

MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 17th March 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Annexe, Cottingham.

Present: Cllrs Phillipson (Chair), Ainge, Alvey, Brant, Claypole (arrived 8.30pm), Cole, Dickens and Mrs Medwell (Clerk).

1. Apologies for Absence: None.

2. Declaration of Interest: Cllr Phillipson declared a non-prejudicial interest in the Middleton Village Hall project and as Chairman of NCALC in item 11 Parish Charter.

3. Minutes of 17th February 2010

The minutes were duly approved and signed.

Proposed Cllr Cole Seconded Cllr Alvey

4. Matters Arising:

The Chairman commented on the benefits of training courses and asked the Council to consider any training requirements. The Clerk was asked to determine whether the other Councils were receiving MPC minutes, also dates of Village Litter Pick from Cottingham PC (*action JM*).

5. Meeting Open for Public Participation:

There were no members of the public present.
(Meeting closed to the public.)

6. Cottingham and Middleton Community Hall:

The Chairman reported that he had met with solicitor to finalise details of the presentation of the Parish Council's response to Corby Borough Council's proposals.

7. Highways:

Water Leak, School Hill – Cllr Alvey reported that the drains had been blasted which seems to have temporarily rectified the problem. Anglian Water coming to dig up the road to investigate further.

Sign for Swingler's Path – The Council approved the sign for Swingler's Path at a cost of £25.

Closure Jurassic Way – Work to the wall has finished and the footpath reopened.

8. Crime and Disorder Committee Annual Meeting:

The Chairman asked the Council to consider any issues they would like raised at this meeting. The issue of Fly Tipping was put forward.

9. Planning:

Travellers Site, Ashley Road Clerk to contact Diane Newbold re approved plans for site (*action JM*).

10. Finance:

a) The following cheques were presented for signature:

101072	Cottingham VHMC – Feb Meeting	11.00
101073	Clerk Salary and Expenses	393.57

b) SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	58,147.72
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Business Reserve	165.84
Community Account	5,325.02
Less Allocation for Village Hall	57,640.10
Total:	<u>5,998.48</u>

11. New Parish Charter:

The Chairman explained the background behind this new charter. The Council **agreed** to support and formally respond to this charter.

12. VHMC (Annexe):

Cllr Claypole informed the Council that there was to be a trial for a youth group for 13 to 18 year olds at the Annexe on Monday 22nd March.

13. Review of Internal Audit:

The Council reviewed the effectiveness of the Internal Audit System and **agreed** that all was in order.

14. Correspondence:

Minutes – Weldon (e-mailed) Parish Council
 Northants Police – Parish Crime Figures (e-mailed)
 NCALC – Update and Training Guide / Responding to Planning (e-mailed)
 NCC – Highway, Path and Tree Warden Newsletters
 CBC – Full Council Minutes / Rural Area Forum Minutes and Agenda
 Clerks and Councils Direct

15. Late Entry Correspondence:

Victim Support – Request for Donation – The Council confirmed their previous decision not to donate public funds.

Parish Tree Wardens – Information - advertise in newsletter for any volunteers.

16. Any Other Business:

There was none.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next meeting on the 21st April 2010.

Signed.....Chairman Date.....