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MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes meeting held on Wednesday 17th July 2024, Middleton Village Hall 6.30pm

Present:	IM Properties	
Cllr J Beamish	<u>Apologies:</u>	Cllr F Smith
Cllr G Keegan		Cllr S Smith
Cllr G Hawkins		Cllr A Jenns
Cllr P Rotherham		Cllr M Watson
Clerk - Michelle Skinner		

51/24	<p><u>IM Properties</u> Presentation and update from IM Properties relating to the planned THRIVE development . Introduction to the proposed development. Outline of the proposed site with a confirmed public engagement session for Wednesday 25th September , Middleton Village Hall - 4-8pm Visuals will be available and exhibition detailing site plans. Concerns raised from MPC, transport links non-existent from Middleton, increased traffic around the surrounding routes and impact on access and safety around Dunton Island , increased queuing on A446 and the 'rat run' concern through the villages. As a result of the EIA ,environmental topics to be considered. Timeline from start of planning application to be advised with proposal of a 7-10 year completion Meeting to be advertised in August edition of MM</p>	
52/24	<p><u>PUBLIC QUESTIONS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welcome to members of the public attending 1. Band stand, it was requested that better use be made of the VG bandstand,potential saturday afternoon music sessions . MPC have no issues with the Bandstand being used for public events and advised this would fall under the proposed new Entertainment Committee being set up by end of September 2024 2. VHall carpark, it was requested that car park be more accessible to public ,separate discussion to be had with VHC , this is ongoing 3. MURLAC, update requested and meeting advised there would be a retrospective planning application regarding the palisade fencing, M Skinner will follow up; additionally the meeting informed a planning agent has been engaged to assess viability of tenancy. 4. School Valuation - asked if this has been concluded, MPC advised ongoing 5. Working Meeting - asked why alternate meetings (Working Party) being held, MPC explained these meetings were to enable councillors to discuss matters,explore options to achieve common goals and deliverables, and to present to the next full MPC meeting 	<p style="text-align: right;">M Skinner</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Cllr Beamish</p> <p style="text-align: right;">M Skinner</p>
53/24	<p><u>POLICE MATTERS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Non attendance 	

54/24	<p><u>HS2 UPDATE</u> Duration of works The plant crossing will be in use from 29 July 2024 until 30 June 2026 The temporary overnight closure of Church Lane will be from 5 August to 8 August 2024 between 8pm until 6am It was noted by meeting that HS2 has removed hedges but not roots, these have now grown so request that HS2 maintain, cut back at junction of Crowberry /Church lane as currently poor visibility <i>Cllr Keegan to pursue with HS2</i></p>	Cllr Keegan
55/24	<p><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Cllr Jenns, Cllr Watson, Cllr Smith, Cllr S Smith</p>	
56/24	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></p>	none
57/24	<p><u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</u> Agreed and signed by Cllr Beamish as a correct record of meeting</p>	Cllr Beamish
58/24	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING:</u></p>	
58/24.1	<p><u>Speeding concerns</u> 41/24.1 <u>OUTSTANDING</u> request for a speed survey still outstanding, Cllr Jenns has confirmed a £500 contribution for the speed survey set up Cllr Beamish has received response from Steve Maxey, full funding not available from NWBC, MPC to pursue and look into sighting a standalone solar digital speed sign on Coppice bend</p>	<p>Cllr JEnns Cllr Beamish</p>
58/24.2	<p><u>WCC Highways</u> Church/Crowberry Lane issues ❖ Crowberry Land and Church Lane potholes have been satisfactorily patched,</p>	M Skinner

58/24.3	<p>41/24.3 MSK confirmed issue has been raised with planning dept re fencing and use of plant machinery on the site of Church Farm. Landowner has informed current tenants to cease open storage. Murlac remain in occupation, with outdoor storage evident? This issue will be escalated by NWBC planning</p>	MSk
58/24.4	<p><u>MCC -</u> 41/24.4 Cllr Beamish, and Cllr Hawkins to consult building surveyors to obtain market valuation and reinstatement valuation as required by internal auditor. ONGOING</p>	<p>Cllr Beamish Cllr Hawkins</p>
59/24	<p><u>KEY FINANCIAL PROJECTS :</u> 42/24.1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New PC Website , quotes have been received, planning in progress, design to be agreed, costs: £300 one off design payment, annual charges £288 + VAT to include web site hosting, backup,telephone and e-mail support ● Village Green Development plans to revise frontage and access - HS2 funding application in progress initial costings have been submitted to add to application ● Village green pathway costs to be confirmed 	M Skinner

60/24	<u>NEW ACTIONS:</u>	
60/24.1	43/24.1 HS2 funding application Evidence to support funding has been received, a joint bid to improve safety and access to the VH and VG, initial draft , awaiting submission, costs have been provided	Ongoing
60/24.2	Village Green <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Benches for VG, costs for refurb or replacement 2. Picnic Benches for VG, costs for refurb and securing onto VG 3. Quote for new pathway to be provided end of September 4. Storage unit, area to be cleared, fence to be removed to provide better access to unit and use the area for the Fete, plant out with shrubs max cost £1k Storage area currently holds equipment for fete; fridges are to be assessed and remove those deemed unsafe to use, MPC archive paperwork pre 2018 to be secure destroyed. 5. New locks will be put onto storage unit once cleared and tidied 6. Kick Board, white lines to be placed around perimeter to outline the goal 7. Table Tennis, review if small wooden cabinet available to store table tennis bats and balls to enable full use on VG 8. Basket Ball - court to be marked out with appropriate D lines 	ALL
60/24.3	Entertainment Committee It has been agreed that a new Ent Committee to be formed, initial funding from MPC will be £2K, Ent Committee to be agreed and introduced next meeting in September	Cllr BEamish

