**Middleton Parish Council**

**Minutes of meeting held Wednesday 12th March 2025, Middleton Village Hall, 6.30pm**

Present: Cllr J Beamish Matt Price – BBV/HS2 Apologies: Cllr S Smith

Cllr G Keegan Cllr A Jenns

Cllr P Rotherham Cllr M Watson

Cllr F Smith Cllr G Hawkins

Clerk Michelle Skinner

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| 12/25 | **Public Questions:**  Recent Flooding- UPDATE  Despite best efforts of the MPC, there are still a couple of blocked/damaged pipes that may cause future flooding on Vicarage Hill bend. MPC confirmed this was being addressed and work continuing to clear these problem areas.  MPC confirmed the cost to clear the blocked gullies and equipment hire was approx. £1800 with an additional £700 estimated to clear ditches along Wishaw Lane/Green Lane. Cllr Smith leading this project. MPC has funded, however will look to WCC/NWBC for contribution to these costs.  Potholes – continue to cause issue particularly Wishaw Lane, MPC confirmed this has been reported  Concerns raised regarding the increased number of heavy vehicles through the lanes which continue to cause problems.  Concerns raised regarding the pavement parking issues on the junctions of Coppice/Church Lanes, blocking pedestrian access. Asked if street wardens would be available to monitor, MPC advised this request would be escalated to Cllr Watson/Cllr Jenns for support with this issue. | Cllr F Smith  Cllr Watson  Cllr Jenns  Cllr Watson  Cllr Jenns |
| 13/25 | **Community updates:**  **Matt Price – BBV/HS2**  •We have recently mobilised a crane which will be in place until completion of the construction of the overbridge.  •We have completed piling works and are in the process of breaking the pile caps and excavating the piling platform.  •We will continue to monitor noise and dust during this period via the monitors we have placed strategically.  •March – Begin steel fixing to create the framework of piers and abutments. This should see the structure start to take shape.  •Begin construction of overbridge April / May 2025 which will include pouring concrete and placing concrete sections.  •Further earthworks are required as we start to back fill around the structure.  •Bridge deck beams delivery scheduled for July 2025. (Current preferred delivery option is via A453 Sutton Road/ Haul Road, this is liable to change. If this changes to using Church Lane for delivery there will be a 5-day closure required.)  •August – begin installing bridge deck.  •Add parapets to side of structure.  •Asset completion due Spring 2026.  •Church Lane opening on new alignment will take place following further government instruction. The current instruction is to just build the bridge.  **MUFT** - none  **Samuel White** - none  **Police Matters** - none  **Social Committee**: none |  |
| 14/25 | **Apologies for absence** | Cllr S Smith  Cllr A Jenns  Cllr M Watson  Cllr G Hawkins |
| 15/25 | **Declarations of Interest** | None |
| 16/25 | **Minutes of previous meeting**  Wednesday 8th Jan 2025 agreed and signed by Cllr Beamish as correct record of meeting | Cllr Beamish |
| 17/25 | **Matters arising**  06/25.1/79/24 **- Reroute of T9 remains unresolved, Cllr Jenns to update after Regulatory Committee meeting, date to be advised, Cllr Jenns to update at next MPC meeting March 2025**  06/25.2**– Access to VH carpark discussions outstanding -**  Pavement Parking Continues to cause issues and concerns, pedestrians being forced into the road due to vans and cars parking on pavement particularly junction of coppice /church lane. MPC to discuss with County and Borough councillors for support with potential warden monitoring | Cllr Jenns  Cllr Hawkins  Cllr F Smith  Cllr Jenns  Cllr Watson |
| **18/25** | **Key Financial Projects**  2025:  Replacement benches - £3200  Basket ball area marking - £1200  New shrubs for storage area - £2000  Additional costs for gully and drainage cleaning estimated £2k  Village Green Groundwork as per quotation received – 9k  Digital Screen Replacement - tbc  To be discussed at next MPC working party meeting 9th April | **All** |
