

MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 17th January 2007 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Annexe, Cottingham.

Present: Cllrs Allsop (Chair), Ainge, Claypole, Cole, Curtis, Dickens, Phillipson, Mrs Medwell (Parish Clerk), Suzanne Preston (Rural Pride Officer) and PCSO Phil Beckett.

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 13th December were duly approved and signed.

Proposed Cllr Cole

Seconded Cllr Dickens

4. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

5. Rural Pride Officer's Report:

Suzanne Preston circulated a leaflet detailing her role and an invitation to a 'Smoke Free Legislation Information Session' at Cottingham Village Hall on 29th March.

6. Borough and County Councillor's Report:

Borough and County Councillors did not attend.

7. Community Support Officer Report:

PCSO Phil Beckett detailed the new police structure in Corby and the local parishes. This will involve three officers (including PC Meadwell who lives in East Carlton) being allocated to the rural parishes.

Cllr Allsop observed that Neighbourhood Watch did not seem to be progressing.

8. Meeting Open for Public Participation:

There were no members of the public present.

(Meeting closed to the public).

9. Village Hall Project:

Suzanne reported that Peter Floody had met with Emma Granger of CBC Legal Department. They are happy for the Council to pursue the ownership of the land and said the £50,000 commuted sum was to be dealt with separately.

10. Traffic Calming:

Cllr Phillipson informed PCSO Phil Beckett that whilst the speed data collected at the three locations in the village showed some high speeds, over 85% of the readings were on or below the speed limit. Unfortunately this would not meet Highway Authority criteria for providing traffic calming measures.

11. Planning: Post Office and Shop:

Suzanne reported that there were currently negotiations underway regarding the future of the post office and shop and that there was to be a site meeting on 23rd January 10am.

12. Grass Cutting:

The Clerk said she had spoken to John O’Conner’s regarding the poor quality of last years grass mowing and that she was awaiting a site visit and quote from Kier.

13. Budget 2007/08:

The Council discussed the budgeted figures for 2007/08 and **agreed** a figure of £6,800, less a Concurrent Expenditure Grant of £2,209, giving a precept figure of £4,591 (the same as last year.)

Proposed: Cllr Ainge

Seconded: Cllr Phillipson

14. Finance:

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

100955	Premier Building Dev	924.73
100956	K Allsop - Postage	9.92

b) SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	12,811.95
Business Reserve	151.70
Community Account	2,828.74
Less Allocation for Village Hall	12,000.00
Total:	<u>3,792.39</u>

15. Health Provision:

Health Professional did not attend. Item to be moved forward to next meeting.
Cllr Allsop drew the Councils attention to the ‘Willowbrook Health Complex Master Plan’ which shows proposals for Local Healthcare.

16. Correspondence:

Cllr Allsop drew attention to a document ‘ Communities and Local Government – New Policy on Planning’ available for download on the internet.

Amongst other correspondence were the following items:

Minutes – Cottingham, Stanion, Weldon and Gretton PC’s, VHMC

Clerks & Councils Direct

ACRE – Village of the Year Info / Village Hall Forum Newsletter / The Playing Field

CPRE – Countryside Voice

CBC – Full Council (Special) Minutes / Budget Consultation

Rural Area Forum - Minutes

Northamptonshire Police – Monthly Crime Report

NCC – Voluntary and Community Sector Capital Funding Programme

Letters – Phil Hope MP re Illness

Cllr Rutt re Primrose Cottage

17. Any Other Business:

There was no other business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.04pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next meeting on the 21st February.

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



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