

# Middlezoy Parish Council

**Minutes of the Middlezoy Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023 where the following business was transacted.**

**Present:** Chairman Cllr Paul Baker, Cllr Ian Campbell, Cllr Becky Turner, Cllr John Grisman  
3 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 – Apologies** Cllr Barry Paffey
- 2. Minutes of the meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023** – were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Becky Turner and seconded by Cllr Ian Campbell.
- 3. Chairman’s Report** – informed the meeting that a meeting is to take place with Homes in Sedgemoor within the next couple of weeks re an affordable housing update. The very successful children’s “design a new Middlezoy sign” – voted by Parishioners has been won by J Casey, who will receive a £20 book token. The design will now be made into a sign.
- 4. To receive any reports – Police** – none. **County Council** – Cllr Martin stated that he has nothing at present to update the PC on LCN (local community network) and will have more information at the September meeting. The Community Speed limits (20mph) was agreed by all very expensive for a small PC to fund £15k .
- 5. a) Affordable Housing** – see notes in Chairman’s report  
**b) Community Funded 20 mph speed limits** - see notes in County Cllrs report  
**c) Somerset Bus Update** – Cllr Campbell informed the meeting that September was going to be a “CATCH A BUS MONTH” – to encourage parishioners to use the bus. Feedback is required as to your thoughts on your thoughts for your bus service – in which case please contact the clerk on – [clerk@middlezoyparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@middlezoyparishcouncil.co.uk)  
The government, along with Rail Delivery Group is proposing to close nearly all ticket offices at rail stations in England. They are carrying out a consultation survey, which we appeal to you to complete. Please use the link below to let them have your views. **The consultation closes on 26th July:**  
<https://www.transportfocus.org.uk/ticketoffices>  
**d) Emergency Planning update** – Cllr Campbell stated that he will be attending a workshop soon, and will update the PC at the next meeting. The volunteers who came forward to be part of the group will soon be up and running once the data information has been sorted re their telephone numbers

6. **Planning – 34/23/0007** proposed formation of a temporary material stockpile for reservoir embankment construction, erection of fencing gates, siting of welfare unit, alterations to existing access with parking and turning area. **LOCATED** at land to the North of Olivers Road, Middlezoy. **The PC agreed unanimously to support this application**

7. **FINANCE**

a) Locum Clerk's Salary June 2023	£286.10
b) Locum Clerk's PAYE June 2023	£71.40
c) Locum Clerk's expenses June 2023	£22.95
d) Hire of hall (June 23) – inv 604	£30.00
e) Emptying of 6 dog bins (April to September 2023) Invoice 30020722	£501.70

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 informed the meeting of the recent event that took place at weekend – that there was to be a review of the way the playing field is administered and to include linking in with the Cricket Club. Advice was sought from Somerset Council. He had been contacted about the position of dogs on the playing field. The signage states no dogs – but at some recent cricket games dogs had been brought along by their owners. It was agreed to remove the sign and replace it with correct information. It is NOT that the PC wishes not to have dogs on the field – but ask for responsible owners to pick up the offending dog poo! The Clerk to find out what other PC's have on their signage re dogs in playing fields
9. **Financial update from the Clerk** – the Clerk presented to all the Cllrs the new cash book and expenses to date. This was to be done on a bi-monthly basis with a different Cllr – so all are aware of what happens re the PC's income and expenditure
10. **Cllrs Matters of Report** - Cllr Turner mentioned about the state of some of the notice boards which needed some remedial work being done to make them good again.

**The meeting closed at 9.05pm**

**Date and Time of Next Meeting – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 starting at 7.30pm  
In the Village Hall**