

MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 21st April 2010 at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall Annexe, Cottingham.

Present: Cllrs Phillipson (Chair), Ainge, Alvey, Brant, Cole, Dickens (Acting Clerk), PCSO Mark Tooley and one member of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Claypole and Mrs Medwell (Clerk).

2. Declaration of Interest: Cllr Phillipson declared a non-prejudicial interest in the Middleton Village Hall project. Cllr Phillipson declared a non-prejudicial interest in item 8 as a previous owner of the property. Cllr Alvey declared a non-prejudicial interest in item 8 as a near neighbour to the property.

3. Minutes of 17th March 2010

The minutes were duly approved and signed.

Proposed Cllr Ainge Seconded Cllr Cole

4. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

5. Meeting Open for Public Participation:

The Chair welcomed the visitors.

PCSO Mark Tooley reported on fires being lit deliberately in the area and circulated a street crime questionnaire for completion. He also gave details of a 'Litter' Warden who will investigate any fly tip for evidence of culprit. The contact details of this warden will be circulated in newsletter.

The matter of Broadband supply in the village was discussed (see item 11.)

(Meeting closed to the public).

6. Cottingham and Middleton Community Hall:

The Chairman reported on the negotiations between Corby Borough and the Parish regarding the take-over of the S106 land . The Council **agreed** that the culvert survey should be the responsibility of Corby Borough.

7. Highways:

Water Leak, School Hill – It was identified that there is still a problem here despite drain cover being raised and that Anglian Water still have not returned to rectify this. Contact Ian Tattersall for assistance in this matter (*action JM*).

Water Leak, Ashley Road – Anglian Water to be contacted regarding water leaking from the dyke.

Occupation Lane – This has been cleared of litter. The Council Agreed that details of land owners along this lane and other private land adjacent to highways be sought (Action JM)

8. Planning:

10/00105/DPA, 3 School Hill Extension The Council noted that the original application received had been amended, and the council had no objections to the application.

Travellers Site, Ashley Road The Council are still awaiting detailed plans of the approved application from Corby Borough, Clerk to follow up (*action JM*).

9. Finance:

a) The following cheques were presented for signature. The Council were concerned about the increasing cost of insurance and requested that other quotes be obtained for next year:

101074	NCALC Audit and Subscription	258.05
101075	NCALC Training	75.00
101076	Allianz Insurance	443.41
101077	Besthost Website	17.25

b) SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	58,147.72
Business Reserve	165.89
Community Account	4,531.31
Less Allocation for Village Hall	59,983.00
Total:	<u>2,861.92</u>

c) The Council were presented with the accounts which had been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 1996 for the year ending 31st March 2010. 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. The Council **agreed** the new allocation for Village Hall.

10. New Parish Plan:

The Council identified a need for volunteers to assist the sub committee with a new Parish Plan and **agreed** to advertise for these in the next village newsletter.

11. Broadband Supply:

The Council discussed the low Broadband Speeds in the village. The Chairman proposed that a working party should be set up, this was **agreed**. The Chairman **agreed** to contact Rutland Telecom to discover cost implications for increasing supply (*action DP*).

12. VHMC (Annexe):

In Cllr Claypoles absence report to be carried forward to next meeting.

13. Correspondence:

Minutes – Weldon (e-mailed), Cottingham and East Carlton Parish Council	
Northants Police – Parish Crime Figures (e-mailed)	
NCALC – Charter Consultation Responses / Localism in Action Conference (e-mailed)	
NCALC – Update and Training Guide	
CBC – Full Council Minutes	Northants 50+ - Newsletter
LCR Magazine	ACRE – Village Viewpoint
CPRE – Minutes March meeting (e-mailed)	

14. Late Entry Correspondence:

There was none.

15. Any Other Business:

There was none.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next meeting on the 20th May 2010.

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....

