

# Middlezoy Parish Council

**Minutes of the Middlezoy Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023 where the following business was transacted.**

**Present:** Chairman Cllr Paul Baker, Cllr Ian Campbell, Cllr Becky Turner, Cllr John Grisman, and Cllr Paffey. County Cllr Martin, 4 Parishioners, and the Locum Clerk

- 1. Apologies for absence and any declarations of interest in items on this agenda and dispensations granted – Apologies NONE**
- 2. Minutes of the meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023** – were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Becky Turner and seconded by Cllr Ian Campbell.
- 3. Chairman’s Report** – The Chairman informed the meeting that the Locum Clerk has now agreed to become Clerk for the Parish. He also welcomed Mrs S Boulton along to the meeting to see how the PC functioned, as she expressed an interest in becoming a Cllr. He stated that he had been unsuccessful getting in touch with Duncan Harvey (affordable housing lead) as a meeting is required as soon as possible to progress the new proposed site. Permission has been given to the Middlezoy Ladies Football team to use the pitch and VH changing rooms for their games and practising. There has been quite a few power outs over the past few weeks ( 5 in a week). The Clerk to write to National Grid to ask why. The Chairman asked Cllr Martin to follow up Somerset Council re the purchase of the field by the PC, as nobody had returned his emails/phone calls
- 4. To receive any reports – Police** – none. **County Council** – Cllr Martin reported that he is having discussion with highways re the jetting the drains within the Parish, and Cllr Paffey to follow up his meeting over 2 months ago for other Highways concerns
- 5. a) Affordable Housing** – see notes in Chairman’s report  
b) **Community Asset re George Pub** – Cllrs to review the information form and report back at the November meeting  
c) **New Litter bin** – the Clerk had written to Somerset Council asking for the costing of installing and the maintaining of a new litter bin. They had replied informing him that due to restrictions on Council budgets, that a temporary stop is in place for this provision  
d) **New Village Sign update** – the Clerk had obtained 3 quotes, and it was agreed that the order be placed with a supplier. The Clerk to place the order

e) **Budget 2024/25** – the Clerk made a presentation to the Cllrs of his proposed budget for the next financial year. It is anticipated that Village maintenance costs, along with playground equipment repairs will have to rise, and with some budgets being cut, it was agreed to increase the precept for 2024/25 by over £1300

f) **Emergency Plan** – Cllr Campbell gave a very well detailed update on the emergency plan for Middlezoy. This information will be placed on the web site and a shortened version to be placed in the notice boards.

g) **Welcome Pack** – Cllr Campbell had contacted all the Village organisations informing them of the forthcoming Welcome Pack for new families moving to our village. He is to meet up with a printer to discuss how best to formulate the booklet

6. **Planning – 34/23/00009** – erection of new cider production and storage building – **LOCATED** at Wady's Cider, The Ark, Little Elm Road, Middlezoy TA7 0FD  
The Parish Council agreed unanimously to support this application

## 7. FINANCE

a) Locum Clerk's Salary September	£285.90
b) Locum Clerk's PAYE September	£71.60
c) Locum Clerk's expensed September	£25.75
d) Hire of Hall – September – inv 626	£30.00
e) SALC Affiliation Fee – April 23/March 24 – inv 2587	£213.91

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 that the work on new cladding will begin at the end of the month. All the functions for December will be advertised, including quiz night, Tribute band and arrangements for the hall bar to open Christmas Eve and New Years eve.
9. **Cllrs matter of reports** – **Cllr Campbell** asked the Clerk to clarify the situation of the PC donating for the upkeep of the grass at the Church. The Clerk to follow up and contact Cllr Campbell. **Cllr Turner** asked about the moving of the 30 mph sign on Main Road

**The meeting closed at 9.10 pm**

**Date and Time of Next Meeting – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023 starting at 7.30pm  
In the Village Hall**