

MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 18th April 2017 at 7.53 pm in the Village Hall Annexe, Cottingham.

Present: Cllrs Brant (Chair), Cole (Vice Chair), Cross, Freeman, Hicks and Thomas and Mrs Medwell (Parish Clerk).

1. Approve Apologies for Absence: Cllr Bradshaw (work commitments) and Borough Cllr Rutt

2. Declarations of Interest: There were none.

3. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting on 21st March 2017 were duly approved and signed by the Chair.

Proposed Cllr Thomas Seconded Cllr Cross

4. Matters Arising:

The Council noted a successful litter pick on 2nd April and thanked Cllr Hick for co-ordinating. It also observed that Anglian Water was currently repairing the water leak on Ashley Road,

5. Meeting Open for Public Participation:

There were no members of the public present.

(Meeting closed to the public.)

6. New Village Hall and Recreational Ground:

There was nothing further to report at present.

7. Orchard and Open Space:

Maintenance – Cllr Cross informed the Council that she had identified a local gardener who was prepared to quote for the clearing of the culvert bottom and the banks within the fenced area of the culvert in Glover Court. He would also be asked to quote for an annual maintenance programme. The Council requested that he also look at the deteriorating wooden edging to the paths in the orchard. The Council noted that there were no visible signs of the knotweed re-appearing and that Miller Homes' contractor, Ebsford would be returning in June to review the situation and treat the area further if necessary.

8. Highways, Lighting and Rights of Way:

Definitive Map Rights of Way Improvement Plan – The Council was unable to discuss this item as the wrong maps had been sent by Northamptonshire Highways. The Clerk will arrange to have the correct ones sent through (*action JM*).

Lighting Update – Cllr Freeman informed the Council that the three faulty lights on Main Street had been repaired and that he was still awaiting a quote from Corby Borough Council for the electrical repairs to the obelisk light.

The Council reviewed the efficacy of the horse riding and dog fouling signs on Swingers Path and considered the placing of a dog fouling bin at that location. The Clerk undertook to explore the cost of a bin (*action JM*).

Signed.....Chair

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The Council reviewed the double parking along Main Street and **agreed** to write a courtesy to local farmers travelling through the village with heavy agricultural vehicles to advise of restricted access (*action SB*).

9. Safety Review of Parish Assets:

Cllr Cole reported that all were in good condition.

10. Defibrillator Project:

The Chair informed the Council that the paint for the phone box had been received and Cllr Freeman confirmed that the local contractor would be painting it in the next two weeks. The Chair was disappointed to report that there was still no response from BT regarding the reconnection of the electric supply to the phone box.

11. Planning:

17/00026/LBC 50 Main Street Retrospective consent for skylight and roof materials.

This application had been approved by Corby Borough.

12. Finance:

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

100390	Besthost - Website	17.25
100391	J Medwell – Clerk Salary and Expenses	306.79
100392	NCALC – Subscription	254.58
100393	Green Thumb – Orchard Maintenance	63.00
100394	Steve Morphy – Grass Cutting	230.00

SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	55,986.22
Business Reserve	166.43
Community Account	8,341.32
Less Allocation for Village Hall	49,590.50
Total:	<u>14,903.47</u>

b) The Council unanimously **approved** the bank reconciliation and bank statement which were then duly signed by the Chair.

c) Approval of Approval of Annual Governance Statement 2016/17

The Council considered and **approved** the Annual Governance Statement 2016/17.

Proposed Cllr Cross Seconded Cllr Freeman

This was duly signed by the Chair and Responsible Financial Officer

d) Approval of Annual Accounting Statement 2016/17

The Clerk had prepared the 2016/2017 Financial Accounts in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 and circulated prior to the meeting.

The Council considered and **approved** the Annual Accounting Statement 2016/17.

Proposed Cllr Hicks Seconded Cllr Cole

This was duly signed by the Chair and Responsible Financial Officer

The necessary documents will now be presented to the Internal Auditor.

SignedChair

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13. Correspondence:

CBC - RAF minutes 16th March / Weekly Planning Applications

Police – Crime Statistics / Fire, Police and Highways Newsletter / Speed Sign Indicators

NCALC – eUpdate March/April

14. Business for next meeting:

Cllr Cross gave her apologies for the next meeting. She confirmed that she would be willing to remain on the New Village Hall and Recreational Ground sub-committee.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.32 pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 16th May 2017

Signed.....Chair

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