

Middlezoy Parish Council

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Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 15th February 2022 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllrs. Paul Baker, Ann Lipscombe, Ruth Tinsley, Becky Turner, and Ian Campbell.

In attendance: Cllr. Anthony Betty, Cllr. Liz Perry, Jacqui Strong (Clerk) and 9 members of the public

Public Discussion: Apologies that Neal Jillings could not be present this evening but would like to attend the next meeting in March to discuss any questions relating to the planning proposal.

Is the compost heap getting bigger between Middlezoy and Westonzoyland?

028/22/MPC Apologies

Nil

029/22/MPC Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda and dispensations granted

No declarations of interest received.

030/22/MPC Receive and approve minutes

The council **resolved** to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Note that the Methodist Church is known as the Methodist Chapel.

031/22/MPC Councillor Vacancies

Barry Paffey has put himself forward expressing an interest in becoming a parish councilor, clerk to forward documents and further information ahead of the March meeting

032/22/MPC Receive chairman's report

The chairman advised the district councillors that discussion would take place about the Back Lane planning application, left the meeting at 7.32pm. The Parish Council have drafted a response to Neal Jillings as he implies that there has been ongoing consultation between the Parish Council, Summerfields and himself which is not the case. The purpose of the response is to outline a timeline of events, any further comments can be added, no comments received. Mark from Consensus has been instructed by Summerfields to talk with the Parish Council about the planning application and any concerns, agreed to arrange a date for an in-person meeting. To

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remind everyone there was a £30,000 Community Housing Fund to support pre-development feasibility studies granted in 2018 of which £12,000 remains and that it has been confirmed that SDC are still happy to support the endeavours of the Parish Council and SHAL. District Councillors returned to meeting 7.40pm. Basic searches on the site being carried out with landowners and SHAL and currently at an advanced stage with the hope of community consultation end of May. SHAL are committed and moving forward with planning applications, although unable to suggest any timescales now. This would include a village shop and post office but would be down to the village shop committee to negotiate directly with SHAL regarding any possible future arrangements.

Three representatives on the steering group will be reviewing the terms of reference as SDC are no longer directly involved, meeting during the spring to discuss - date to be confirmed.

Concerns were noted about road conditions around village and the information has been to monitor and reiterated that verges had been infilled. The concern was about the size of vehicles and danger to other road users, any ideas to prevent the situation getting worse to forward to clerk. Avon and Somerset police have advised that any dashcam evidence where vehicles cause evasive action to be uploaded onto their website www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/roads or concerns of speeding www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/speedingconcern

Noted that Middlezoy will be one of the last two to be part of the new Waste Partnership scheme with additional recycling and blue bag.

033/22/MPC Receive County and District Councillor reports

Cllr Liz Perry reported that the drifting had increased and asked if anyone had any information on the regularity of these events. The planning was approved for two different activities, the parish council felt it would be beneficial to know when the start and finish date of the activities were and would like clarification.

Cllr Anthony Betty advised that he had attended a unitary meeting and that the Local Community Networks would have representatives from the police, fire, council, parish council and would hold a small budget. The only person not paid or receiving expenses would be the parish level, which was being discussed along with the voting rights. Cllr Betty tried to get selected to represent the conservatives but was unsuccessful. District Councillors will remain in position until 2023.

034/22/MPC Receive reports for the police or other emergency services

No Police report received.

035/22/MPC Agree written response to Back Lane Development

The council **resolved** to approve the response circulated and to forward to planning department

036/22/MPC Insurance Report

The council **resolved** to approve that given the uncertainty of cost and the convenience of having a confirmed three-year price to opt for the cheaper Zurich three-year policy.

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037/22/MPC Approve electronic BACs payment for Insurance Premium

It was **resolved** by the council for the clerk to make the payment electronically (1 April 2022)

038/22/MPC Annual Parish Council meeting

The council **resolved** to hold the annual parish council meeting on Tuesday 17th May within 2 weeks of the election.

039/22/MPC Annual Parish Assembly meeting – 1st March – 1st June

Cllr Lipscombe and Tinsley to enquire with local community groups about the viability of a specific event or combined with another activity. It was felt an opportunity to engage with new volunteers and for groups to share their successes. Clerk to send information to council about the Annual Parish Assembly Meeting.

