



MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE RECREATION ROOM
CHURCH LANE MIDDLETON
Date 11/3/2021 Meeting 9 of 2020/21

Present Councillors

Gill Keegan Chair (GK) Chair
Peter Rotherham (PR) Vice-chair
James Beamish (JB)
Graham Smith (GS)

1. Apologies (due to restrictions on numbers allowed to attend)

Peter Rawlins (PRw) not available
Andy Jenns County Councillor (AJ)
Mark Simpson Borough Councillor

Clerk in Attendance Tony Harris (TH)

Public in attendance

Cllr. Keegan welcomed everyone to our meeting and confirmed that the meeting was being conducted, in accordance with the Covid-19 risk assessment guidelines produced by the Clerk and approved by all Councillors. The MPC was also updated in real time by MPC WhatsApp on all local events and allowing MPC to be fully briefed at all times.

Jack Everill (the main door was kept open and Mr Everill was seated by the open door some 5 metres away from the committee and the rule of 6 was maintained with Cllr. Rawlins absence)

Mr Everill raised the issue of a resident in a NWBC house requesting off road parking at the front of his house, and would MPC support his application.

The council supported off road parking where this was possible and agreed to support this application. The clerk was asked to prepare a letter of support for the resident living on Church lane. Mr Everill also asked about plans for this year's Village fete

Cllr. Keegan explained briefly the main decisions made including:

- No Marque this year.*
- Covid is still a major factor as we move forward*
- It will be a smaller event than in previous years*
- Likely to be a 2-5pm event currently*
- It was however still an important event despite restrictions.*

2. Police Surgery



None

3. Declarations of Pecuniary or other interests.

None

4. Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 3/11/2020

The previous minutes were duly signed Chairman Cllr Keegan

5. Matters Arising

- a. *The issue of anti-Social behaviour was still being reported by residents and MPC have written to Platform housing on this matter for their input.*
- b. *APNR cameras came to £2557 which was agreed by the committee and results are already proving their worth.*
- c. *Introducing speed reducing signs is more complex requiring WCC approval*
- d. *New railings to be installed Cllr. Rawlins, Cllr Smith and the clerk will carry out the work a small cost for fixings will be needed circa £30 and this was unanimously agreed.*

Ref	What	Who	When
N1	<i>APNR camera installation to proceed-COMPLETED total cost £2557 which was agreed by the committee</i>	Clerk	Completed
N2	<i>Contact Vintage inns to address late night car park anti-social activities with a view to night time closure COMPLETED</i>	Clerk	Completed
N3	<i>Investigate solar panel speed signs, put on hold as requires WCC approval and no response received to Clerks emails</i>	Clerk	ASAP
N4	<i>Clerk to contact all MM advertisers to determine future adverts, demand. To resume for April edition. Yoga has been discontinued</i>	Clerk	March /April
N5	<i>MCC tenant requested name change and new 15 year lease agreements this will require Clerk to liaise with our Solicitors to ensure all legal aspects are covered</i>	Clerk	April/May
N6	<i>Consideration is to be given to VE day celebrations</i>	All	May
N7	<i>Following a request to hold a wedding reception on the Village Green. After consideration permission was not given. To inform the wedding party of the decision</i>	Clerk	April
N8	<i>To place order for new benches/tables for the village green at a cost of £</i>	Clerk	March
N9	<i>Need to sort out shed and shed within the shed</i>	ALL	April/May

PENDING / ONGOING ACTIONS

Ref	What	Who	When
P1	<i>New traveller's rest rebuild</i>	Clerk/	PLANNING



	<i>Contract awarded to Dave Davis local builder based on being the best and lowest cost option of three considered. Work has commenced – Work started and due for completion end of March</i>		STAGE
P2	<i>RFQ has been written for the play area and sent to 5 companies only one has responded to date. A second quote has been received</i>	Clerk	APRIL/MAY
P3	<i>WCC highways treatment of Coppice lane has made the road seem more unsafe and without Covid more accidents would have occurred but MPC need public support for a robust challenge to WCC highways-to be reviewed at next meeting</i>	Clerk	MARCH
P4	<i>Library door to be refurbished and installed some remedial work to be done in better weather £150 was paid as the installation was three hours so £30 added to cover this work. Which still represents very good value for money. Door being fitted 12/2/21- some remedial work on the door to be completed</i>	Clerk	PROJECT STARTED
P5	<i>Clerk to check on MCC insurance policy,</i>	Clerk	April
P6	<i>Oil spillage latest includes new spillage of what is believed to be engine oil Severn Trent have located the source point at which it enters their pipework. Clerk to produce update report</i>	Clerk	

CLOSED ACTIONS

Ref	What	
C1	<i>APNR cameras installed at village hall</i>	
C2	<i>Hedge cutting around the VG – an invoice has again been requested 3/3/2021 for work completed PAID</i>	
C3	<i>Clerk to look into Parish owned tree survey. List supplied by Cllr. Rotherham</i>	
C4	<i>Tree planting at lower end of Church Lane</i>	

KEY FINANCIAL PROJECTS

Ref	What	Who	When
K1	TRAVELLERS REST <i>A new build was unanimously agreed and contract awarded. To include the option of Perspex windows at the front and a bench seat Budget agreed for build £5000</i>	Cllr.Rawlins	March
K2	GARAGES (Church Lane) <i>NWBC still keen to go ahead with the scheme but</i>	Clerk	2021/2022



