

MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 15th September 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Annexe, Cottingham.

Present: Cllrs Phillipson (Chair), Dickens, Ainge, Alvey, Brant, Claypole, Mrs Medwell (Clerk), PCSO Mark Tooley and one member of the public.

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

2. Declaration of Interest: None.

3. Minutes of 21st July 2010

The minutes were then duly approved and signed.

Proposed Cllr Alvey Seconded Cllr Brant

4. Matters Arising:

Cllr Dickens commented that the issue of temporary fencing obstructing Occupation Lane had not occurred again.

The Council noted that the Cottingham / Middleton welcome pack should be an agenda item at the joint parish meeting.

5. Meeting Open for Public Participation:

The Chair welcomed the visitors

PCSO Tooley reported on crime incidents in the area, including criminal damage and antisocial behaviour in and around East Carlton Park. He also informed that the siting of a speed activated sign on The Hill was being researched. The Council praised 'Crime Stoppers' for their very swift response in warning households of bogus callers.

The local magazine 'Focus' was discussed, the Council expressed their concern that inaccurate material may be being published in it.

The Chair thanked the visitors who duly left the meeting.

(Meeting closed to the public).

6. Cottingham and Middleton Community Hall:

Cllr Phillipson brought the Council up to date with current state of affairs. Cllr Brant raised the issue of 'knotweed'.

7. Highways:

Footpaths – 'Conditon Report' currently work in progress.

Faulty Lamp Ashley Road – Clerk to report to Corby Borough (*action JM*).

Northants County Council Transport and Highways Priorities – These were identified and **agreed** in the meeting.

8. Planning:

There were no planning applications to discuss.

9. Finance:

a) The following cheques were presented for signature.

101087	Cottingham VHMC Hall Hire	11.00
101088	Countryside Gardens	480.00

b) SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	58,147.72
Business Reserve	165.89
Community Account	7,207.97
Less Allocation for Village Hall	59,983.00
Total:	<u>5,538.58</u>

10. Rockingham Forest Wheelers:

The Council noted that action had been taken and that the matter had been resolved.

11. Northants CALC Representative:

The Council **agreed** to nominate Cllr Phillipson as their NCALC representative
Proposed Cllr Ainge Seconded Cllr Dickens.

12. Rural Area Forum:

Regarding ‘ Open Source Planning’ , Cllr Phillipson to propose that Rural Area Forum sets up working party to put local plan together.

13. Overview and Scrutiny Panel:

Cllr Phillipson brought to the Councils attention the findings of the recent safety checks on taxis. The Council expressed its alarm at the large number of failures of these tests.

14. VHMC (Annexe):

There was nothing to report.

15. Correspondence:

- Minutes – Weldon (e-mailed), East Carlton, Gretton and Cottingham Parish Council
- Northants Police – Parish Crime Figures and Priorities (e-mailed)
- ACRE – Village Viewpoint Clerks and Councils Direct
- Northants 50 + Newsletter NCALC - Update
- DEFRA – Being a good employer
- CBC – Rural Area Forum Minutes and Agenda
- Letter – Copy of letter from Police to Rockingham Wheelers
NCC Mineral and Waste / Emergency Planning Conference

16. Late Entry Correspondence:

There was none.

17. Business for next meeting:

Clerk to liaise with Cottingham Parish Council to arrange joint meeting with a view to inviting Louise Bagshaw MP (*action JM*).

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next meeting on the 20th October 2010.

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