040/22/MPC Note increase in play equipment materials

The council noted the increase of £8.83 in materials.

041/22/MPC Note receipt of Arts Group donation for Jubilee

The parish council noted the payment of £300.00 Jubilee EMR.

042/22/MPC Salary Increment 2021/22

The council **resolved** to agree a reserve of £150.00 for clerks' salary increment due to decision not being made

043/22/MPC Planning enforcement – 18 Main Road

The plans were circulated which have been drawn up to hopefully come to a resolution, the parish council do not feel the submitted plans meet the concerns that were raised at the site meeting and would like to contact Helen Lazenby to arrange a meeting. It was noted that the North elevation photograph highlights the additional problem of parking at the junction.

Highways have responded that the restricted visibility acts as a calming measure and when entering a single-track carriage way, the speed should be reduced to 5mph to anticipated vehicles or pedestrians in the road.

Response to be sent to Adrian Noon stating plans did not meeting the concerns raised.

044/22/MPC Approve payments

The council **resolved** to approve payment

Clerks Expenses	£12.15
Postage Reimbursement	£14.82
Printer Ink Reimbursement	£29.02
Village Hall Hire – January 2022	£24.00

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045/22/MPC Note Payments made within budget

The Parish council noted the payments made within the budget

Maintenance	£305.00
Wildflower seed mix	£ 75.00
Mileage Expenses (x2 visits) Cheque 1007	£ 24.30
Somerset for Local Council Clerks membership	£112.00
Sedgemoor District Council – dog bin emptying	£501.70

046/22/MPC Update – Planning

34/21/00014	Modification/discharge of planning obligation Orchard Farm, 2 Moor Road	Under Consideration
34/21/00013	Full Planning Permissions 2 Moor Road	Under Consideration
34/21/00011	Listed Building Alterations Merricks Farm, 46 Main Road	Under Consideration
34/21/00010	Listed Building Consent – Alterations Granary Barn, Main Road	Granted Permission
34/21/00009	Full Planning Permission Granary Barn, Main Road	Granted Permissions

047/22/MPC Village Hall Update

The village hall is continuing to have a very successful Friday night bar, Othery now running a similar bar and given that their village has lost so many of the community facilities, it is nice to see Othery trying this also. Committee is working well with a busy programme including Jamming afternoon (Sunday with tea and coffee 3rd Sunday of the month excluding Easter), Race Night, Music Quiz and Live Music events.

048/22/MPC Village Shop Update

The new village shop committee is nearly ready to take over on 28 February when they will aim to open alongside the post office, few teething problems initially are to be anticipated so please be patient.

049/22/MPC Jubilee Update

The committee is pleased with how things are progressing and there is a great team spirit, nearly £2000 has been raised in 6 months, credit to the volunteers involved and anyone else helping. Bistro at the end of January raised £300 and would like this event to be repeated, 5 March – tickets gone before advertised, there is also one arranged for April. Garage sale will be on the 26 March with posters and advertising in the local media, 20 plus tables are booked.

Beacon will take place on Thursday 2nd June – Nigel Lockyer landowner is happy with arrangements – children will have batter tea lights. Working party involved to set up and clear away.

Gifts for children being organised approximately 110 children in the village

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Permanent memorial in the village after consultation a stone seat for the corner of the playing field to be created by Richard Horsham, made of Portland stone with carvings. Optimistic there will be enough funds to cover the entire event.

050/22/MPC Correspondence

List of correspondence noted by the parish council.

Highways have visited the sites Shepherds Drove and Oliver’s Road, but neither are in poor enough condition (email received from Highways Dept)

051/22/MPC Parish Emergency Plan and Defibrillator training

Question was raised about the Parish Emergency Plan – Aviva and Kate Carr were working on this but would be advisable to revisit. As there has been a period of time since training was received on the use of the defibrillator would it be worth arranging some as a refresher? Do we get data about usage – it was agreed that as no parts replaced that it had not been used.

052/22/MPC Meeting closed at 2040pm

053/22/MPC Date of next meeting

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

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