

MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 16th November 2005 at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Cottingham.

Present: Cllrs Allsop (Chair), Ainge, Brumby, Curtis, Dickens, Phillipson (Vice-chair), Mrs Medwell (Parish Clerk), and two members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Freestone.

2. Declaration of Interest: Cllr Phillipson declared a non-prejudicial interest in the Middleton Village Hall project, owing to his position as chairman and trustee of the Middleton Village Hall Trust.

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

Proposed Cllr Curtis
Seconded Cllr Dickens

4. Matters Arising:

The Clerk reported that Middleton builder Paul Claypole would be pleased to quote for the repair to the Village Seat.

5. County Councillor's Report:

Nothing to report.

6. Borough Councillor's Report:

Nothing to report.

7. Meeting Open To The Public:

The following items were raised

Cottingham Parish Council had submitted their objections to the application for a mobile home on Cottingham Road and had not as yet received any formal planning application for the Cottingham Hall development.

(Meeting closed to the public)

8 Meeting Room:

Cllr Phillipson reported that the manholes have now been completed, also that the Council should hear from Challenge 05 later this month whether they have successfully made the final 5 applicants. Cllr Phillipson drew attention to the letter from Phil Hope MP stating that the Big Lottery Fund have agreed that Village Halls will now benefit from the £50 million Community Buildings Programme.

9. Village Annexe:

Cllr Curtis reported that work to the annexe had commenced, commenting that the only exterior works are an alteration to the ramp and drain.

10. Traffic Calming:

Cllr Allsop reported that speed cameras would be coming to the village on the 17th November, meeting at 11am outside Wellingtons. The Council discussed a 20 mph speed restriction from the water trough on The Hill down to Darescroft and along Main Street to the letter box. The Council **agreed** to apply (*action KA*).

It was noted that the Gateway on Ashley Road is still not finished. Cllr Allsop agreed to draft a letter to Tom Claaaghan (*action KA*).

11. Planning:

7 Ashley Road – Change of use of agricultural land to garden – Planning permission refused.

Manor House, Main Street – The Council made no comment on the internal alterations, but noted that the new door to be created was inappropriate.

11 Main Street – The Council approved the change of use of two ground rooms from private residential to bed and breakfast use on the condition that off-road parking was available.

12. Village Plan:

The Council discussed the muddy footpaths and fly tipping in the entrance to Wood Lane. It was noted that the problem of dog fouling had improved. Cllr Phillipson drew attention to the amount of cars and rubbish dropped in the layby on School Hill. Cllr Allsop to contact Caxton (*action KA*).

13. Finance

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

100907	VHMC	7.50
100908	Stamps	30.00
100909	Village Hall Forum- Subs	31.00
100910	British Legion	30.00

b) SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	7,562.42
Business Reserve	1,623.02
Community Account	6,974.13

Less Allocation for Village Hall 10,000.00

Total: **6,159.57**

14. Quality Council Status:

Cllr Phillipson said that the Council were still on course for achieving Quality Council Status, the only outstanding criteria being the clerk obtaining the necessary qualifications.

15. Bus Shelter:

Cllr Phillipson reported that he had written to Fisher German requesting a quotation from Sir Geoffrey Palmers lawyer for his legal fees in transferring the ownership of

the bus shelter, but had received no reply. The Clerk to follow up this matter (*action JM*).

16. Correspondence:

Amongst other correspondence were the following items:

Minutes – Weldon, Stanion, Cottingham, East Carlton, CBC Full Council
 CPRE – Agenda of Annual General Meeting
 Audit Commission – Stake Holders Survey CBC – Corporate Plan
 NCC – Statement of Community involvement
 ACRE – Playing Field NALC – Annual Report
 Police – Monthly Parish Crime Report
 East Midlands Regional Plan
 Clerks and Councils Direct Atkins – 136 Agreement
 Phil Hope MP – Letter re Community Buildings Programme
 Land Registry – Letter re Benefits for Parish Councils

17. AOB

Cllr Ainge reported that there had been a good response in Ashley Road regarding Neighbourhood Watch. A co-ordinator and deputy have been appointed and the forms have been sent to the police for checking. Cllrs Ainge and Allsop agreed to formulate a circular to send to the rest of the village (*action RA and KA*).

Cllr Ainge requested that a copy of the Parish Plan be sent to Debbie Moore at ENVA (*action DP*).

Equal Opportunities Policy and Grass Mowing-136 Agreement to be adopted and signed at the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm

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

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