

MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 15th September 2004 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Annex, Cottingham.

Present: Cllrs Allsop (Chair), Ainge, Curtis, Phillipson, Mrs Medwell(Clerk) and Borough Councillor Rutt.

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Dickens

2. Declaration of Interest: Cllr Rutt – any planning discussions.

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

Proposed Cllr Ainge

Seconded Cllr Curtis

4. Matters Arising: The Clerk reported back on replies from CBC regarding the footpath surrounding the development on The Hill and the trees overhanging The Hill. Both matters have been referred to the relevant departments and are in hand. The Clerk to chase up trees (*action JM*).

5. Meeting Open for Public Participation:

Cllr Rutt talked to the Council about the rumours of travellers buying land in Cottingham and Middleton. So far there is no actual evidence of this but Cllr Rutt suggested that the Council be alert to any further developments.

Cllr Rutt informed the Council of the sewerage problems facing the houses in Glover Court. The Council were alarmed to hear about back flooding of the foul drainage and **agreed** for Cllr Allsop to write to CBC regarding this matter (*action KA*).

(Meeting closed to the public.)

6. Traffic Calming:

The Council were unable to discuss this item due to the absence of Cllr Freestone.

7. Village Hall:

The Clerk reported that the Council had received a letter from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister giving borrowing approval for the Village Hall.

The Council **agreed** that they were not impressed by the conduct of Cottingham

(*action JM*). Cllr Allsop suggested a meeting with Cottingham Parish Council, Cottingham School and CBC to discuss the future of the Village Annexe and surrounding grounds (*action KA*).

10. Village Survey Progress:

Cllr Phillipson distributed further copies of the Middleton Parish Plan Survey results. The Council analysed the results and made policy decisions. Cllr Phillipson to summarise policies and action plans ready for the Council to adopt at next meeting. The Council expressed their thanks to Councillor Phillipson for his continuing hard work on the Plan.

11. Councillor Vacancy:

The Clerk read out a letter from Cllr Freeman tendering his resignation from the Parish Council. A note of thanks for his work and commitment had previously been sent by Cllr Allsop. Mr A Levine wished to carry his application forward to this vacancy, but the Council **agreed** to advertise the vacancy further. Cllr Curtis to do a leaflet drop regarding this vacancy around the village

12 Finance:

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

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| 100855 | Clerk Salary and Expenses | 434.10 |
| 100856 | VHMC | 7.05 |
| 100857 | CPRE | 25.00 |

b) SUMMARY OF BALANCES

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| National Savings | 7,344.73 |
| Business Reserve | 1,612.63 |
| Community Account | 6,381.47 |
| Total: | <u>15,338.83</u> |

The Council again commented on the large balance, and acknowledged that this will be used to contribute towards preliminary work to the Village Meeting Room project, and to pay off Middleton' s share of the Playing Field loan.

14. AOB:

The Councillors wished to acknowledge the work done by Jane Smith on the Village Newsletter.

Cllr Ainge would like to see a list of Councillors on the village notice board.

The matter was raised regarding a Village Web Site.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10 pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next meeting on 20th October.

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

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