	<i>will now be later in the year due to Covid 19. This is now a new financial year project realistically.</i>		
K3	CEF Grant <i>Two grants to be looked at for the hall extension repair and the hall rebuild at a later date</i>	Clerk	February
K4	PLAYAREA <i>RFQ submitted to several contractors for the repairs and updating the play area equipment including introduction of new Play equipment</i>	Clerk	May
K5	BANDSTAND RAILINGS. To be installed <i>Circa £30 for fixing materials agreed by committee</i>	Clerk	Completion required.
K6	LAYBY <i>Thought to be given on how we can convert the impromptu layby in church lane to discourage Fly tipping</i>	Clerk	2021/2022 On Hold

6. Samuel White Trust and other Community Organisations

- a. *The issue of anti social behaviour was still being reported by residents and MPC have written to Platform housing on this matter for their comments.*

7. High Speed Rail Line

- a. *Closure of Church lane will cause inconvenience to villages for up to a month..*

8. Community Centre

- a. *It was agreed to move to a new 15 year lease agreement with the first action being a change of company name requested MPC to engage our solicitors to ensure all legal matters are covered. Our tenant is much valued and we would like to secure long term financial commitment and gain for the village*

9. Village Green Development

- a. *Grass cutting has begun and the band stand rails need to be fitted in readiness for May 8th commemorations*
- b. *It was agreed to purchase a number of new tables/bench seats*

10. Middleton Recreation Room

- a. *A vote of thanks was given to Peter Rawlins and Graham Smith for the remarkable work they have put into the hall it has never looked better and they deserve to be commended for their role in keeping the Hall going*

11. Reports of Councillors and Clerk

Cllr. Keegan

- a. *HS2 have announced a large number of road closures impacting Middleton and surrounding areas*



- b. *HS2/LM are requesting an electronic meeting with MPC on the 18/3/2021*

Cllr. Smith

- a. *A resident has raised the issue of broken kerbs by the Green Man, it was noted that larger vehicles are cutting the corner and causing constant damage.*
- b. *Kerb stones outside shop loose again and need a proper fix*
- c. *Request for a wedding to be held on the village green. This was discussed at length with a consensus that the green is not suitable as a) it is a community space and b) residents would be affected by noise at the end of the event and during being difficult to police such events MPC regrettably have turn down the request .*

Cllr. Beamish

- a. *There is an issue of electric scooters raising the potential for an accident amongst one of the young participants*

Cllr. Rotherham

- a. *Pot holes are occurring again all around the parish.*
- b. *James Beamish needs a set of keys for the store*
- c. *Complaints received regarding the contraflow on the A4091*

Cllr. Rawlins

- a. *Not in attendance*

Cllr. Jenns

No Report

Cllr. Simmons

No Report

Clerk

Oil spillage has recurred in Crowberry Lane. SSW, Severn Trent and Environment Agency to be involved in resolving.

12. Correspondence

NWBC/WCC

Local elections postal voting
Unitary authority status

General. Coppice lane accident
Letter from Luncheon club
T15 footpath formal move request
Green bins



MRR postal address registration for broadband
MCC leas for further 15 years
Samuel White issues/Letter
Letter to Shelly Lebrun

WALC

13. Planning matters

PAP/2021/0054 Maple leaf farm Tamworth road – two storey extension

PAP/2021/0035 31 Church Lane –dropped curb

PAP/2021/0638 Homestead Wishaw lane – retrospective planning

PAP/2021/0638 HG wholesale Coppice Lane – new entrance

PAP/2021/ Bercroft London Road – modifications to existing plans

PAP/2021/0667 Holly cottage church lane – housing development

Willows stable follow up work around building and fence replacement

Atlantic nurseries - ongoing

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14. Finance Report

Financial summary

Balance at bank 15.3.2021	A/c 00411787	£31,460.32
Plus deposits not shown		<u>0.00</u>

	C/N	Description	
		sub total	31.460.32
Unpresented cheques	2195	xmas tree	-£40.00
Sub total	2200	hedge cut	<u>-£240.00</u>
	2201	feb wages	<u>-£998.68</u>
	2202	MRR grant	<u>-£500.00</u>
	2203	trees/paint	<u>-£353.92</u>
	2204	MRR cameras	<u>-£1,157.00</u>
	2205	tables	<u>-£2,982.00</u>
			<u>-£6,271.60</u>
		sub total	<u>£25,188.72</u>
Less cheques to be written		wages March	-£998.68



Coppice lane groundwork	-£200.00
Commucorp subscription	-£12.00
expenses	-£100.00
Travellers rest	-£4,800.00
	<u>-£6,110.68</u>

subtotal **£19,078.04**

Note

** Clerk card purchases

carpark funding ring fenced	-
	<u>£10,000.00</u>
total unallocated funds available	<u>£9,078.04</u>

Capital reserve fund A/c 29525357 (5.2.2021)

opening balance	<u>£7,368.18</u>
interest	<u>£0.06</u>
new balance	<u>£7,368.24</u>
£4000 is rent deposit	

Available funds in current account A/c 00411787	11/02/2021	£19,078.04
Available funds in reserve account A/c 29525357	04/09/2020	£3,368.24
Grand total		<u>£22,446.28</u>

Notes on expenditure end of Q4

Basketball net	quotes being sort	circa	-£1,500.00
new equipment Toddlers	quotes being sort	circa	-£3,000.00
			<u>-£4,500.00</u>

sub total

income	MCC	Feb	£1,000.00
		March	£1,000.00
		total	<u>£2,000.00</u>

year end currently **24103.96**

15. Public Questions and Comments.

No public present



16. The Chair proposes

None.

17. Any other business

18. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 5th May 2021 6pm

Meeting closed at 8.05 pm

Signed _____ **Date** _____