

Middlezoy Parish Council

Minutes of the Middlezoy Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 20 December 2022, when the following business was transacted.

Present Chairman Cllr Paul Baker, Cllr Barry Paffey, Cllr Ian Campbell, Cllr Becky Turner, plus Cllr Anthony Betty and one parishioner.

- 1. Apologies** – Apologies from Cllr John Grisman and Locum Clerk Jim Murray. Cllr Becky Turner agreed to minute the meeting.
- 2. To receive any declarations of interest in items on this agenda and note any dispensations granted** – None
- 3. Minutes of the meeting of 15 November 2022** – were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Barry Paffey and seconded by Cllr Ian Campbell.
- 4. Chairman's Report** – see item 6. The chairman asked for any parishioners' comments. There was a request that the Parish Council Website be updated. Cllr Barry Paffey agreed to take on the responsibility alongside our locum clerk. He agreed to contact him to see how he could get access.
- 5. To receive any reports – Police** – none. **County Council** – none. **District Council** – Cll Anthony Betty updated the meeting. He pointed out that the District Council IT system had been transferred to County and it had not gone as smoothly as desired and there are still some problems with emails.

He discussed the proposals for Planning Committees under the new County Council. From April there are likely to be 4 Planning Committees, mirroring the current system. He thought that Parish Councils may have less say in future and if they did object to an application, they would be required to state the policy number in their reasons. Sedgemoor District Council will hold an extra Planning Committee meeting at the end of March to aid the transition to the new system.

LCNs – there is no more information available at the moment.

- 6. Back Lane** – Cll Paul Baker thanked Cllr Anthony Betty, Cllr Liz Perry and Cllr Matt Martin for all their support. Cllr Anthony Betty thanked all the villagers who showed their support as he felt this had made a real difference.

The applicant has suggested that they will appeal the decision to reject the application. They have up to 6 months to lodge the appeal. If they lodged an appeal in January the very earliest that it would be considered would be 19 weeks later

which would take us to May 2023. In the interim Cllr Paul Baker has contacted Duncan Harvey from Sedgemoor District Council to arrange a meeting to discuss the alternative site. This has been arranged for 5 Jan 2023 at 10.30am.

After the meeting was closed it was agreed that the Chairman would personally thank Douglas Bartys, Nobby Turner and Cllr John Grisman for their excellent speeches at the planning committee meeting and site visit, on behalf of the Parish Council

7 Planning –

34/22/00013 – Slurry pit at Crossroads Farm, Moor Road. The Council agreed to support this application as it was necessary for the agricultural business and was situated some distance away from other dwellings.

34/22/00014 – Retrospective consent for Wady's Cider Farm. The Council agreed to support the application as it is a new local business providing a service for the community which isn't met by other outlets.

8 Finance – The payments for the Clerk's salary and expenses, the lease of the playing field, Somerset Playing Field Association membership and the hire of the Village Hall for meetings were all agreed.

The precept was discussed. It was noted that this would have to increase to meet increases in expenditure and possibly servicing Local Community Networks next year. It was agreed that Cllr Paul Baker, Cllr John Grisman and Locum Clerk Jim Murray would meet to discuss the precept and bring a proposal to the meeting in January.

RLT2 money. Cllr Barry Paffey agreed to chase up the money for the five a side football nets with Sedgemoor District Council.

9 Middlezoy Community Project – Before a structural engineer can make any decisions, they need to know the weight of the cladding to be used. It was agreed that Cllr John Grisman should investigate this.

10 Correspondence – None

11 Internet Bank Update – Cllr Ian Campbell is still having problems accessing the website but all the other councillors are now logged on.

12 Date and Time of Next Meeting – Tuesday 17 January 2023 7.30pm

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