

MIDDLEZOY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Middlezoy Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 15th November 2022, when the following business was transacted.

Present: Chairman Cllr Baker, Cllrs Turner, Paffey, Grisman, Campbell plus 9 Parishioners and the Clerk.

1. **Apologies** – Apologies from District Cllrs Perry and Betty
2. **To receive and declarations of interest in items on this agenda and note any dispensations granted - NONE**
3. **Councillor Vacancies** – ongoing. If anyone is interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, then please contact the Clerk for more information.
4. **Minutes of the Meeting – 18th October 2022** were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Turner and seconded by Cllr Campbell. All in favour
5. **Chairmans report** – the Chairman (and Cllrs Turner, Paffey, Grisman) updated the meeting of the Development Committee meeting held today re the proposed development at Back Lane. Following presentations by Parish Councillors and County Cllr Martin the Development Committee decided that a site visit would be arranged as soon as possible, and the application was deferred. The PC wish to thank County Cllr Martin for his support.
6. **To receive any reports – Police - NONE -County NONE - District – NONE**
7. **To discuss:**
 - a) **New Internet Banking update:** - the Clerk informed the meeting that the new account is now open and awaiting the signatories to be registered. The Council then confirmed the easiest way to transfer the funds from the existing bank to the new bank was to issue a cheque. It was agreed unanimously that the Clerk to have cheque signed and processed as soon as possible for £10k
8. **PLANNING – 34/22/00010** erection of detached storage building and the installation of external heat pump to the front (North) elevation – Located at Wink Cottage, Main Road Middlezoy

The PC agreed unanimously to support this application

34/22/00011 – as above application but Listed Buildings Consent for alterations

The PC agreed unanimously to support this application

8a) FINANCE

a) SALC Neighbourhood planning training (inv 1676)	£30.00
b) D A Graham – Back Lane Road Safety (inv 1006)	£2940.00
c) James Pring – Sept maintenance + shotblast to springs	£858.97 DD
d) James Pring – Oct maintenance	£328.57 DD
e) Locum Clerk Salary end September & November	£357.50
f) Locum Clerk expenses September & November	£37.00
g) Small Business Assistant – Payroll half year (inv1553)	£50.40

It was agreed that the above will be paid by the Clerk by cheques. The Clerk to contact Mr James Pring re his invoice for September as the monthly DD may have already been paid. Proposed by Cllr Grisman and seconded by Cllr Paffey – All in favour

h) To discuss budget for 2023/2024 – the Clerk presented a draft of the budget/precept for 2023/24. It was agreed that the Cllrs to review the proposal and report back at the December meeting to make any amends and then ratify the precept.

9) Affordable Housing update – see comments above in Chairman’s report

10) Middlezoy Community Project update – Cllr Grisman informed the meeting of the following:

a) as the frame of the hall is wooden, it would be beneficial to have a structural survey carried out before any construction works are started to see the state of them. It was agreed that Cllr Grisman to arrange for the survey to be commissioned.

b) the possible grant applied for is in progress and he should be able to report back at the next meeting if the Hall was successful

c) a new gate is to be constructed – Mr Julian Turpin very kindly has stated he will build and instal the gate, if the materials were purchased by the PC. This was agreed and costings will be made at the December meeting

d) the accounts for the Hall were distributed to the Cllrs – showing the Hall in a healthy financial position. The accounts accepted by the PC. Proposed by Cllr Turner and seconded by Cllr Paffey – All in favour

11) Correspondence List - NONE

12) SID (speed indicator device) – initial costing had been received, but with training/maintenance required and the shape of the Village making it difficult of an agreeable positioning, it was agreed that not to go forward with this at present, but await the Police Enforcement Team to come back to the PC with possible recommendations to reduce speeding in the Village

Date of next meeting Tuesday December 20th, 2022, starting at 7.30pm

Agenda items to be sent to the Clerk by December 13th 2022

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

**Date of next scheduled meeting to be held in the Village Hall TUESDAY NOVEMBER 15th 2022 at
7.30pm**