

MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 15th February 2006 at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Cottingham.

Present: Cllrs Allsop (Chair), Ainge, Brumby, Curtis, Dickens, Freestone, Phillipson and Mrs Medwell (Clerk).

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr R Rutt

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

3. Minutes:

The minutes were duly approved and signed.

Proposed Cllr Brumby

Seconded Cllr Curtis

4. Matters Arising:

Cllr Ainge pointed out that the Clinical Waste bin outside Manor House was overflowing with the lid open. The Council agreed to write to Environmental Health with a copy sent to Ian Hopewell (*action JM*).

5. County Councillor's Report:

County Councillor did not attend.

6. Borough Councillor's Report:

The Clerk reported on behalf of Cllr Rutt that the proposed mobile home site on Corby Road, Cottingham has had illegal excavation work done. Corby Borough Council legal department are aware and will act accordingly. Also that Wood Lane Bridleway to Danesholme is still blocked and that Rockingham Estate were reluctant to supply N.C.C with a key to the padlock on the gate.

The Clerk read out a letter from Anglian Water following their investigation into the sewer

9. Village Annexe:

Cllr Curtis said that the alterations should be finished next month

10. Traffic Calming:

Cllr Allsop informed the Council that he had written to County Highways highlighting the danger spots in Middleton between the two schools and The Hill down to Ashley Road and requesting that the Highway authority would consider a 20mph limit within these areas. Cllr Allsop read out the reply from N.C.C Project Engineer from Casualty Reduction that under the Safer Routes to School scheme, Middleton was at the lower end of their ranking list and there were no immediate plans for any traffic calming measures in the area. The Council **agreed** to pursue this matter (*action KA*).

11. Planning:

11 Main Street, Change of Use to Bed /Breakfast - Approved by Corby Borough Council
8 Main Street, Loft conversion and porch – Approved by Corby Borough Council

The Council again discussed having one Planning Officer for each village. Also that garages converted to living spaces, thus reducing off road parking, are possibly in breach of planning requirements. Cllr Allsop **agreed** to write to CBC Planning Department in respect of these matters (*action KA*).

12. Village Plan:

Cllr Dickens reported that Mr Bob Birkett (NCC) would walk the footpaths requiring maintenance. Cllr Dickens **agreed** to follow up (*action KD*).

13. Finance

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

100913	Cottingham PC (Playing Field Maintenance)	173.21
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b) SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	7,562.42
Business Reserve	1,628.45
Community Account	6,366.82

TOTAL	15,557.69
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villagers had surveyed the lighting provision. The survey highlighted the poorly lit areas as being along Main Street and Ashley Road. Cllr Phillipson stated that the Borough Engineer had been made aware of this survey and that any improvements were subject to budgetary constraints and on a priority list. The Council agreed to ask Mr Tattersall to do a site visit after dark (*action DP*).

The Council discussed having a visible sign between Cottingham and Middleton and agreed to contact N.C.C with respect to this (*action KA*).

16. Neighbourhood Watch:

Cllr Ainge reported that forms were being circulated to occupants of Ashley Road and requested that the Council fund two Neighbour Hood Watch signs (estimated at approx. £10 each). The Council **agreed** to fund these signs, Cllr Brumby volunteered to erect them.

17. Correspondence:

Amongst other correspondence were the following items:

CBC – Letters re Green Waste Collection / Budget Consultation / Our Borough

Minutes – Cottingham, Gretton, East Carlton and Weldon PC

NCC – Rights of Way Cut-Backs / Waste Local Plan / Atkins Rep's Review

Shaping Health – Letter re Health Service

Northants NHS – Public Consultation Papers

Police – Monthly Parish Crime Report

18. AOB

Cllr Dickens drew attention to the mirror on School Hill which either needed cleaning or renewing. Cllr Phillipson **agreed** to arrange a replacement (*action DP*).

Cllr Brumby commented on the dog fouling on the Playing Field and the lack of play area provision for the older children in the village.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next meeting on the 15th March 2006.