

MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

274

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 21st September 2005 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Annex, Cottingham.

Present: Cllrs Allsop (Chair), Ainge, Brumby, Dickens, Freestone, Phillipson (Vice-Chair) and Mrs Medwell (Parish Clerk).

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

2. Declaration of Interest: Cllr Phillipson declared a non-prejudicial interest in the Middleton Village Hall project, owing to his position as chairman and trustee of the Middleton Village Hall Trust.

3. Minutes: The minutes were duly approved and signed.
Proposed Cllr Ainge
Seconded Cllr Freestone

4. Matters Arising:

Cllr Allsop reported that CBC had at last authorised to construct a new manhole to evaluate the construction of the culvert in Glover Court. Cllr Ainge reported that another plastics recycling bin had arrived

5. County Councillor's Report:

Cllr Allsop informed in the absence of Cllr Heggs that the County Council were instigating teams for a 'Village Clean Up' and were allocating funds for tree planting.

6. Borough Councillor's Report:

No report.

7. Meeting Open To The Public:

No comment

(Meeting closed to the public)

10. Traffic Calming:

Cllr Freestone reported that the ‘ Highways Questionnaire’ had been completed and submitted and included a comment on whether the Gateway on Ashley Road was finished. Cllr Allsop reported on his site meeting on 20th September with Area Highway Engineer Tom Callaghan and NCC Cllr Seery, circulating a list of all areas that were looked at.

11. Planning:

8 Main Street – The Council made no comment.

12. Village Plan:

Nothing to report

13. Finance

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

100899	VHMC	10.00
100900	Church Yard Mowing	150.00
100901	Clerk Salary and Expenses	464.10
100902	BDO External Audit	141.00
100903	Viking Direct	52.22
100904	John O’ Conner	257.82

b) SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	7,562.42
Business Reserve	1,616.65
Community Account	7,209.04

Less Allocation for Village Hall 10,000.00

Total: **6,388.11**

The Clerk reported that the external audit had been completed and read out a letter from Peter Quincy, Internal Auditor commenting on the absence of budget discussion and risk assessment in the minutes. The Council **agreed** to rectify this during the next budget/precept setting.

Harborough District Council / Leicester County Council – Community Involvement
NCC – Public Rights of Way
Cllr R Rutt – Letters regarding Glover Court Sewerage System

16. AOB

Cllr Phillipson said he had written to Fisher German requesting a quote for their legal costs involved with the transfer of ownership of the bus shelter.

Cllr Phillipson commented that the temporary signs on the A427 were distracting for passing traffic.

Cllr Freestone reported that the Riddell Trust Charity had given grants of £150 to each of 6 students in the Village.

It was brought to the Councils attention that someone in Cottingham Parish was using the Middleton Electoral Roll

Cllr Allsop requested that the Council find out more about becoming 'Friends of the Rockingham Forest Trust'.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next meeting on the 19th October.

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