

MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

310

The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 15th November 2006 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Annexe, Cottingham.

Present: Cllrs Allsop (Chair), Ainge, Claypole, Cole, Curtis, Dickens, Philipson, Mrs Medwell (Parish Clerk) and Borough Cllr Rutt.

1. Apologies for Absence: County Cllr Heggs

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

3. Minutes: The minutes of 18th October were duly approved and signed.

Proposed Cllr Philipson

Seconded Cllr Dickens

4. Matters Arising:

The Clerk informed the Council that the new parish computer had been delivered and installed.

5. Councillor Vacancy:

The Council **agreed** to co-opt Mr Cole and Mrs Gemma Claypole onto the Parish Council. The new Councillors duly made a Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of Cllrs Allsop, Philipson, Ainge, Curtis and Dickens.

6. County Councillor's Report:

County Councillor did not attend.

7. Borough Councillor's Report:

Borough Councillor Rutt commented that grants may be available for lighting on designated routes. He informed the Council that all Borough Councillors were having a 106 Agreement Meeting to familiarise them with current legislation. Cllr Rutt said that the mobile home on the Mushroom Farm site was being looked at by the Planning Enforcement Officer and may be subject to Council Tax.

8. Community Support Officer Report:

Community Support Officer did not attend.

Cllr Philipson commented on the abandoned car by the footpath in Glover Court.

9. Meeting Open for Public Participation:

There were no members of the public present.

(Meeting closed to the public).

10. Village Hall Project:

Cllr Philipson reported that he has an appointment next week with a solicitor, Ms Barbara Hall of Seatons, Corby to discuss the Council taking ownership of the designated land.

11. Traffic Calming:

Cllr Philipson reminded the Council that the County Highways Engineers were meeting with Councillors on site on Friday 17th November to look at proposals for traffic calming along Main Street.

12. Planning:

27 Main Street – New application for Single storey extension to cottage and 1st floor extension to garage to form granny annexe – The Council commented that the building was visually fine, but had reservations if it would exacerbate parking on the road.

8 Main Street – Installation of Tennis Court – The Council observed a danger of rotational slip and commented that lighting would be unacceptable.

13. Village Seat:

The Clerk informed the Council that the quotation for the new seat had been accepted and was waiting to hear when work would commence.

14. Mirror – School Hill:

The Council **approved** the purchase of a recommended multi-purpose traffic safety mirror for School Hill (*action JM*).

15. Finance:

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

100946	John O' Comer	132.01
100947	VHMC	10.00
100948	Dell – Computer	710.00
100949	Clerk Salary and Expenses	550.00
100950	Reece Safety Products – Mirror	178.54

b) SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	12,811.95
Business Reserve	1,643.90
Community Account	2,326.12
Less Allocation for Village Hall	12,000.00
Total:	<u>4,781.97</u>

16. Footpath – Darescroft / Glover Court:

The Council discussed the inadequate lighting along the footpath between Darescroft and Glover Court and **agreed** to write to Corby Borough Planning Department to inquire whether lighting was included in the planning application (*action JM*).

17. Rural Area Forum Meeting:

Cllr Allsop reported on the last meeting.

18. Correspondence:

Amongst other correspondence were the following items:

Minutes – East Carlton, Weldon and Gretton PC' s

Anglian Water – New Water Pipeline

CPRE – Countryside Voice

CBC – Full Council Minutes

Rural Rides - Newsletter

NALC – Annual Report / Constitution

Northamptonshire Police – Monthly Crime Report

Clerks & Councils Direct

NCC – ‘ Strong and Prosperous Communities’ Conference

Letters – Phil Hope MP re Government White Paper

 Cllr Rutt re Meeting with Bob Scott - no response / Mrs Yee - Planning

19. Any Other Business:

Cllr Philipson drew the Council' s attention to and agreed to circulate a pamphlet called ‘ Parish Councils and Planning Applications’ .

The Council again expressed their disappointment at the quality of grass cutting this year and discussed looking at other contractors.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next meeting on the 13th December.

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....