

MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllrs Allsop (Chair), Ainge, Curtis, Dickens, Phillipson (Vice-chair), Mrs Medwell (Clerk), Community Support Officer Beckett, County Cllr Heggs, CBC Engineer Mr Tattersal and one member of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Freestone and Rutt

2. Declaration of Interest: Cllr Phillipson declared a non-prejudicial interest in the Middleton Village Hall project. Cllr Allsop declared a non-prejudicial interest in item 10.

3. Minutes:

The minutes were duly approved and signed.

Proposed Cllr Ainge
Seconded Cllr Dickens

4. Matters Arising:

Cllr Dickens reported that Bob Birkett had made a site visit to the footpath between Middleton and East Carlton and had recommended the clearing back of all overhanging trees, replacing stiles with gates and possibly surfacing the path.

The Clerk informed the Council that the bridleway between Wood Lane and Danesholme had been cleared.

Cllr Phillipson said he had obtained a mirror and would erect on School Hill.

5. County Councillor's Report:

Cllr Heggs reported that the due to County funding from Government funds being low and an on-going over-commitment by the previous administration, the County Council budget would be extremely tight for the next three years.

6. Borough Councillor's Report:

East Carlton and Cottingham. Peter Taylor had agreed to put to Cottingham at their next meeting the possibility of putting a representative onto the Trust.

9. Traffic Calming:

Cllr Phillipson had circulated information regarding traffic calming in rural areas and asked that the Council would consider looking into funding a realistic and appropriate calming measure. The Council **agreed** to pursue, with NCC, what costed measures would be acceptable and effective. It could then consider whether this should be financed out of Parish Council funds if NCC funds cannot be found (*action DP*).

10. Planning:

7 Ashley Road – Change of use of paddock to garden. The Council again observed that this land is outside the village envelope and under local plan is not available for residential use.

11. Village Plan:

Nothing to report.

12. Finance

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

100914	John O' Conner	128.91
100915	Clerk Salary and Expenses	464.10
100916	Methodist Church	30.00
100917	Viking Direct	45.28
100918	Topline Furniture (Annexe)	551.90

b) SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	7,562.42
Business Reserve	1,628.45
Community Account	5,146.63

Less Allocation for Village Hall	10,000.00
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Total:	<u>4,337.50</u>
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fittings be used and identifying four that needed replacing in Cannam Close and Main Street. He suggested this would be done fairly early in the next financial year. The Council **agreed** for this to go ahead.

16. Police Report:

CSO Beckett spoke of a new camera, which has been successfully used in Gretton and Weldon and will be used in all rural villages at least once a week at staggered times. A visit with the camera to Middleton was made for Thursday 23rd March at 8.30am.

CSO Beckett raised concern about distraction burglaries and aims to raise awareness through leaflet drops and increased police presence.

17. Correspondence:

Amongst other correspondence were the following items:

CBC – Full Council minutes

Minutes – Cottingham, Gretton, East Carlton and Weldon PC

CPRE – Countryside Voice, Fieldwork, Letter re- Planning Roadshow

Clerks and Councils Direct

Rockingham Forest Wheelers – Dates of cycle races

BTCV – Letter re Conservation works

NCC – Letter re Adoption of Waste Plan

Shaping Health – Patient and Public Involvement Forum meetings

Police – Monthly Parish Crime Report

Cllr R Rutt – Letters re Glover Court Sewage system / Post Office / Planning

18. AOB

Cllr Phillipson commented that there was an ‘Under Surveillance’ sign on Wood Lane.

Cllr Allsop asked that the CBC be contacted to remove the ‘cyclist’ signs around the village (*action JM*) and said there was nothing further to report on the village shop.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next meeting on the 19th April 2006.