

MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 19th October 2005 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Annex, Cottingham.

Present: Cllrs Allsop (Chair), Curtis, Dickens, Mrs Medwell (Parish Clerk), Community Support Officer Phil Beckett, Borough Councillor Rutt and County Councillor Heggs (arrived 8.50pm).

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Ainge and Freestone.

2. Declaration of Interest: Cllr Rutt declared a non-prejudicial interest in any planning matters.

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

Proposed Cllr Dickens

Seconded Cllr Allsop

4. Matters Arising:

Cllr Allsop informed the Council that CBC had commenced the excavation of the culvert in Glover Court.

5. County Councillor's Report:

Cllr Heggs reported that the County Council had reaffirmed their commitment to 'Highways' and intended to direct Government money towards their improvement and maintenance.

6. Borough Councillor's Report:

Cllr Rutt reported that Wood Lane and particularly the footpath to Danesholm is completely overgrown and needs cutting back as a matter of urgency. Clerk to write to Tom Callaghan CBC (*action JM*). Cllr Rutt also questioned the whereabouts of the key and sign detailing key holder to the barrier at the top of Wood Lane by mushroom farm. Clerk to write to Diane Foster CBC (*action JM*). Cllr Rutt drew attention to the persistent problem of parking, particularly on the pavements.

7. Meeting Open To The Public:

At this point Phil Beckett gave an overview of his duties and shift patterns and said he was now in a position to attend parish meetings on a more regular basis. A discussion took place regarding parking problems around the village, and Phil agreed to draw up an action plan detailing police involvement in this matter. Phil also explained that he receives regular crime reports for each village, and would report on these at Parish meetings.

(Meeting closed to the public)

8 Meeting Room:

Nothing to report.

9. Village Annexe:

Cllr Curtis advised that the work to village annexe would commence on 11th November, will last approx 12 weeks and cost £32,000 plus VAT. Cllr Curtis agreed to look into the availability of the Methodist Hall as an alternative venue for Parish Council meetings (*action DC*).

10. Traffic Calming:

Cllr Allsop had spoken to Mr Robinson from Atkins regarding the completion of the Gateway on Ashley Road. The narrowing white lines have yet to be added. The Council wished to follow up the use of speed guns and requested that Cllr Freestone speak to Cottingham Parish Council who has already used this initiative.

11. Planning:

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

12. Village Plan:

Nothing to report

13. Finance

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

100905	John O'Conner	128.91
100906	VHMC	7.50

b) SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	7,562.42
Business Reserve	1,623.02
Community Account	7,072.63

Less Allocation for Village Hall	10,000.00
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Total:	<u>6,258.07</u>
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14. Quality Council Status:

Cllr Curtis questioned whether the Council had an Equal Opportunities Policy and Checklist as required for QCS. Cllr Curtis agreed to source (*action DC*).

15. Correspondence:

Amongst other correspondence were the following items:

Minutes – Gretton, Weldon, Rural Area Forum

CPRE – Countryside Voice / Outlook

Audit Commission – Stake Holders Survey

Local Works – Sustainable Communities Public Meeting

ACRE – Village Viewpoint

NALC –Legal Topic Note/ Update

Catalyst Corby – Invitation to Summit

Cllr Rutt – Letter re sewage Glover Court

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