

Middlezoy Parish Council

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Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 21st June 2022 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllrs. Paul Baker, Becky Turner and Barry Paffey

In attendance: Jacqui Strong (Clerk), Cllr Liz Perry, Cllr Harry Munt and 4 members of the public

Parishioners Questions:

Kicks Hill out of Village – the grass level is getting particularly high and causing visibility issues from traffic coming from Othery. Check who is responsible. Corner of Nethermoor Road property fencing – this is still a visibility concern, although it has been changed.

139/22/MPC Apologies

Apologies from Cllr Ian Campbell (sickness)

140/22/MPC Declaration of interest in items on the agenda

No declaration of interests received

141/22/MPC Councillor Vacancies

Currently three vacancies on the parish council expressions of interest to clerk of chairman.

142/22/MPC Receive and approve the minutes of the meeting Tuesday 17th May 2022.

Minutes received and approved.

143/22/MPC Receive Reports from County, District Councillors and Police

Reports:

No reports from the Police.

District Councillor: RLT2 funds are still available for Middlezoy that can be used for sports equipment or play equipment and should be considered before the change over to a unitary council. Small grants available for budding sports or arts groups or individuals, including charities. Any ideas

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contact Cllr Liz Perry in the first instance for support. Planning application declaration of interest. The position regarding the playing field and village hall would like to be raised on behalf of the Parish Council with Duncan McGinty over the plans for the village hall in the archives.

County Councillor: Still early days and the plan will be to have a structured report between the two councillors for future meetings. Ownership of the land was raised last meeting as there is currently a discrepancy of the potential purchase price. The background to the parish council concern is the condition of the village hall and the plans are needed for any future building works.

144/22/MPC Receive Chairmans Report

The parish council **received** the chairman's report. The Chapel no longer wish to have the dog bin sited within the grounds, further discussion about alternative placement that is not on the highway, Cllr Campbell to investigate. Cherry tree has been donated to the environment group for use within the village. Thanks to all involved in the Jubilee Celebrations over the four days which were superb.

145/22/MPC Approve purchase of two secure cabinets

The parish council **resolved** to purchase two secure cabinets to be sited at the village hall to the value of £600.00 to be purchased out of the general reserves for parish records and certain high value items for the village hall.

146/22/MPC Note VAT Claim

The Parish Council **noted** the VAT Claim submitted to the value of £932.94.

147/22/MPC Note vacancy applications

The Parish Council **noted** that to date no applications or enquiries had been made.

148/22/MPC Note payments made electronically

The parish council noted payments made within budget as previously approved

Clerks' expenses – mileage (x 2 visits)	£ 12.15
Village Hall Hire Invoice 497	£ 24.00
Circus Workshop	£ 300.00
Taunton Big Band	£1,000.00
The parish council approved the payment for the circus workshop and Big Band as part of the Jubilee celebrations under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 to spend money on purposes for the direct benefit of its area, or part of its area, on all or some of its inhabitants.	

149/22/MPC Approve payments to be made electronically

The council **resolved** to approve the following electronic payments

SALC – The Good Councillors Guide (Hard Copy)	£ 25.00
IHT – AED Training (Defibrillator)	£ 90.00
Methodist Church Hire	£ 30.00

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Village Hall Hire – May meeting	£ 24.00
Mileage Claim x 3 (May)	£ 36.45
The Leveller – Job Advert	£114.00
Inspection Play Equipment	£145.00
Radiiramp repair and inspect (Skatepark)	£495.00

150/22/MPC Planning Decision

The Parish Council **resolved** to support the planning application 34/22/00001/EC Full Planning Permission for the erection of an agricultural workers dwelling to the land north of Olivers Road. Providing that the mobile homes are removed from the site and that the property remains for agricultural use.

151/22/MPC Affordable Homes

SHAL have been contacted this week with plans to be uploaded, the proposed development looked wonderful but unaffordable, the CEO and planning advisor have had a meeting with the architect to tweak the plan as the full extent of the land hand been used, this should be hopefully ready by the middle of July. The Parish Council will meet with SHAL and discuss the proposed plans prior to a planning application being submitted and consultation with the village. The Summerfield site is still ongoing, but nothing has been heard by the Parish Council. The process involves a lot of investigation including highways assessments, archaeology, environmental etc. Mix of homes will be available and rented out at a percentage of the market rate, ten will be shared ownership based on the market value i.e., 50% mortgage 50% rental, this percentage would be transferred to the next owner.

152/22/MPC Village Hall update

No update other than what has been discussed about the repairs needed and the plans needed to assess the best way forward.

153/22/MPC Jubilee working group

The event went according to plan but even with the rain, spirits were not dampened. An amazing turn out and the feed back has been that the jubilee event brought the village together and felt like it used to be. The beacon lighting on the Thursday at the top of Windmill Hill was well attended, the construction of the permanent memorial is still in process, the slab foundation has been laid in preparation. The finances have been reconciled, in ten months more than £9,000 was raised through events and donations, remaining funds have been agreed to be ear marked for next year's 70 years since the Jubilee Celebrations. Thanks from the meeting to the organiser's for such a fantastic event. The Parish Council **resolved** to Ear Mark the £2,000 donation from the proceeds for a community event.

154/22/MPC Correspondence noted as listed in the agenda

155/22/MPC Meeting closed at 2040pm

156/22/MPC Date of next meeting

The next parish council meeting will be on Tuesday 19th July at 7:30pm. Any agenda items to the clerk by 6th July 2022.

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