

Middlezoy Parish Council

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Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 18th January 2022 at 7:30pm

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

In attendance: Jacqui Strong (Clerk) and 6 members of the public

Public Discussion: Any developments about the signage for the village? Head teacher spoken with but currently with the village shop and affordable homes priorities lie elsewhere unfortunately. Clerk will contact Cllr Huxtable regarding the official sign that is missing.

Will dog bin be replaced by the allotments? This was taken down due to damage to the post and will be re-positioned by the chapel once the fence is repaired. The village have more than most with 6 dog bins including one in the car park by the village hall, so made sense to move. Enquiries will be made with the chapel about installing a post outside the fence until the fence is repaired.

Reminder that the playing field and play areas are 'no dog' areas

Fencing concerns junction of Nethermoor Road and Main Road – the homeowner was visited by the parish council and district council and suggestions made in early December. The ideas had been rejected that had been proposed and with several reported incidents at the junction the decision has been made to refer the case back to planning enforcement.

001/22/MPC Apologies

Apologies Cllr Ruth Tinsley, Liz Perry and Anthony Betty

002/22/MPC Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda and dispensations granted

No declarations of interest received.

003/22/MPC Receive and approve minutes

The council **resolved** to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Note that at a planning meeting the applicant can speak, the district Councillor can speak (but ours are on the planning committee so cannot) and one representative not everyone.

004/22/MPC Councillor Vacancies - Resignation and Co-option

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Cllr Morris has resigned from her position on the council. Thanks were expressed for the work and effort provided to the parish. The council **resolved** to co-opt Ian Campbell to the council who was welcomed and signed in by the Parish Clerk.

005/22/MPC Receive chairman’s report

The chairman updated the council on the affordable homes for the village, moving forward to an advanced stage with the appointment of architects. Meeting has recently taken place with SHAL and partial survey carried out. Outline Planning will be sought which is not the usual process but gives opportunity to discuss the plans. Consultation will be arranged and publicised and any concerns dealt with before full planning permission sought.

A response from Neal Jillings to concerns raised by CPRE has been received and the Parish Council will respond to the points raised. Due to covid the meeting in December was cancelled and with the uncertainty in January still present, the invite to attend the parish meeting has been extended to February. Parish Council would advise questions to be raised in advance of the meeting to improve efficiency on the night.

Response from Sedgemoor District Councils Duncan Harvey expresses concern about the requirements for a tier 3 development not being met (minimum 40%).

006/22/MPC Receive County and District Councillor reports

The County Council report will be uploaded onto the website, in brief – potholes can be reported via the internet for investigation and May elections will see a change of county councillors, no report received from district council ahead of the meeting.

007/22/MPC Receive reports for the police or other emergency services

No Police report received.

008/22/MPC Receive and approve budget proposal for 2022/23

The council **resolved** to approve the budget proposal for 2022/23. Noting one amendment that the village shop arrangements will in future be direct with the Church with no need for the Parish Council to receive any funds, no effect to the overall budget as money in/out is the same.

009/22/MPC Precept Approval

The council **resolved** to approve the precept request of £14,006 for 2022/23 a 4% overall increase.

010/22/MPC Application to Parish Fund

It was agreed to ask Ruth Tinsley (MCP) to look at the requirements of the grant and if appropriate to consider applying as it was agreed not appropriate to apply if not suitable.

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011/22/MPC Change of date for Parish and County Council elections

Note that the elections will be held in May 2022, a year earlier in line with the unification. This will result in a period of 5 years before the next election. Any interested parties encouraged to make enquiries.

012/22/MPC Changes to Somerset Waste Partnership Collections

Cllr Turner updated the council on the new collection system for Sedgemoor who are the last district in Somerset to move to the new method. Going live on 28 February will be a 3-week collection, a calendar will be provided to help monitor the dates. The recycling day might change – going forward black box will house paper and card, green box glass and cartons, brown food waste and the new weighted blue plastic bag, plastic (tubs/pots/trays) and tin. The recyclable items will be collected weekly. If the 3-weekly collection of household waste causes problems for some households through increased need (i.e young baby or medical needs) additional bags can be agreed or larger bin.

013/22/MPC Note Play Inspection Report

The council noted the report and **resolved** to opt for the supply only and local tradesman to install the items in the park. When the weather improves to receive a quote for the painting of the springs.

