



# MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE RECREATION ROOM  
CHURCH LANE MIDDLETON

**Date 21/03/2019**

## **Present Councillors**

**Gill Keegan (GK) Chairman**  
**Graham Smith Vice Chairman**  
**Peter Rotherham (PR)**  
**Jack Everill (JE)**  
**Andy Jenns (AJ)**  
**Mark Simpson Chair of WCC planning committee**

**Clerk in Attendance Tony Harris (TH)**

**Public in Attendance; None**

### **1. Apologies**

**Pete Rawlins (PRaw)**

### **2. Police surgery**

*None*

### **3. Declarations of Pecuniary or other interests.**

*None,*

### **4. Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 21/02/2019**

*The previous minutes were duly signed by Chairman Cllr. Keegan*

## **Agenda was interrupted to enable report from Cllr Mark Simpson**

### **Mark Simpson WCC Chair of Planning Committee**

- a. Mark gave an overview of planning in Warwickshire together with some real insights into the process, including, A single dwelling in theory can be extended by up to 30% from its original build layout based on a 1947 housing act however rule is now superseded as all applications have to be taken on Merritt. All villages have a development boundary and if you are inside you will be allowed to develop. North Warwickshire Plan has been accepted and is currently with the Government for ratification as the current plan is statutory out of date. The CC have not allocated enough house builds so new build applications are almost certain to be accepted. 10,000 new homes are required and house developments also have to incorporate other associated developments such as road pumping stations etc. Planning is now a shades of grey problem with Schedule C being redundant with almost all buildings gaining planning permission. North Warwickshire is the second highest area for economic growth in the country with 10,000 workers commuting in to work here. Peddimore will have 6 enormous sheds built and the CC can only mitigate not prevent these types of development. HS2 and massive developments on the Birmingham*



*border are putting huge pressure on NWBC roads. Section 106 provides councils with money from big developments but this is not a hard and fast rule. The population in NW has only increased by 100 people but housing demand stems from people living longer and or living on their own and living with families. National Infrastructure projects like HS2 have built in planning permission so in reality all councils can do is try and mitigate. Heritage does not consider the impacts on buildings with regards to views that may be impaired. Mark finished off by saying he would be happy to attend our meeting any time we thought he could help. Cllr Keegan thanked Mark for a most interesting and insightful talk.*

## **5. Matters arising**

- a) The website design was discussed and the clerk showed a mock-up which was accepted as an improvement with more work to be done after the sign off on the Audit*
- b) Cllr. Keegan asked when the bandstand sealant would be applied Cllr. Rawlins noted that as soon as the weather improves it will be done as it requires a JCB and at the moment it would leave tracks on the Village green due to the grass being wet underfoot.*
- c) Cllr. Keegan requested that the garage doors issue be chased again as nothing has been done about them.*
- d) The path around the green needs weeding in several places.*
- e) Plaques to commemorate the opening of the bandstand are now available and Cllr. Keegan will present them to the recipients as soon as possible.*
- f) Clerk has made initial approach to Samuel White regarding allotments however this was not successful for various understandable reasons. So search continues for a possible site. Article in MM to gauge need.*
- g) Cllr Keegan reported further potholes in Church Lane/Coppice Lane/Crowberry lane. To report to highways*
- h) Village Hall repainting exercise. To create funding with a view to starting work.*

## **PENDING ACTIONS**

- 1.** Grit bin needs filling at Allen End, Clerk to arrange. Reported ref. 484234 but needs checking. **Checked no bin only slabs and overgrown with brambles**
- 2.** Path needs weeding Clerk to investigate. Also consider approaching Kingsbury lawn care for play area quote.
- 3.** T15 ground uneven issues Clerk to raise with John Bardsley footpath officer. Clerk met with John it would appear the bank is eroding so may require a lot of work. Awaiting update. **CC contacted and will use volunteers to effect a repair but no actual date available**
- 4.** Consideration of allotment site. Article in MM
- 5.** Garage door issue has been reported to NWBC. To be monitored as no action taken by NWBC. **Report issue again**
- 6.** Pot holes at bottom of church lane. Holes have been marked up.
- 7.** Ask David Williets about his knowledge of Susan Pallet playground. Action PR
- 8.** Contactor in place to cut play area grass.



