

MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 13th December 2006 at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Hall, Cottingham.

Present: Cllrs Allsop (Chair), Ainge, Claypole, Cole, Curtis, Dickens, Philipson, Mrs Medwell (Parish Clerk), Peter Floody (CBC), Suzanne Preston (Rural Pride Officer), Natalie Westland (ACRE) and James Vance (Sustainability Officer).

1. Apologies for Absence: None

2. Declaration of Interest: Cllr Phillipson declared a non-prejudicial interest in the Middleton Village Hall project.

3. Minutes: The minutes of 15th November were duly approved and signed.

Proposed Cllr Curtis
Seconded Cllr Ainge

4. Matters Arising:

The Clerk said she had spoken to Kier regarding grass mowing and would arrange a site visit in order that they might quote for the 2007 mowing. Also that she had written to Corby Planning Department regarding the lack of lighting along the Darescroft / Glover Court Footpath but as yet had received no response.

5. Parish Plan:

The Chair welcomed Natalie Westland from ACRE. Ms Westland detailed her role in supporting the Parish Council in delivering their Parish Plan Policies and Action Plan.

6. Waste Disposal:

The Chair welcomed James Vance from CBC. Mr Vance detailed the new waste collection service and invited questions from the Council.

7. Rural Pride Officer:

Peter Floody from Corby Borough Council introduced Ms Suzanne Preston as the new Rural Pride Officer. Her role will be to support the Parish Council and provide a link to the Borough Council.

8. County Councillor's Report:

The County Councillor did not attend.

9. Borough Councillor's Report:

The Borough Councillor did not attend.

10. Community Support Officer Report:

The Community Support Officer did not attend.

Cllr Allsop said he had written to the Chief Constable regarding the difficulty in communicating with our CSO but had not as yet received a reply. The Councillors expressed their dismay at the lack of response.

It was noted that the telephone box on The Hill had been repaired.

11. Meeting Open for Public Participation:

(Meeting closed to the public).

12. Village Hall Project:

Cllr Phillipson informed the Council that there was a £50,000 commuted sum for the maintenance of the Hall and Open Space. He asked that the Parish Council agree to manage this money themselves. The Council **agreed**.

Peter Floody advised that Corby Borough Council must agree to adopt the land first before they pass it on to the parish.

13. Traffic Calming:

Cllr Phillipson circulated speed data collected from Ashley Road and Main Street. He stated that the purpose was to gather official speed data in order to put forward our formal proposals and application for speed restrictions and grants.

14. Planning:

30 Main Street – Retrospective application and amendments – The Council's reservations were that the house was not built to original plan, nor built with local stone and excess water runs across the footpath from the drive.

8 Main Street – Installation of Tennis Court – Planning refused.

15. Finance:

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

100951	VHMC	£10.00
100952	P C World	£94.98
100953	British Legion – Wreath	£30.00
100954	Dell	£29.33

b) SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	£12,811.95
Business Reserve	£151.70
Community Account	£3,661.81
Less Allocation for Village Hall	£12,000.00
Total:	<u>£ 4,625.46</u>

16. Correspondence:

Amongst other correspondence were the following items:

Minutes – East Carlton, Cottingham, Weldon and Gretton PC's

Phil Hope MP – Surgery Dates / Newsletter

ACRE – Village Viewpoint / The Playing Field / Village Hall Forum Newsletter

CPRE – Fieldwork / Outlook

CBC – Full Council Minutes

Environment Agency – Flood Management Plan

East Midland Regional Assembly – Regional Plan

NALC – Training Programme / Update

Rockingham Forest Trust – Small Grants Scheme

Northamptonshire Police – Monthly Crime Report
Letters – CBC Suzanne Preson – re Smoke Free Legislation
Premier Building Ltd – re New Bench, Main Street
Cllr Rutt – re Mushroom Farm

17. Any Other Business:

There was no further business.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9 pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next meeting on the 17th January 2007.

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