

MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 21st December 2005 at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Cottingham.

Present: Cllrs Allsop (Chair), Ainge, Dickens (Acting Clerk), Freestone, Phillipson (Vice-chair), and one member of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Brumby, Curtis and Mrs Medwell.

2. Declaration of Interest: Cllr 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.

Cllr Allsop declared a non-prejudicial interest in the planning matter- Land on Ashley Road.

3. Minutes:

Item 3 - Cllr Phillipson asked that 'Did not attend' be substituted for 'Nothing to report' and Item 8 add 'for the culvert' after manholes.

The minutes were then approved and signed.

Proposed Cllr Ainge

Seconded Cllr Dickens

4. Matters Arising:

Cllr Allsop reported that he was still awaiting a reply from the police regarding Neighbour Hood Watch, despite a reminder to CSO Phil Beckett.

Cllr Dickens reported that the Parish Seat had been inspected and all the wood needs replacing. The builder is in the process of supplying a quote.

5. County Councillor's Report:

County Councillor did not attend.

6. Borough Councillor's Report:

Borough Councillor did not attend.

10. Traffic Calming:

Cllr Allsop reported on a meeting between himself, Tom Callaghan and Bob Seary regarding the 39 points that needed attention in the Village. There will be a 'Highways Representative' appointed by County to be 'in charge of the Village'. Cllr Allsop also commented that he had had a response from Bob Seary regarding the 20mph speed limit near the two schools.

11. Planning:

Land West of Ashley Road (Cllr Allsop left the room) – The Council commented that whilst they had no concerns over the visual impact of the buildings, and the principle of putting stables up in the Countryside, they felt that there would need to be a splay or layby at the access to the road.

30 Main Street – It was noted that Planning permission had been granted.

12. Village Plan:

The Council discussed the Northants County Council publication 'Rights of Way Improvement Plan' with any maintenance done on a 2006 – 2011 timescale. Cllr Phillipson expressed disappointment that to date, none of the promised improvements to local footpaths had materialized since the Parish Plan was published in 2004.

The Council agreed they would probably have to pay someone to resolve the muddy condition of the public footpath to East Carlton which was used by children and mothers going to school. It was agreed to contact East Carlton Parish Council as some of the damaged footpath is in their Parish (*action KD*).

13. Finance

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

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b) SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	7,562.42
Business Reserve	1,623.02
Community Account	6,540.03

16. Grass Cutting:

The Council agreed to continue to undertake the mowing of their urban grass areas.

17. Correspondence:

Amongst other correspondence were the following items:

Boundary Committee – Future Electoral Arrangements

North Northants – Planning Preferred Options / Sustainability Appraisal / Statement of Community Involvement

ACRE – Playing Field / Monitoring and Good Practice / Village Hall Newsletter

CPRE – Fieldwork

Minutes – East Carlton, Gretton, Cottingham, Weldon PC

Phil Hope MP – Surgery Dates

Northants Police – Monthly Parish Crime Report

NALC – Planning Guidelines / Update / Village ViewPoint

Cllr Rutt – Letters regarding Glover Court Sewer System

18. AOB

Concern was expressed that the Post Office was closed. The Council agreed that a letter should be sent to the Post Office stating that the village must have such a facility.

Cllr Freestone stated that he was reapplying for planning permission regarding the change of use of his paddock.

Cllr Phillipson commented that Middleton should try to contribute more to the Village Newsletter. Cllr Phillipson also reported that the Manor House felt the responsibility for locking the Clinical Waste bins was that of the Waste Collection company.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next meeting on the 18th January 2006.

Signed

Chairman

Date