

MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 21st July 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Annexe, Cottingham.

Present: Cllrs Phillipson (Chair), Dickens, Ainge, Alvey, Brant, Cole, Mrs Medwell (Clerk) and PCSO Mark Tooley.

1. Apologies for Absence: None

2. Declaration of Interest: None.

3. Minutes of 16th June 2010

The minutes were then duly approved and signed.

Proposed Cllr Ainge Seconded Cllr Dickens

4. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

5. Meeting Open for Public Participation:

The Chair welcomed PCSO Mark Tooley

PCSO Tooley reported on crime incidents in the area and informed that there would be better co-ordination of the speed activated signs in the villages to avoid two arriving at once.

The Chair thanked PCSO Tooley who duly left the meeting.

(Meeting closed to the public).

6. Cottingham and Middleton Community Hall:

Cllr Phillipson informed the Council that there was to be a meeting next week between himself, the trust solicitor and a representative from Corby Borough Property to finalise and sign the land transfer to the Trust.

Regarding the approach from Corby Borough for a quotation to repair the fence at 1 Berryfield Road, Cottingham the Council **agreed** to decline involvement in the matter.

7. Highways:

Footpaths Report – The Council were concerned to hear from Cllr Dickens that the occupants of the Travellers Site, Ashley Road had briefly fenced off Occupation Lane to graze their horses, inhibiting access along the lane.

Cllrs Cole and Brant to formulate a ‘Footpaths Condition Report’ (*action AC and SB*).

Faulty Lamp Ashley Road / The Hill – Clerk to report to Corby Borough (*action JM*).

Horsebox Parking Ashley Road – It was noted that parking here had improved.

8. Planning:

There were no planning applications to discuss.

Cllr Phillipson informed the Council that Diane Newbold (CBC Planning Enforcement) would be inspecting the site regarding compliance with building regulations.

Cllr Phillipson drew the Councils attention to a Government Green Paper ‘Open Source Planning’ which addresses many contentious issues regarding planning.

9. Finance:

a) The following cheques were presented for signature.

101083	BDO External Audit	158.63
101084	Cottingham VHMC Hall Hire	11.00
101085	Countryside Gardens	120.00
101086	BestHost Web Site	17.25

b) SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	58,147.72
Business Reserve	165.89
Community Account	8,332.96
Less Allocation for Village Hall	59,983.00
Total:	<u>6,663.57</u>

c) The Clerk reported that the 2009/10 Audit had now been successfully completed.

10. Play Parks:

The Council discussed the lack of recreational facility for older children in the village and suggested a feasibility study be done possibly using part of the open space land. The Council **agreed** to raise on agenda for the joint Cottingham / Middleton meeting in August.

11. Cottingham and Middleton Welcome Pack:

The Council discussed and **agreed** amendments.

12. Local Council Policies and Documents:

The Clerk to ensure that all statutory documents and policies are in place (*action JM*).

13. VHMC (Annexe):

Cllr Claypole brought the Council up to date with the Committee' s activities.

14. Correspondence:

Minutes – Weldon (e-mailed), East Carlton and Cottingham Parish Council
Northants Police – Parish Crime Figures (e-mailed)
NCC – Bulletin
Clerks and Councils Direct

The Council **agreed** to invite MP Louise Bagshaw to a future meeting.

The Council **agreed** not to be involved in the door to door selling of poppy' s.

15. Late Entry Correspondence:

E-mail received from NCALC re Transport and Highways Priorities, to be put on next agenda.

16. Business for next meeting:

Rockingham Forest Wheelers.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9 pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next meeting on the 21st September 2010.

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