014/22/MPC Additional free trees

The parish council **resolved** to obtain two additional trees, the preference is Hornbeam or Walnut if available, the hedgerow infill was rejected in the short term due to concerns about the ability for young whips to thrive under a dense hedge. Cllr Baker to investigate. There is the option to purchase more trees for the village in the future with further discussion. One of the original trees has died due to the container supplied.

015/22/MPC Grit bin delivered

The council noted the delivery of the grit bin for Kicks Hill, awaiting the grit to be available before positioning in case of high winds.

016/22/MPC Defibrillator coordinator

Mike Birks has agreed to take on the role for the village as two members step down from their position. Thanks were expressed for the volunteers help in the village.

017/22/MPC Receive quarterly accounts income and expenditure

The parish council received the quarterly accounts and approved.

018/22/MPC Approve payments to be made within budget electronically

The council **resolved** to approve the two payments to be made by the card electronically.

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Weekly emptying of Dog Bins (6 monthly payment until 03/2022)	£501.70
Society of Local Council Clerks Annual Membership	£112.00

019/22/MPC Note Payments made within budget

The Parish council noted the payments made within the budget

Sedgemoor District Council Field Lease cheque 1005	£125.00
Somerset Association of Local Councils Social Media Training	£ 35.00
Mileage Expenses (x2 visits) Cheque 1007	£ 24.30
Village Hall Hire (9 November)	£ 24.00
Additional Hedge Cutting – agreed with Chairman	£168.00
Village Shop Lease	£325.00

020/22/MPC Items for Decision - Planning

Planning number & Request:	34/21/00009 Full Planning Permission – Mr and Mrs Mannion Single storey rear extension, Grade II listed building – alterations to exterior of building
Location	Granary Barn, Main Road
Response	No objections/support
Planning number & Request:	34/21/00010 Listed Building Consent – alterations – Mr and Mrs Mannion
Location	Single storey rear extension. Grade II listed building – alterations to exterior of building Granary Barn, Main Road
Response	No objections/support
Planning number & Request:	34/21/00011 Listed Building alterations Proposed alterations to facilitate change of use.
Location	Merricks Farm, 46 Main Road
Response	No objection – recommended frosted privacy glass
Planning number & Request:	34/21/00013 Full Planning Permission – Tamlyns Proposed subdivision of existing dwelling and annexe to form 2no. separated dwellings with associated access and parking arrangements
Location	2 Moor Road
Response	No observations as no major difference to original application
Planning number & Request:	34/21/00014 Modification/discharge of planning obligation Application to vary planning obligation (sect 106 agreement 7/10/1999 planning application reference 34/98/00013 to split existing dwelling
Location	Orchard Farm, 2 Moor Road
Response	No observations as no major difference to original application

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021/22/MPC Update – Planning

34/21/00007	Full planning permission single story extension	Granted Permission
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022/22/MPC Village Hall Update

The village hall had a successful Christmas period with Friday bar nights still proving popular, there will be a Sunday afternoon event starting next Sunday between 2pm and 6pm. The village hall wall is in need of repair and a surveyor is being instructed. Any information about the previous building firm used appreciated. The village hall has a race night organized later in the year where the funds will be 50/50 split with the Jubilee events

023/22/MPC Village Shop Update

There has been a positive response to the needs of the village shop with more volunteers coming forward and the hope is to open the same time as the post office hours. Training will be organised for the volunteers and a hand over and AGM is planned. There is a mixed demographic of volunteers coming forward to help continue this valuable service. It is great to see so many coming forward to help support the shop. Cllr Lipscombe was a founder member and would like to offer her thanks to all concerned.

024/22/MPC Jubilee Update

The next event is a bistro evening on Saturday 29th January – limit to 30 people for a 3-course meal at £12.50 per head, bring your own booze. If successful will look at running a monthly event until May.

Garage Sale 26th March – registration forms being circulated in your PJ Newsletter £10 per table to raise funds for the Jubilee events. Promoted in the Leveller and Polden Post.

025/22/MPC Correspondence

List of correspondence noted by the parish council.

026/22/MPC Meeting closed at 2055pm**027/22/MPC Date of next meeting**

The next parish council meeting will be on Tuesday 15th February at 7:30pm. Any agenda items to the clerk by Monday 7th February 2022.

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