

## **MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL**

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An Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2004 at 7.55pm in the Village Hall Annex, Cottingham.

Present: Cllrs Allsop, Dickens, Freeman, Phillipson and Mrs Medwell (Temporary Parish Clerk).

Mrs Medwell read out a short statement by Cllr Loseby giving his resignation as Councillor. This was accepted by the Council.

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Freestone
  2. Declaration of Interest: None
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### 3. Election of Posts:

The position of Chairman was opened to all Councillors. Cllr Phillipson nominated Cllr Allsop and was seconded by Cllr Freeman. Cllr Allsop agreed to become Chairman.

The position of Vice-Chairman was opened to all Councillors. Cllr Allsop nominated Cllr Phillipson and was seconded by Cllr Dickens. Cllr Phillipson agreed to become Vice-Chairman.

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### 4. Declaration of Acceptance of Office:

All Councillors present completed and signed the Declaration of Office forms.

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### 5. Minutes: The minutes were duly approved and signed.

Proposed Cllr Phillipson

Seconded Cllr Freeman

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### 6. Matters Arising:

Highways – in the absence of a response from Cllr Freestone, Cllr Freeman agreed to draft a letter to Corby Borough Council requesting a site meeting and an immediate response from Debbie Strong.

Footpaths – Cllr Allsop agreed to write to Corby Borough Council regarding the inadequate width of the pavements around the new houses on The Hill/School Hill. Cllr Phillipson read out a letter sent to the Police re: illegal parking.

The Clerk informed the Council that letters had gone to Cottingham Parish regarding the PWLB Loan, and to Fisher German regarding repairs to the bus shelter.

Cllr Allsop informed the Council that Mr Tattersall had repairs to the water trough in hand.

The Council discussed the vacancies for new Councillors and Parish Clerk, and agreed to re-advertise the clerk's position. The Notice of Vacancies in Office will be displayed with immediate effect.

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### 7. Meeting Open for Public Participation:

There were no members of the public present.

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### 8. Village Hall

Cllr Allsop expressed his concern at the piles of earth being tipped onto the area, subject to a Planning application. He has informed Mr Tattersall of this as it implies increased cover to the storm culvert. Cllr Allsop informed the Council that the 106 monies were now ring-fenced (12<sup>th</sup> May meeting KJA, DP, Kathy Rivet and Peter

Floody). Cllr Allsop agreed to draft a letter to Cottingham Parish with regards to the village boundary.

There were no objections to the planning application.

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#### 9. Planning:

There were no further planning applications or notices.

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#### 10. Finance

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

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| 100840 | VHMC                               | 16.45  |
| 100841 | Allianz Cornhill                   | 272.84 |
| 100842 | Manuscripti Ltd (Map)              | 47.00  |
| 100843 | Clerk Salary/ Postage and Expenses | 323.10 |
| 100844 | Chairman's Expenses (2003-2004)    | 75.00  |
| 100845 | K Allsop (key cutting)             | 4.50   |
| 100846 | Northants ACRE (publication)       | 30.00  |

b) SUMMARY OF BALANCES

|                   |                        |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| National Savings  | 7,344.73               |
| Business Reserve  | 1,610.62               |
| Community Account | 619.47                 |
| Total:            | <b><u>9,574.82</u></b> |

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#### 11. Correspondence:

Amongst other correspondence were the following items:

NALC – Update on Employment and Clerk Training

Minutes – Gretton, Stanion, Weldon, East Carlton and Cottingham

ACRE – Playing Field / Village Hall Forum

NCC – Changes to Rights of Way department / Corby Area Committee minutes

Atkins Minor Works Programme

CBC – Letter re Housing Strategy / Annual Council agenda / Full Council minutes

Police – Control Strategy

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#### 12. AOB

All Councillors commented upon the poor quality of the village grass cutting. Cllr

Dickens agreed to write to O'Connors to express concerns.

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next meeting in June.

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

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