

MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 15th August 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Annexe, Cottingham.

Present: Cllrs Brant (Chair), Cole (Vice Chair), Freeman, Hicks and Thomas, Mrs Medwell (Parish Clerk) and Borough Cllr Rutt (arrived 8.10pm).

1. Declaration of Interests on Items on the Agenda:

There were no Declarations of Interests

There were no changes to members Register of Interests.

2. To Approve Apologies for Absence:

Cllrs Cross and Bradshaw – Holiday and Work Commitments. Suzanne Preston, Rural Pride Officer and Allan Withpetersen.

3. Minutes: The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 18th July 2017 were duly approved and signed by the Chair.

Proposed Cllr Cole Seconded Cllr Hicks

4. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

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:

The Chair informed the Council that Sport England had requested the FA be consulted on the plans for the sports facilities.

7. Orchard and Open Space:

Maintenance of Shrubbery around Obelisk – Cllr Cole raised the matter of overgrown vegetation around the obelisk which had previously been maintained by local residents. The Council **agreed** to ask the local gardener responsible for the maintenance of the culvert to quote for cutting back as necessary at the beginning and end of the season (*action JM*).

Apple Harvest – The Council observed that the apple harvest was imminent – Cllr Freeman **agreed** to ascertain the stage of ripening and inform the Council when this was ready to be done (*action TF*). A basket of apples will be put outside the Orchard and the Community Shop for residents to help themselves

The Clerk reported that Joe's Lawn had commenced the lawn maintenance programme in the Orchard.

8. Highways, Lighting and Rights of Way:

Litter Bin, Swingers Path – A thorough discussion took place regarding whether there was a need for a litter bin at the Darescroft entrance to Swingers Path as numerous complaints have been made regarding dog fouling on the path and there is no bin in the

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area. It was **agreed** that a bin at this location was important as a receptacle for dog owners who pick up their dog mess and for litter generally. The Council did not believe that a bin would encourage more residents to actively use the location as a toileting site for their dogs.

The Council also stressed the importance of having adequate signage for anti-fouling and **agreed** to reinstate the missing sign prohibiting horse riding and dog fouling at the west end of the path. The Council also **agreed** to purchase a stencil for use on pavements around the village. The Clerk will pursue this (*action JM*).

It was noted that both Swingers Path and the first part of the Jurassic Way was hindered by overgrown vegetation from the neighbouring properties. The Council agreed to write to the land owners requesting that this vegetation be cut back (*action JM*).

Lighting Update –The Council noted that CBC had agreed to a contribution of 50% towards repairs to the Obelisk Lighting Unit. This repair will now go ahead.

Speed Sign - The Council noted that following the response to residents during the police speed check presence, a VAS camera had been placed on The Hill. This appeared not to be working and facing the wrong way. The Clerk will follow his up with CBC Suzanne Preston (*action JM*).

9. Safety Review of Parish Assets:

Cllr Cole had carried out an inspection of the parish assets and stated that all were in good order. He informed the Council that he had removed the edging to the pathway in the orchard which had warped and become a trip hazard.

10. Defibrillator Project:

The Chair informed the Council that the electrical supply to the phone box should be connected by BT in the week ending 1st September. Cllr Freeman **agreed** to put up the plaque promoting sponsors of the paint used to refurbish the phonebox and will contact the local decorator responsible for painting the box to offer a plaque acknowledging his contribution (*action TF*).

11. NCALC AGM 7th October:

The Council noted that unfortunately no Councillors were able to attend this meeting this year. The Clerk will send the Council's apologies (*action JM*).

At this point Borough Cllr Rutt entered the meeting. He reported on rewiring works being undertaken at the field at the top of Middleton by the Electricity Board and informed the Council that full planning permission had been granted for a Car Boot Sale on the Bringhurst Road. It was noted that 8 caravans were now occupying the Travellers Site on Ashley Road. The Council **agreed** to monitor this.

The Chair thanked Cllr Rutt who duly left the meeting at 8.21pm.

12. Planning:

17/00389/DPA 3 Camsdale Walk Extension to Main House

The Council considered this application and made no comment.

17/00249/DPA 32 Main Street Relocation of Chimney and Replacement Windows

The Council noted that this application had been approved.

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16/00526/DPA Land at Ashley Road Erection of 3 New Houses

The Council noted that this application had been approved.

17/00232/DPA 12 School Hill Raise Existing Roof and Decking

The Council noted that this application had been approved

13. Finance:

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

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| 101415 | Joe's Lawn Care – Orchard Grass | 279.30 |
| 101416 | Cottingham VHMC – July Hall Hire | 12.00 |
| 101417 | Clerk – September Salary and Expenses | 306.79 |
| 101418 | Steve Morphy – Grass Cutting | 420.00 |
| 101419 | Jamie Bradshaw – Culvert Maintenance | 120.00 |
| 101420 | Green Thumb – Orchard Maintenance | 168.00 |
| 101421 | CBC – Repair to Obelisk Light | 472.80 |
| 101422 | CBC – New Litter Bin | 381.60 |

Receipts

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| CBC – Precept | 6,606.00 |
| NCALC – Transparency Fund | 617.52 |

SUMMARY OF BALANCES

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| National Savings | 55,986.22 |
| Business Reserve | 166.43 |
| Community Account | 9,908.28 |
| Less Allocation for Village Hall | 49,590.50 |
| Total: | <u>16,470.43</u> |

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

14. Correspondence:

Amongst other correspondence were the following items, all e-mailed:

NCALC – July/August eUpdate / Notice of AGM 7th October

CBC – Rural Area Forum Agenda 20th July minutes

CBC – Speed Enforcement

CBC – Rural Housing Needs Survey

The Council agreed to invite CBC Planning Officer Michael Nartey to the next meeting to discuss the Parish Council's involvement in the process (*action JM*).

Email from resident regarding concerns over the proposed new litter bin at the entrance to Swinglers Path

Email from resident regarding Horse Riding along Swinglers Path

The Chair informed the Council that this had now been resolved, the horse rider involved had used the path on an occasion when Main Street had been blocked and had agreed if this situation ever arose again would lead the horse through.

15. Business for next meeting:

There will be no parish council meeting in September.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Signed.....Chair

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Minutes to be ratified at the next Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 17th October 2017

Signed.....Chair

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