

# MIDDLEZOY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the meeting of Middlezoy Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022, when the following business was transacted.

Present: Chairman Cllr Baker, Cllrs Turner, Paffey, Grisman, Campbell plus 9 Parishioners and the Clerk, along with District Cllrs Perry and Betty

**Requests to speak** – a parishioner informed the PC about the Allotment Society had seven plots available and was going to make one available for OAP's within the parish. Another parishioner raised concerns over speeding vehicles and inconsiderate parking of cars throughout the Village. After much discussion it was agreed that the Clerk to try and arrange a public meeting with the Police Enforcement Team to listen to the concerns and give advice what the Village can/cannot do to try and alleviate speeding vehicles before an accident happens

### 1. Apologies for Absence & Declaration of Interest and dispensations – NONE

2. **Minutes of the Meeting – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022** were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Turner and seconded by Cllr Grisman. All in favour

3. **Councillor Vacancies** - ongoing

4. **Chairmans report** – the Chairman updated the meeting (all Cllrs had sight of pre-PC meeting) of the reply to be forwarded to the Case Officer at SDC re the Back Lane Development, re some inaccuracies in Mr Jillings latest submission to the planning department

5. **To receive any reports – Police - NONE -County NONE - District** – Cllr Betty informed the meeting of his various talks held with adjoining parishes re LCN and their comments re the consultation which certainly helped the PC making their decision

### 7. To discuss:

a) **Local Community Network decision** – it was agreed that the PC's consultation form would be completed by Cllr Turner and the Clerk, and a copy distributed to the Cllrs

b) **Back Lane Commissioning Road Safety report** – it was agreed unanimously by the PC to engage David Graham Associates to carry out a Combined Stage 1&2 Road Safety Audit – re the proposed new development at Back Lane Middlezoy

c) **Possible new internet banking** – the Clerk gave a detailed presentation of how he uses Unity Trust Bank with his other Parish Councils. A brief description of how it would work was discussed and it was agreed that Cllr Grisman to look at UTB and report back to the PC. If successful, the Clerk would start the process of opening the new bank account

7A **Planning 34/22/00012 - Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed installation of 15m telecommunications monopole and equipment cabinets – Located at Langport Road Middlezoy** - Cllr Paffey had looked into all the files relating to this application. It was agreed unanimously by the Cllrs to object to this application

### 8. FINANCE

Approve payments to be made electronically:

G Wagden James (Maintenance)	£328.57
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As the new bank is still not operational, the PC agreed unanimously to ask the previous Clerk to pay the above, along with the following invoices:

Methodist Church – hall rental £20

Beveridge Structural Engineers – re Village Hall - £249.18( inc VAT)

**9. Affordable Housing update** – The Chairman stated that a meeting is to take place shortly to discuss the options proposed and will report back at the next meeting

**10. Middlezoy Community Project update** – Cllr Grisman updated the meeting of how a structural engineer's report was favourable to the overall condition of the hall. Mr Steve Purchase will give a presentation to the Parish Council on two options for carrying out the remedial work necessary on the Village Hall. Option one is straight replacement of the defective cladding. Option two is to enhance the structure with block before recladding. There will be significant cost implications for option two.

It is hoped that the accounts for the year to 31 March 2022 for Middlezoy Community Project will be available for approval by the Parish Council at the next meeting. The MCP are currently reviewing all contract, licences, and procedures, including risk assessments, and will be updating the same where necessary

Quotes are underway to replace the gate at the entrance to the hall. One of the benches near the hall needs some "TLC" and a volunteer has come forward to make good again

**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**