

MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 18th October 2006 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Annexe, Cottingham.

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

1. Apologies for Absence: County Cllr Heggs and Cllr Curtis

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

3. Minutes: The minutes of 19th July were duly approved and signed.

Proposed Cllr Ainge

Seconded Cllr Phillipson

4. Matters Arising:

The Council expressed disappointment at the lack of response from Deputy Leader Scott following his meeting with the Parish Council in July, despite reminders from Cllrs Allsop, Rutt and Mrs Medwell.

5. County Councillor's Report:

In the absence of Cllr Heggs, Cllr Allsop reported that there would be a reduction of 42 bodies within the County Police Force.

6. Borough Councillor's Report:

Borough Cllr did not attend.

7. Community Support Officer Report:

In the absence of Community Support Officer Beckett, Cllr Allsop informed the Council that he had met with the former to discuss speed guns and a reduction in the speed limit to 20mph along Main Street.

Cllr Phillipson drew attention to the damage to the phone box in an act of vandalism.

8. Meeting Open for Public Participation:

(Meeting closed to the public).

9. Village Hall Project:

Cllr Phillipson informed the Council that Corby Borough Council had now received all of the 106 monies owed and asked that the Council resolved to secure ownership of the land. The Council **agreed** to take ownership of the land subject to legal and taxation advice (*action DP*).

10. Traffic Calming:

Cllr Phillipson told the Council that NCC Highways had received the proposals for traffic calming along Main Street and had agreed to meet the Council on site to give a report on feasibility and anticipated cost.

Cllr Phillipson commented on the persistent problem of cars parking on the pavement.

11. Planning:

27 Main Street – Single storey extension to cottage and 1st floor extension to garage to form granny annexe – Planning refused.

Land West Of Ashley Road – Change of use for livery – Planning Refused.

16 Glover Court – Single storey extension – Planning Approved.

30 Main Street - Cllr Allsop said he had written to CBC Planning Department regarding the steps and black tarmac but had received no response.

12. Village Matters:

Cllr Allsop informed the Council that the new Village Sign would be sited on the East side of the entrance to Glover Court.

Cllr Phillipson observed that the new lights in the village had had their tops put on. The Council **agreed** that Cllr Philipson commence a fresh lighting review for the winter (*action DP*).

The Council **agreed** that the mirror on School Hill needed replacing. Cllr Allsop to source (*action KA*).

The Council approved the quotation from Nathan Evans to remove and replace the Village Seat.

13. Councillor Vacancy:

The Chairman welcomed the two prospective new councillors and detailed the role and responsibilities of the position. The Chairman explained that three members of the parish had expressed an interest in the two vacant positions and that if all three applied for the positions there would have to be an election. The Council **agreed** to the Clerk contacting the third member to see if he wished to apply (*action JM*).

14. Finance:

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

100936	ACRE – Subscription	32.00
100937	Clerk Salary and Expenses	582.00
100938	VHMC	10.00
100939	John O’ Conner	396.03
100940	BDO – External Audit	141.00
100941	Viking Direct	61.58
100942	Void	
100943	John O’ Conner	132.01
100944	St Mary’ s Church	150.00
100945	Stamps	10.44

b) SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	12,811.95
Business Reserve	1,643.90
Community Account	3,906.67
Less Allocation for Village Hall	12,000.00

Total: **6,362.52**

The Clerk drew attention to the increased Village Hall figure which now included the budgeted allocation from 2005/6 and 2006/7.

The Clerk suggested that the Business Reserve Account be reduced and the monies reinvested in a higher interest account.

15. Clerk's Computer:

Cllr Phillipson told the Council that he had sourced a computer package to facilitate Parish correspondence for the sum of approximately £800. The Council **agreed** that this was necessary item to purchase and for Cllr Phillipson to install for the Clerk. (*action DP*).

16. Scout Group Donation:

The Council agreed that whilst this was a worthy cause, they were not able to donate public money in this case.

17. Rural Area Forum Meeting:

Cllr Allsop informed the Council of the agenda items and said he proposed to raise the matter of village shop and possible doctors facilities.

18. Correspondence:

Amongst other correspondence were the following items:

Minutes – East Carlton, Stanion, Cottingham, Weldon and Gretton PC's

Draft East Midlands Regional Plan

CPRE – Fieldwork / Outlook

Atkins - Rep's Review

CBC – Full Council Minutes

NALC – Update

Northamptonshire Police – Monthly Crime Report / Recruitment of Independent members

ACRE – Village Hall Newsletter / The Playing Field / Village Viewpoint / Parish Plan Review

Clerks & Councils Direct

NCC – Local Transport Plan Accessibility Strategy / Bus Service Review

Letters – Phil Hope MP re Grants for Local Projects

Cllr Rutt re Meeting with Bob Scott

Corby Voluntary Community Services re request to visit

CBC Rob Temperley re 30 Main Street, Middleton

19. Any Other Business:

Cllr Dickens circulated the accounts from the William Riddell's Educational Charity (Middleton).

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next meeting on the 15th November.

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