

MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 18th January 2006 at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Cottingham.

Present: Cllrs Allsop (Chair), Ainge, Brumby, Curtis, Dickens, Mrs Medwell (Clerk) and Borough Cllr Rutt.

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Freestone, Phillipson and County Cllr Heggs.

2. Declaration of Interest: Cllr Rutt declared a non-prejudicial interest in any planning matter.

3. Minutes:

The minutes were duly approved and signed.

Proposed Cllr Ainge
Seconded Cllr Dickens

4. Matters Arising:

Cllr Allsop reported that the Village Shop as well as the Post Office had shut. The Clerk told the Council that Mr Bob Birkett from Northants County Council had been in touch regarding the 'cutting back' in Wood Lane.

5. County Councillor's Report:

County Councillor did not attend.

6. Borough Councillor's Report:

Cllr Rutt told the Council that the planning application for a mobile home on Cottingham Road, Cottingham had been refused and that the enforcement officer would be requesting that the verge be put back. Cllr Rutt reported that Anglia Water had carried out a survey of the sewer system in Glover Court, were compiling their facts and figures and would respond by the end of the month. Cllr Rutt drew the Council's attention to a meeting of the local Parish Councils at the Methodist Hall on the 26th January regarding the Post Office and Village Shop. Cllr Rutt remarked that

9. Village Annexe:

Cllr Curtis reported that the annexe renovations were all going to plan. The Council **agreed** to denote goods to the value of £500 in place of the allocated grant.

10. Traffic Calming:

Cllr Allsop commented on his frustration with the Police at not being able to proceed with the speed cameras.

11. Planning:

There were no planning matters.

12. Village Plan:

Nothing to report.

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

Less Allocation for Village Hall	10,000.00
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Total:	<u>5,557.69</u>
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14. Clerk Salary:

The Council reviewed the Clerk's salary and **agreed** the NALC recommended salary of £8 per hour, based on a 5 hour week. The Council also **agreed** a monthly allowance of £10 to cover computer and office costs.

15. 2006/2007 Budget:

The Council discussed the budgeted figures for 2006/07 and **agreed** a figure of £6717, less a Concurrent Expenditure Grant of £2126, giving a precept figure of

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18. AOB

Cllr Ainge reported that the Neighbour Hood Watch Scheme on Ashley Road was up and running and was expecting to receive correspondence for distribution.

Cllr Dickens said she had received a complaint about the rubbish along Occupation Lane. The Council discussed putting a litter bin there at the suggestion of CBC. Cllr Dickens added that the gateway to the Landfill Site would be cleared of rubbish.

Cllr Allsop stated that he had written to Chris Mallander regarding the Bus Shelter, following an agreement from Fisher German that local solicitors could be employed at our expense to handle the conveyance. Cllr Allsop said he hoped to follow this up at the Rural Area Forum Meeting on the 19th January 2006. Cllr Allsop also added that he would follow up the Clinical Waste problem at the Manor House with Ian Hopewell.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm

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

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