60/24.4	<u>COMMUNITY UPDATES:</u>	
60/24.5	<u>MUFT</u> None	

60/24/6	<u>SAMUEL WHITE TRUST</u> None	
61/24	<u>REPORTS OF COUNCILLORS AND CLERK:</u>	
61/24.1	<u>Cllr Keegan</u> Issues have been raised re the works at The Belfry , Cllr Keegan ad M Skinner to meet with site manager to discuss Would like to assess the pond and surrounding area at Ramblers Rest due to the level of tree surgery work currently taken Finance, contribution of £1500 to MPC from Fete Committee as agreed Cllr Keegan to follow up with P Milligan	Cllr Keegan / MSk
61/24.2	<u>Cllr Beamish</u>	Cllr Beamish
61/24.3	<u>Cllr Hawkins</u>	None

61/24.4	<u>Cllr Smith</u>	None
61/24.5	<u>Cllr Rotherham</u> Reported good work made on Crowberry Lane with the patching, asked for updates on the drain issues , reported as fixed. Garage site, still awaiting feedback from NWBC due in September.	Cllr Rotherham
61/24.5	<u>Cllr Jenns</u>	None
61.24.6	<u>Clerk</u> Audit - , audit has now been sent to external auditors for assessment and review. Dog fouling - new signage and additional bins requested , awaiting update from NWBC Tamworth Road - reports issued with recommendations for new sewer diversion, Letter of support to be send to CEO of STW from MPC Chair, await draft letter from T Harris ROW ongoing issues have been escalated Footpath Officer - local resident has agreed , to be confirmed with NWBC Sandbags - repeated requests however MPC informed have to self purchased, additional flood sax to be purchased, costs to be agreed The Belfry concerns raised by resident regarding building works and condition of Wishaw Lane, wil meet with project manager over the coming weeks to discuss.	MSk
61.25	<u>PLANNING:</u>	
	<u>FINANCE UPDATE :</u> Updated finance report issued to Councillors by Clerk , current account balance as of end of June £23,323 Asset list to be re evaluated , requires input from ALL COUNCILLORS by end June OUTSTANDING, THIS WILL BE ADDRESSED BY END OF SEPTEMBER Payment of £100 to be made to local resident for clearance of the storage area and container site £500 payment be made to MHS as agreed for the fete	
	MPC Meetings all start at 6.30 unless notified ❖ AUGUST - CLOSED NO MEETING ❖ SEPTEMBER 4th - PARISH COUNCIL MEETING PUBLIC ❖ OCTOBER 16TH - WORKING PARTY MEETING ❖ NOVEMBER 20TH - PARISH COUNCIL MEETING PUBLIC ❖ DECEMBER - CLOSED, NO MEETING	
	MEETING CLOSED 8.30PM	

ACTION LOG

<u>Item No</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>By Whom</u>	<u>Update</u>
	<p><u>Speeding concerns</u> 41/24.1</p> <p>OUTSTANDING</p> <p>request for a speed survey still outstanding, Cllr Jenns to update as soon as possible Request highways to fund SLS for Coppice Lane Bend, flash slow down sign with curvature of road, cost approx £5250, still Outstanding . Await feedback from NWBC Highways and Cllr Jenns</p> <p>❖ <i>Cllr Beamish has escalated to Steve Maxey, Chief Exec NWBC</i></p>	<p>MSk Cllr Beamish Cllr Jenns</p>	
	<p>30/24.5 41/24.4</p> <p><u>MCC</u> - Cllr Beamish, and Cllr Hawkins to consult building surveyor to obtain market valuation and reinstatement valuation.</p>	<p>Cllr Beamish Cllr Hawkins</p>	
	<p>Village Green 43/24.2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Benches for VG, costs for refurb or replacement 2. Picnic Benches for VG, costs for refurb and securing onto VG 3. Quote for new pathway to be provided end of September 4. Storage unit, area to be cleared, fence to be removed to provide better access to unit and use the area for the Fete, plant out with shrubs max cost £1k Storage area currently holds equipment for fete; fridges are to be assessed and remove those deemed unsafe to use, MPC archive paperwork pre 2018 to be secure destroyed. New locks will be put onto storage unit once cleared and tidied 5. Kick Board, white lines to be placed around perimeter to outline the goal 6. . Table Tennis, review if small wooden cabinet available to store table tennis bats and balls to enable full use on VG 7. Basket Ball - court to be marked out with appropriate D lines 	<p>Cllr Beamish Cllr Rotherham Cllr Hawkins Cllr Smith</p>	
	<p>Entertainment Committee 43/24.3</p> <p>It was suggested and agreed that a new Ent Committee to be formed, initial funding from MPC will be £2K, Ent Committee to be agreed and introduced by end June</p>	<p>MPC</p>	
	<p><u>Cllr Beamish</u> 45/24.2 Additional reports of vandalism at the Gun Club, roof tiles missing, smashed clay pigeon. Cllr Beamish to enquire whether the nature camera can be used to monitor the site</p>	<p>Cllr Beamish</p>	

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