

## MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 20th April 2005 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Annexe, Cottingham.

Present: Cllrs Allsop (Chair), Phillipson (Vice-Chair), Ainge, Brumby, Dickens, Freestone, Mrs Medwell (Clerk) and two members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Curtis

2. Declaration of Interest: Councillor Phillipson declared a non-prejudicial interest in the Middleton Village Hall project, owing to his position as chairman and trustee of the Middleton Village Hall trust.

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3. Minutes: The minutes were duly approved and signed.

Proposed Cllr Ainge

Seconded Cllr Brumby

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4. Matters Arising:

The Clerk informed the Council that a letter had been received from Fishers stating that Sir Geoffrey would not expect to pay any costs in the matter of transferring ownership of the bus shelter to Middleton parish council. The Council felt that this could potentially be very expensive and **agreed** to write to CBC for their guidance and financial support.

The Clerk informed the Council that the Code of Conduct had been formally adopted in April 2002.

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5. County Councillor's Report:

County Councillor did not attend.

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6. Borough Councillor's Report:

Borough Councillor did not attend.

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7. Meeting Open for Public Participation:

No Comment

(Meeting closed to the public)

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8 (a) Village Annexe and (b) Meeting Room Update.

(a) Nothing to report.

(b) Cllr Phillipson read out a draft letter to Peter Floody at CBC with regards to 106 monies and culvert maintenance. Cllr Phillipson highlighted the fact that fund raising could be jeopardised by the lack of progress of the legal department. The Council **agreed** to send this letter.

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9. Traffic Calming:

Cllr Allsop gave details of a meeting between himself and Nick Gore regarding the Ashley Road Gateway and traffic calming and kerb damage along Main Street. The Council **agreed** to wait until after the election to tackle this further. The Chairman

suggested the possibility of forming a Highways Sub-Committee.

#### 10. Planning:

14 Cannam Close – On recommendation by the Planning Sub-Committee, the Council made no comment.

#### 11. Village Action Plan:

Clr Dickens informed the Council that the plastics recycling bin had been removed from the Red Lion and a more suitable site was being sought.

Following a response from CBC in respect of dog fouling, the Council decided the next stage would be to replace signs.

#### 12 Finance:

The Clerk distributed a List of Balances and Cash Flow statement for review and discussion.

a) The following cheques were presented for signature and **agreed**:

100883	ACRE – Subscription	31.00
100884	NALC – Subscription	97.00
100885	NALC – Internal Audit	126.00
100886	VHMC – Hall Hire	10.00

b) SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	7,344.73
Business Reserve	1,616.65
Community Account	2,240.62
Total:	<b><u>11,202.00</u></b>

The Clerk presented the Council with the accounts and confirmed they had been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 1996 for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005. The Council **approved** the Statement of Assurance and the appropriate documents were signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

The necessary documents will now be presented to the internal auditor.

#### 13. Quality Council Status:

Clr Phillipson highlighted the fact that the website would be purely for parish business and commented that the Parish Council were on target in respect of the action plan.

#### 14. V E Day Celebrations:

Mrs Silcock gave a further report on the proposed V E Day Celebrations on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The Council agreed to cover up to £100 of any shortfall in funds.

#### 15. Correspondence:

Amongst other correspondence were the following items:

East Midlands Regional Plan  
 Minutes – Cottingham, Gretton, East Carlton, Weldon  
 ACRE – Village Survey  
 Atkins – Highway Service Information

- DEFRA – Quality Parish
- NCC – Minerals and Waste Statement
- CPRE – Outlook
- Letters – Cottingham Primary re Vandalism
  - Cllr Rutt re Glover Court Sewers
  - Phil Hope MP re Rural Five Year Plan
  - Fisher German re Bus Shelter

The Council wished to comment that they were disturbed to receive the letter from Cottingham School in respect of vandalism around the school

16. Rural Forum Meeting:

Cllrs Ainge and Freestone agreed to attend the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> May.

17. AOB:

Cllr Phillipson drew attention to the excess real estate signage in Glover Court.  
 Cllr Freestone reported from Conservative Meeting that travellers had bought the land on Corby Road, Cottingham and were seeking planning approval.  
 Cllr Allsop requested a plan of Main Street to highlight strangle points. Cllr Freestone to copy (*Action CF*).

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next meeting on 15th June 2005

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