

MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 16th February 2005 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Annex, Cottingham.

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

1. Apologies for Absence: None
2. Declaration of Interest: None.

3. Minutes: The minutes were duly approved and signed.
Proposed Cllr Freestone
Seconded Cllr Dickens

4. Matters Arising:

The Clerk informed the Council that she had spoken to Christine Moore at NALC who had advised that the Parish Meetings must be held in public venues, not private buildings

5. Meeting Open for Public Participation:

No Comment.
(Meeting closed to the public)

6. Traffic Calming:

Cllr Freestone reported that the new Change of Road Use signs had been erected at the Ashley Road junction. Also that the Gateway on Ashley Road had commenced, with markings on road left to do. Cllr Freestone commented that the hedgerows round the sign were somewhat overgrown and could obscure the signs. Clerk to write to the owners of these hedges. (*Action JM*).

Cllr Freestone informed the Council of a meeting on the 22nd February at 9am with Nick Gore (CBC), Cottingham and Middleton Highways Cllrs.

7. Planning:

16 Main Street - The Council made no comment.
Sign on A427 Mushroom Farm - The Council were puzzled as to the whereabouts of the Mushroom Farm now it had removed the existing 2 polytunnels and the result of the second application last June for additional tunnels. Clerk to write to CBC requesting a response to these matters. (*Action JM*).

8. Bus Shelter:

The Council wished to clarify that they would only be paying their side of the costs involved with the conveyance of the bus shelter. (*Action JM*).

9. Councillor Vacancy:

The Parish had received an application for the vacant position of Parish Councillor. This application was discussed and the Council **agreed** to co-opt Mr Mark Brumby. Mr Brumby was welcomed onto the Council.

10. Village Plan:

Cllr Phillipson informed the Council that there was nothing to report.

11. Quality Council Status:

Cllr Phillipson proposed that the Council pursue the possibility of achieving Quality Council Status. The Council **agreed** as indeed this would be good practice. Cllr Allsop **agreed** to speak to ACRE to find out how many other Councils were following this route (*Action KA*).

Cllr Phillipson **agreed** to draw up an initial plan of the next steps (*Action DP*).

12 Finance:

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

100875	VHMC	7.05
100876	John O'Conner	106.50
100877	NALC Internal Audit Fee	126.00

b) SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	7,344.73
Business Reserve	1,616.65
Community Account	3,719.21
Total:	<u>12,680.59</u>

13. Correspondence:

Amongst other correspondence were the following items:

NCC – Waste Local Plan Gretton Parish Plan
 Minutes – Cottingham, Weldon, Gretton, Stanion
 ACRE – Village Hall Forum / Playing Field / Village of the Year Competition
 Office of Deputy Prime Minister – Vibrant Local Leadership / Public Services
 Corby Highways – Minor Works Programme
 NCC – Minerals Local Plan Inquiry / Draft
 NALC – Training Courses
 Atkins – Reps Review / Parish List

14. AOB:

Cllr Phillipson handed the Clerk a copy of the Middleton Village Hall Trust's Annual General Meeting minutes and Annual Report for reference.

Cllr Ainge requested a copy of the Middleton Village Map (*Action JM*).

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next meeting on 16th March 2005

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