Minutes of a Meeting of Middlezoy Parish Council held at the Village Hall on

Tuesday 20th May 2025, at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Paul Baker; Becky Turner; Barry Paffey; Sophie Boulton; Matthew Martin (SC) arrived 7.25 p.m.; Mr D Gliddon (Clerk) & two members of the public.

046/25 (a) Election of Chairman for 2025/26

Cllr Baker was proposed by Cllr Paffey Seconded by Cllr Turner & unanimously elected for the forthcoming year.

(b) Signing of Acceptance of Office Form

Cllr Baker signed the Acceptance of Office form.

047/25 Public speaking on any agenda items

A resident raised the ongoing problems with visibility around the site of the new homes and the junction with the A372.

048/25 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest and dispensations

Cllr Ian Campbell accepted.

049/25 To approve the minutes from Tuesday April 22nd, 2025

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record by the Chair.

050/25 Chairman’s report

Cllr Baker reported that on Wednesday 28th May residents of some properties in the village will be without power between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

It was also noted that during September there is a possibility that all telegraph poles are being replaced in the Village. The Council has not been officially informed but will keep an eye on the situation.

051/25 Planning

1. Motocross at Wynns Hill Farm, Middlezoy, TA7 0PD updates

The owner of the property has applied for a licence to run an event at the end of May. It is not known if permission has been granted or any restrictions imposed. It is hoped that the land owner will attend the June meeting of the Parish Council.

052/25 To receive reports from Cllr Martin

Cllr Martin reported that he has been following up the latest situation on affordable housing at the new development. It was agreed to publicise a request for anyone wishing to be added to the list to contact Cllr Martin.

He has also requested further information about the Wynn’s Hill event from the owner’s solicitor.

Cllr Martin has received correspondence regarding the possible purchase by the Parish Council of the village playing fields. He will follow this up and report back to the council. It was noted that the lease is due for renewal in 2032.

053/25 To discuss Highways issues in the village and speed limit on the A372

The Traffic Engineer for the area has been contacted, and she has passed our request for cameras onto the area police team. No response has been received yet. It was felt that a 20-mph sign would be helpful to reduce speeds in this area.

054/25 Middlezoy Community Project Update

The AGM will be held in early July.

An extension to the decking area would be very welcome, but the cost would be considerable, in the region of £30k.

It is hoped to move to keg cider replacing bottles, which will improve the profit margin.

055/25 LCN Reports

Nothing to report.

056/25 Affordable Homes

Cllr Baker reported that a statement is expected in the next few weeks regarding the affordable homes’ provider.

57/25 FINANCE

1. (a) Clerk’s Salary (April 2025) £419.04
2. Clerk’s PAYE (April 2025) £104.80
3. Clerk's expenses (April 2025) £76.39
4. Middlezoy Community – Hall Hire £24.00
5. SALC - £60.00 (Training).
6. Richard Young £50.00 (Internal Audit).

All invoices include VAT where applicable.

The Clerk was given permission to set up payments online.

1. Bank Reconciliation for April 2025

The reconciliation was approved and signed as a true record by the Chair.

1. Audit Forms
2. Internal Audit Report

The Internal Audit was approved and signed off by the Chair.

The Clerk reported that all relevant documents have been sent to the external auditor and uploaded to our website.

058/25 Councillors Matters of Report

Cllr Boulton reported that one of the local footpaths was badly overgrown. This has now been reported to Somerset Council rights of way. It was noted that anyone can report issues on public footpaths on this website: [Explore Somerset - Rights of Way, Open Spaces and Area Management](https://roam.somerset.gov.uk/roam/map)

It was possible that we could use a locally qualified person to strim the area and pay minimal expenses.

The bucket swing at the play park has been repaired.

The extension tiles to the car park need rolling in – it is hoped that the Cricket Club will carry this out when the ground is more conducive i.e. wet!

Date of next meeting – TUESDAY June 17th, 2025, at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.02 p.m.