## ONGOING ACTIONS

1. Clerk and Cllr Keegan - to make changes to the website.
2. Clerk to prepare plans for a new bus shelter and seek planning permission, authorisation of up to £500 was given to achieve planning permission

## NEW ACTIONS

1. A grant to be used for flooding was potentially available, Clerk to look into how we might apply and for what specific works. Parishioner Terry Cole had extensive knowledge of the main flood areas and would be a useful source of contact for consultation
2. Report fallen no entry sign at bottom of Church lane.
3. Pavement kerb stones loose in Simmonds close, needs reporting.
4. Prepare for Annual Assembly at May meeting.
5. Consider new village green path.
6. Working party to remove hedge in front of Village Hall.
7. Pay a visit to Coppice Garden Centre re planning TH and GK

## CLOSED ACTIONS

1. Fly tipping in Coppice lane and Middleton lane reported by the Clerk and removed.

## 6.Reports of Councillors and Clerk

### Cllr. Keegan

- a. *Cllr. Keegan stated that councillors need to ensure all their nomination papers are submitted and this needs to be done in person as postal service is not accepted*

### Cllr. Smith

- a. *No entry signs at the end of Church Lane have fallen down needs reporting.*

### Cllr. Rawlins

- a. *Absent*

### Cllr. Rotherham

- a. *Gang thought to be of Eastern European origin stealing sheep and leaving chalk marks as a guide.*

### Cllr. Everill

- a. *Ford area needs cleaning again.*
- b. *Church Lane laybe fly tipping*
- c. *Middleton Hall route to Water park blocked with a new gate*



**CLLr. Jenns**

None

**7 Samuel White Trust and other Community Organisations**

*Clerk has been approved as a new member of the committee*

**8. High Speed Rail Line**

*Houses are now being repaired in the village ready for letting.*

**9. Community Centre**

**No update**

**10. Village Green Development**

*Band stand still awaiting sealing when weather improves.  
Clerk to find replacement company to cut grass in the play area,  
it was also suggested by Cllr. Keegan that a new path should be considered and would  
provide details.*

**11. Middleton Recreation Room**

*Awaiting redecoration*

*Hedge to be removed*

**12. Planning Matters**

[PAP/2019/0144](#) 19/03/2019 Coppice Garden Replacement of existing poly tunnels  
Centre with building for use as a garden centre  
Limited Coppiceworkshop area and lifestyle and well-  
Lane being activity class; together with  
Middleton proposed open-sided covered walkways  
B78 2BU and proposed glazed-in canopy extension

**Action: TH and GK to pay a visit**

**13. Correspondence since last meeting dated 18/10/2018**

**NWBC/WCC:**

- Quote for bin collection and play area inspection
- No response on Garage request in Church Lane

**General.**

- Visit to Coleshill Fire station
- Plaques for bandstand presentations
- Wild flowers – Tamworth Council-no response
- A response from and to the D.O.T.



- HS2 visit requested-Nature reserve
- Coleshill mowing's quote received
- Mobile Police station-no further news
- Gating order on T9/FP through Fairways barn
- HS2 archaeological studies
- Nature reserve update
- Planning reports

WALC Grants for rural businesses etc.

## 14. Finance Report.

Balance at bank 15.3.2019	A/c 00411787	<b><u>£5,932.19</u></b>
Plus deposits not shown		
Less cheques not accounted for	CN	£0.00
<b>Sub total</b>		
<b>Less cheques to be written following approval in March 2019</b>		
Clerk wages (March. 2019)		-£665.79
Prontaprint (estimate) March 2019		-£173.93
sign groundworks ie sign erection		-£300.00
Sign post	inclusive of VAT	-£1,814.25
Grounds maintenance NWBC VAT to be added		-£613.07
Clerks and Councils direct subscription		-£12.00
sub total		
<b>balance total</b>		<b><u>£2,353.15</u></b>
<b>Capital reserve fund A/c 29525357 (05.02.2019)</b>		£7,348.23
interest		£1.13
		<b><u>£7,349.36</u></b>
£4000 is rent deposit		-£4,000.00
<b>Available funds in current account A/c 00411787</b>		2,353.15
<b>Available funds in reserve account A/c 29525357</b>		£3,349.36
<b>Grand total</b>		<b><u>£5,702.51</u></b>
<b>Notes</b>		
1. MCC rent due 25.3.2019		£5,290.00
2. VAT can be collected		£3,281.65
3. womans vote memorial- estimate		-1200
4 Play area/ramblers rest grass cutting	est.	-750
Sub total		<b><u>£6,621.65</u></b>



<b>total funds</b>	A/C 00411787	<b>£8,974.80</b>
	A/C 29525357	<b>£3,349.36</b>
		<b><u>£12,324.16</u></b>

**15. Public Questions and Comments.  
(Parishioner issue from previous meeting)**

**16. The Chair proposes  
None.**

**17. Any other business**

**18. Date of next meeting 23/5/2019 at 6.30pm (date agreed later)**

**Meeting closed at 8.55pm**

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_