding for various projects up to £2,500. Match funding is encouraged. The funds could support a community event as in the Jubilee, Liz Perry to forward information across to the Clerk. The Legal department at Sedgemoor are still working on the case of the boundary fencing and will provide an update in due course. Anthony Betty reported that the Somerset Waste Partnership Green Bin collections have now restarted.

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184/21/MPC Receive reports for the police or other emergency services

No report received from the police.

185/21/MPC Motion to note the revised Grants Policy

The council **resolved** to approve the Grants Policy (no amendments).

186/21/MPC Motion to note the Terms of Reference – Finance and Staffing Committee

The council **resolved** to approve the Terms of Reference (no amendments).

187/21/MPC Motion to received amended Contract of Employment

The council **resolved** to approve the amended (hours reduction) Contract of Employment.

188/21/MPC Motion to note the Dog Bin Map

The new map was noted and will be displayed around village and in notice board.

189/21/MPC Note CIL report 2020/21

Completed and returned to Sedgemoor District Council - Receipt's £1,868.62 and expenditure for 2020/21 £3,051.48.

190/21/MPC Payments noted paid within budget

Village Hall Invoice 454 (electronic payment)	£ 36.00
SALC Membership (electronic payment)	£201.43
Mileage Claim (2 x July visit) cheque 995	£ 24.30
Grounds Maintenance – July (standing order)	£305.00
Fixed Work from Home payment – Cheque 995	£100.00

191/21/MPC Payments approved to be made by BACs electronic payment

Radiiramps – Skatepark Repair (CIL Funds)	£2,995.00
James G Wagen (Hedge Cutting – Fete)	£ 54.00
James G Wagen (Herras removal and strimming around skate park)	£ 72.00

192/21/MPC Parish Council noted CIL Balance: £631.69**193/21/MPC Planning (Cllrs Perry and Betty left the meeting) - decision**

<p>Planning number: 34/21/00006</p> <p>Request for full planning permission for the erection of a single storey rear extension at Keyna, Main Road, Middlezoy, TA7 0PD.</p>	<p>The parish council saw no grounds to object and support this planning application</p>
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194/21/MPC Planning – update (Cllrs Perry and Betty returned to the meeting)

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<p>Planning number: 34/21/00004</p> <p>Request for full planning permission for the erection of agricultural storage building at Weighbridge Farm, Holloway Road.</p>	<p>Full planning Permission Granted</p>
<p>Planning number: 34/21/00005</p> <p>Request for full planning permission for the listed building consent for alterations at Merricks Farm, Main Road.</p>	<p>Full planning Permission Granted</p>

195/21/MPC Affordable Homes update

The steering group and SHAL have looked at 3 sites within the village and have been measured against the pros and cons for each. Discussions have taken place at senior level within SHAL who will now be consulting directly with the landowner. Once this has been completed 3 sets of plans will be drawn up after which the steering group will be able to make comment prior to submission. The timescales are very much dependent on the plans and style of build that will be considered. Further updates will be presented at future parish council meetings once SHAL have finished their negotiations which the steering group are not involved in. The criteria for selection is complex but is based around Homefinder and includes availability for those living in work in the village. This is then graded on housing need through Gold/Silver and Bronze.

196/21/MPC Highways

The rounds around the village suffering from collapsing verges have been infilled with gravel.

197/21/MPC Village Hall update

Ann Lipscombe is now the chairman of the MCP and wanted to report the huge success of the Queen tribute band. There was a good atmosphere with cricket taking place whilst listening. Friday evenings are now opening for a couple of hours with members of the community all coming together. Plans for future events being discussed at the next meeting 4 October.

198/21/MPC Correspondence list noted and circulated to councillors

199/21/MPC Date of next Meeting Tuesday 19th October 2021 730pm

200/21/MPC Meeting closed at 850pm

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