

Middlezoy Parish Council

Minutes of the Middlezoy Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 16th May 2023 where the following business was transacted.

Present: Chairman Cllr Paul Baker, Cllr Barry Paffey, Cllr Ian Campbell, Cllr Becky Turner, Cllr John Grisman, 2 Parishioners, County Cllr Martin and the Locum Clerk

- 1. Apologies for absence and any declarations of interest in items on this agenda and dispensations granted - NONE**
- 2. Minutes of the meeting of 18th April 2023** – were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Barry Paffey and seconded by Cllr Ian Campbell.
- 3. Chairman’s Report** – along with Cllr Grisman, they had a worthwhile meeting with County Cllr Martin with topics ranging from the playing field being transferred back to the PC, as well as the new affordable housing proposal. The Chairman also confirmed the agenda and list of Village organisations attending the annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 18th May. No reply had been received from the letter sent to the Preston Primary Trust
- 4. To receive any reports – Police – none. County Council – None**
- 5.**
 - a) **Affordable Housing – plan for APM** See notes above in Chairman’s report
 - b) **Post Office update** – Cllr Turner updated the meeting that 3 applicants had come forward to the possible running of the PO, and will update the PC at the June meeting
 - c) **Somerset Council Chairmans Nomination for service to the community** – the Clerk read the letter out – asking Cllrs nominations to be discussed at the June meeting
- 6. Planning – NONE**
- 7. FINANCE**
 - a) Locum Clerk’s Salary April 2023 £357.50
 - b) Locum clerk’s expenses April 2023 £19.00
 - c) Hire of Hall (April 23) inv 587 £30.00
 - d) James Wagden inv for April (3108) £328.57

All invoices include VAT where applicable.

The above items will be paid by the clerk through the Parish Council’s Unity Trust banking facility

8. Middlezoy Community Project update – Cllr Grisman updated the meeting as to the draft accounts for MCP and will be presented at the June meeting. The feedback from the Coronation was that it was an excellent weekend of activities for all the Village. The new project of the cladding is progressing and work to start as soon as possible.

9. Cllrs Matters of Report

Cllr Campbell reported that the Emergency Plan is progressing, and volunteers are now being canvassed. The successful Somerset Bus Partnership (£2 fare) is now being rolled out until the end of June. To possibly extend this successful fare scheme, all users are asked to write to their respective Cllrs and MPs to gain support. (Details can be found on the web site)

County Cllr Martin – informed the meeting of the initial Local Community Network meeting will take place in June. The concern of the number of potholes was raised by a Parishioner (photos given to the Clerk) on the road between Othery and Middlezoy. He asked to be kept in the loop when the Clerk's suggestion to ask for a site meeting with the Highways Engineer to see the extent of the problem. He is to liaise with Tessa Munt re the mothballing of the school

Clerk – informed the meeting that the audit, financial regulations, and risk assessment will be presented at the June meeting

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

**Date and Time of Next Meeting – Tuesday 20th June 2023 7.30pm
In the Village Hall**