| **19/25** | **New Actions:**  **M Sk to review bus timetable – ongoing**  Review pavement obstruction rules  Review overgrown hedges that are causing pavement obstructions  Report unlit bollards on London Road/Coppice Lane junctions  MPC/Fete it was agreed that unused / surplus equipment for Fete would be sorted and discarded during 2025 Fete set up; surplus equipment would be disposed of after 2025 Fete | **M Sk**  **Cllr Keegan**  **All** |
| **20/25**  **20/25.1**  **20/25.2**  **20/25.3**  **20/25.4**  **20/25.5**  **20/25.6**  **20/25.7**  **20/25.8**  **20/25.9** | **Report from Councilors and Clerk:**  **Cllr Keegan :**  To follow up with fete committee as £1500 from fete committee to be paid April 2025  To review Highways related project fund from Warwickshire County Council, to provide financial support for local highways-related projects  Met with Graham Stanley to review this speeding and road issues face within Middleton, review the signage along the Coppice Lane Bend, review the chevron and various other signs to be replaced.  To review archive paperwork stored in storage unit with M Sk  **Cllr Beamish – none**  **Cllr Smith – none**  **Cllr Hawkins – none**  **Cllr Rotherham – none**  **Cllr Watson:**  *Garage Sites, advised a review across the Borough of all owned garage sites would be conducted by end of Jan and would update MPC accordingly, however this report would have to be presented to the Resources Board who would then accept or request further recommendations*  **Cllr Jenns:**  *Street lighting – will follow up regarding outstanding reported on Church lane opposite Village Hall, has been out of action since October 2023; Coppice Lane, street light has been reported and no action taken . These are now urgent*  *Cllr Jenns and Cllr Watson would like to hold surgery in Middleton to allow drop-in sessions for residents.*  *To follow up with Graham Stanley regarding outstanding speed concerns on Coppice and Church Lane.*  **Clerk:**  Dog Fouling – new signs have been placed within Middleton  Speed signs have been ordered  Finance – see below  Digital Screen – awaiting quotes for replacement  Letter to CEO NWBC – James to sign draft letter  NWBC – Notice of executive board meeting and full council meeting 17th March, public excluding from planning meeting update/Angela Coates report  Church Lane/Coppice Lane Street lamp issues: original complaint mislaid by area engineer, this has now been escalated, again  PLANNING:  Planning application fees increase from 1st April 2025   |  | | --- | | Proposed Single Storey Rear & Side Extension following demolition of existing Store and Workshop | | Proposed Farmhouse renovation to include demolition of the existing single storey and 2 storey extension, and replacement with a 2 storey and single storey extension. | | **Cllr Keegan**  **Cllr Watson**  **Cllr Jenns**  **M Sk** |
| **21/25** | **Planning**  **Planning application fees increase from 1st April 2025**   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | [**PAP/2025/0088**](http://planning.northwarks.gov.uk/portal/servlets/ApplicationSearchServlet?PKID=131513) | **03/03/2025** | **Shirley Cottage 1 Coppice Lane Middleton Tamworth Warwickshire B78 2AR** | **Proposed Single Storey Rear & Side Extension following demolition of existing Store and Workshop** | | [**PAP/2025/0060**](http://planning.northwarks.gov.uk/portal/servlets/ApplicationSearchServlet?PKID=131439) | **14/02/2025** | **New House Farm Tamworth Road Middleton   B78 2AE** | **Proposed Farmhouse renovation to include demolition of the existing single storey and 2 storey extension, and replacement with a 2 storey and single storey extension.** | |  |
| **22/25** | **Finance:**  28 Feb 2025  Current account: £20774.81/ Reserve Account: £9519.00/Events Account: £120.97  Allocated funds for Mar/April 2025 Projects £17380  Precept for 2025/2025 agreed at £14210 paid over two instalments, April 2025 and Sept 2025 |  |
|  | **Meeting Closed: 8.35pm**  **Next Meeting**  **WPM 9th April**  **MPC Annual Meeting /MPC 7th May**  **Signed:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |  |

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