

MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 17th March 2004 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Annex, Cottingham.

Present: Cllrs Medwell (Chair), Dickens, Freeman, Freestone, Allsop, Phillipson, Loseby, Mrs Medwell (Temporary Parish Clerk), Borough Councillor Rutt and two members of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** None
2. **Declaration of Interest:** None

3. **Minutes:** The minutes were duly approved and signed.

Proposed Cllr Freeman

Seconded Cllr Dickens

4. **Matters Arising:**

PWLB Loan - Chair had spoken to Peter Taylor with respect to the Council paying the outstanding PWLB balance to Cottingham Parish Council. Mr Taylor recommended that the Council put this on paper to Cottingham for consideration at their next Parish meeting.

Kissing Gate - Chair reported that contractors had visited the site.

5. **Meeting Open for Public Participation:**

Cllr Allsop asked Borough Cllr Rutt whether the ownership of the 106 agreement land (Village Hall site) had been discussed at County Level. Cllr Rutt agreed to ask questions at a meeting on Thursday 19th March.

Cllr Freestone reported that the Councils request for funding from the Minor Works Programme re traffic calming on Main Street and Ashley Road is 15 and 19 out of 34 on the list. Chair has written to Cllr Jim Wade regarding this and the pavement widening on the corner of the two roads, stating that this should be addressed immediately under the 'Safer Routes To Schools' Programme. Chair reported that Cllr Wade has responded saying he supports the Council's submission. Chair highlighted these issues to Borough Councillor Rutt. Cllr Freestone to contact Debbie Strong again after the Highways Liason meeting and to e-mail her response to all Parish and Borough Councillors, including Cllr Wade.

The member of the public commented on the dangerous condition of the trough on the hill. Council to find out who owns it as it is owner's responsibility to repair. Chair to speak to Walter Campbell. It was noted that Rockingham Wheelers are parking on the verges opposite the clubhouse and damaging the grass. Chair to speak to Mr Needham.

6. **Audit:**

The Clerk reported that the 2002/2003 Audit had now been successfully completed.

7. **Planning:**

9 Camsdale Walk - Approved

12 Lightfoot Lane - Refused

Land off A427 (Poly Tunnel) - The Council made no comment

1 Cannam Close - The Council made no comment

8. Village Hall

The Chair gave details of an application form for the Council's borrowing approval for the Village Hall. The Council agreed to sign and submit. Chair reported that the plans are to be submitted to planning this week, and would hope to see planning approval and monies received by June.

9. Finance

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

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| 100834 | Cottingham Parish (replace lost chq 100830) | 57.31 |
| 100835 | J Medwell (Salary and Expenses) | 295.10 |
| 100836 | VHMC | 6.88 |
| 100837 | HLB Audit | 141.00 |

b) SUMMARY OF BALANCES

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| National Savings | 7,164.08 |
| Business Reserve | 1,607.39 |
| Community Account | 1,509.36 |
| Total: | <u>10,280.83</u> |

The Council **approved** quotation for 2004 grass cutting from John O'Conner
The Council **agreed** to renew Northants ACRE and NALC subscription.

10. Correspondence:

Amongst other correspondence were the following items:

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| CPRE - Countryside Voice | Minutes – Gretton, Stanion and East Carlton |
| CBC – Full Council minutes | Northants ACRE – Village Hall survey results |
| Standards Board – Monitoring Misconduct | NCC – Minerals Local Plan |
| CBC – Rural Area Forum minutes | Countryside Agency – Vital Village update |
| Office of Prime Minister – Local Plans and Unitary Development | |

11. AOB

Cllr Loseby gave his apologies for the next meeting.

The raffle for the Parish Plan Questionnaire champagne was drawn by Mr Ainge.

Winning ticket numbers are 646, 445, 642, 218, 643 and 422.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next meeting in April.

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

Clerk: Mrs J Medwell, 3 Main Street, Middleton, Market Harborough LE16 8YU