

MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 19th September 2007 in the Village Hall Annexe, Cottingham.

at: Cllrs Phillipson (Chair), Alvey, Ainge, Claypole, Cole, Robertson, Mrs. Well (Parish Clerk), Cllr Bowman (Cottingham Parish Council) and three members of the public.

ologies for Absence: Cllr Dickens

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

utes of 18th July 2007:

Minutes were duly approved and signed.

Proposed Cllr Cole

Seconded Cllr Alvey

atters Arising:

Homes are to remove the brick housing at the entrance to Glover Court. Contact Ian Hopewell regarding dog fouling bins and signs (*action JM*).

ay Councillors:

Claypole, who was co-opted onto the Parish Council in June, made a Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of Cllrs Phillipson, Ainge, Alvey, Cole and Robertson.

Claypole **agreed** to take on the position of second VHMC Representative.

eting Open for Public Participation:

Chair welcomed Cottingham Parish Councillor Pete Bowman.

Bowman updated the Council on the Little Meadow situation. He also proposed joint meetings between Cottingham and Middleton Parish Councils suggesting these be informal meetings with a loose agenda and everyone invited. Bowman then left the meeting.

be used by the local PCSO team on a regular basis. The small number of cameras available from the County meant each parish only got the use of a camera a year, this was ineffective. Cllr Phillipson will present the idea to the next Parish Forum in October.

Footpath / Occupation Lane:

The Council discussed the gate on Occupation Lane and **agreed** it was impracticable for the Council to take responsibility for locking and maintaining the keys. It was felt that it should be the responsibility of the landowners along the Lane.

The Clerk read out a letter from NCC Rights of Way admitting they had not consulted Cottingham Parish Council about the major improvements to the Jurassic Way from East Cottingham. It was noted that the soil and broken gate latches still needed to be addressed. Cllr Phillipson agreed to write again to NCC about the unfinished work (*action item*). A Cllr also pointed out overhanging nettles and branches on the pavement of The Lane.

Planning:

385/DPA	6 Lightfoot Lane – Loft Conversion	No Comment
368/RVC	30 Main Street - Variation of Colour	No Comment
283/DPA	35 Main Street - Single Story extension	No Comment

386/DPA Polytunnels A427 The Council observed that whilst they have no comment to make on this application, all previous comments still applied.

436/DPA 6 Glover Court – Single Storey Extension The Council observed that this development would have an adverse effect on neighbouring residential amenity or property and would be detrimental to the character of the dwelling and surrounding area.

Parish Plan:

The Chair advised that a report on Parish Plan progress would be prepared for the next meeting and that he had suggested to Cottingham Parish looking at a joint

9	St Mary Magdalene – Strimming	150.00
0	Stationery / Postage	49.28
1	VHMC	7.50

SUMMARY OF BALANCES

Capital Savings	13,136.69
Reserve	160.65
Community Account	6,468.66
Allocation for Village Hall	13,000.00
	<u>6,766.00</u>

The clerk reported that the internal audit had been completed and the accounts submitted to the Internal Auditors. On the advice of the internal auditor, Peter Quincy, the Clerk was asked to produce an asset register. The Chairman referred to the auditor's comments and stated that the Council's accounts were produced in an exemplary manner and thanked the auditor.

Correspondence:

Along with other correspondence were the following items:

- Letters from Stanion, East Carlton and Gretton PC's
- Letters from the Water – Pipeline Project
- Full Council and Rural Area Forum Minutes / Play Strategy / Rural Pride letter
- Emergency Planning / Report to the people
- Newsletter / AGM Agenda
- Fieldwork
- Playing Field / Village Viewpoint
- Northamptonshire Police – Monthly Crime Report / Newsletter
- Cllr Rutt re Joint Parish Councils and Little Meadow
 - NCC re Footpath
 - Peter Quincey re Audit