

Middlezoy Parish Council

Minutes of the Middlezoy Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 20th February 2024 where the following business was transacted.

Present: Chairman Cllr Paul Baker, Cllr Ian Campbell, Cllr Becky Turner, and Cllr Barry Paffey and Cllr Boulton. 21 Parishioners, and the Clerk. Representatives from Homes in Sedgemoor (Duncan and Mark)

- 1. Apologies for absence and any declarations of interest in items on this agenda and dispensations granted – Apologies** from Cllr Grisman
- 2. Minutes of the meeting of 16th January 2024** – were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Turner and seconded by Cllr Campbell. The Council agreed to the decisions taken at this meeting now that the Clerk had authorised them. At this juncture the Chairman introduced Sophie Boulton who has agreed to become a co-opted Councillor.
- 3. Chairman’s Report** – The Chairman apologised that the Housing Development Manager had not turned up to update the Parishioners as promised. To that extent it was agreed that the Clerk to write to him – asking him if he could give a written update on the sites. He had attended the recent Local Community Network meeting, where it was discussed, with the huge hole in Somerset Council’s budget, that more services will have to be taken up by Parish Council’s. (E.G. – repairs of potholes) More information will be available at the February meeting.
- 4. To receive any reports – Police – None. Somerset Council – None**
- 5.**
 - a) Affordable Housing** – see notes in Chairmans report above
 - b) Welcome Pack update** – due to the printer’s press being out of action, this will be sorted for the next meeting
 - c) Village Maintenance Tender** – the Clerk had sent out the revised contract to four prospective groundsmen. Also the Chairman had contacted Mr Legg at the Cricket club to tender for the playing field. The timescale for returns to be made is the end of February, so any decisions will not be made until the March meeting.
 - d) Playing field purchase update** – this is still with Somerset Council going through their internal governance
- 6. Planning – NONE**

7. FINANCE

a) Clerk's Salary (December)	£286.10
b) Clerk's PAYE (December)	£71.40
c) Clerk's expenses (December)	£25.75
d) Hire of hall - inv 645	£24.00
e) Somerset Council – lease for playing field	£125.00
f) Steve Purchase – 2 nd agreed payment	£15786.00
g) Steve Purchase – agreed extra work to complete job	£5105.00
h) Village Shop Grant	£500.00

All invoices include VAT where applicable.

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

Re item 7h – the grant has been authorised by the PC, and will await an invoice from the applicant to pay as soon as possible

8. **Middlezoy Community Project update** – due to resignations of key positions within the Committee, the Chairman will be the Chair of the MCP until the AGM in July 2024. If you are interested in “putting something back” to your community – then why not volunteer to join the Committee to help put on the fantastic events in the hall. A date for your diary – Saturday 24th February 2024 – a Reggae Night
9. **Cllrs matter of reports** – Cllr Campbell asked that the Clerk to write to Mr Dillon Hill-King thanking him for reconstructing the farmhouse, returning it to its original condition externally and internally. The Parish Council agreed for unanimously for him in saving an important building in the Village
- Cllr Turner** – asked about the moving of the road speed sign 30mph sign from outside Windmill Retreat (TA7 OPD) to the end of Thorngrove (TA7 OPE). The Clerk to write again to Traffic Management at Somerset Council

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Date and Time of Next Meeting – Tuesday 20th February starting at 7.30pm In the Village Hall