

# MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Annexe, Cottingham.

Present: Cllrs Brant (Chair), Cole (Vice Chair), Bradshaw, Freeman, Hicks and Thomas, Mrs Medwell (Parish Clerk), County Cllr Naden-Horley and Borough Cllr Rutt.

1. Declaration of Interests on Items on the Agenda:

Cllr Bradshaw declared an interest in item 7

Cllr Freeman declared an interest in item 11(b)

There were no changes to members Register of Interests.

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2. To Approve Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Cross – Sickness

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3. Minutes: The minutes of the annual parish council meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017 were duly approved and signed by the Chair.

Proposed Cllr Bradshaw      Seconded Cllr Thomas

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4. Matters Arising:

Extra dog bin, Swingers Path – The Clerk reported that she had met with CBC on site to establish the best location for the bin. The Council **approved** the cost of £318 for supply and installation of the bin. It was noted that following the recent CBC anti-fouling exercise and door to door discussion with residents there had been an improvement in dog fouling in the area but the Council would continue to monitor closely. The Chair undertook to ask Suzanne Preston if the parish council could continue to stencil the pavements once the current messages have faded (*action SB*).

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5. Meeting Open for Public Participation:

The Chair welcomed the visitors.

Borough Councillor Rutt informed the Council that he understood that clearance of the footpath behind the sewage works was in hand and he was pursuing the clearance of the overhanging vegetation from East Carlton Park onto the The Hill which is partly complete. Cllr Rutt informed the Council about changes in personnel at the Rockingham Estate.

County Councillor Naden-Horley reported on her meeting with Northamptonshire Highways at which she lodged concerns passed to her from Middleton PC and which had been followed up in an email. She said that the replacement of larger 30mph signs and the hatched road markings are on a list for action; the request for a 20mph restriction along Main Street was deemed inappropriate by NCC and she will seek further clarification on the reason for that decision. She had queried the location of the faulty TVAS sign on Main and the fact that the 'NO HGV' sign at the top of The Hill still has not been replaced. She will chase Northamptonshire Highways for a response to these queries if nothing has been received after a week. Cllr Naden-Horley suggested that photographs of the issues on Main street would be useful in her discussions with NCC (*action all Cllrs*).

Cllr Naden-Horley went on to inform the Council that police speed checks will be carried out in Middleton on 21<sup>st</sup> July and asked the Council to forward details should it have an occasion requiring the presence of the mobile police unit.

The Chair thanked the visitors who duly left the meeting at 7.55 pm.

(Meeting closed to the public.)

.....Chair

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**6. New Village Hall and Recreational Ground:**

There was nothing further to report on this item at this stage.

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**7. Orchard and Open Space:**

The Council noted that the maintenance programme on the culvert had commenced and that the vegetation in the Orchard was becoming very overgrown. The Chair will contact a local gardener on Main Street to ask if she will give some guidance to a task force of residents in clearing the orchard. (*action SB*).

The Clerk reported that she had explored the prices of two alternative lawn specialists with regards to reviewing the lawn maintenance programme in the Orchard. The Council reviewed the new quotes and **agreed** to cancel the contact with Green Thumb and to use Joe's Lawn at a reduced cost of £24.50 per month.

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**8. Highways, Lighting and Rights of Way:**

**Highways Issues of Concern** – Cllr Freeman informed the Council that he had received a complaint from a resident regarding speeding along Main Street. It was **agreed** to forward any letters of complaints along with any photographs to Northamptonshire Highways via County Cllr Naden-Horley as evidence of the speeding and parking problems encountered along Main Street.

The Clerk reported that Hereward Homes expected to move the 'gateway' and install a TVAS on the Ashley Road in the Autumn.

**Lighting Update** – Cllr Freeman advised the Council that the faulty light outside 11 Main Street had been reported and that a quote for £788 had been received from Eon to repair the Obelisk lighting. The Council **agreed** to request a contribution of 50% towards this from CBC (*action TF*) and highlighted the necessity for this replacement unit to be viable and sustainable.

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**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 apart from some edging to the pathway in the orchard which had warped and become a tripping hazard. Cllr Cole **agreed** to remove these (*action AC*).

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**10. Defibrillator Project:**

The Council was pleased to note that BT had agreed to reconnect the electrical supply to the phone box.

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**11. Planning:****17/00328/DPA 48 Main Street Proposed alterations to dwelling and barn**

The Council considered this application and made no comment.

**Appeal APP/02805W/17/3170931 16 Main Street New Dwelling**

The Council noted that this appeal had been successful. The decision notice for this can be found on the Corby Borough Council website.

**17/00180/OUT West Corby SUE Planning Consultation**

The Chair informed the Council that once the current round of consultations is complete there will be a meeting between NCC Highways and Councillors of the four parish councils.

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Signed.....Chair

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12. Finance:

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

101409	Besthost – Website	17.25
101410	Clerk – June Salary and Expenses	613.58
101411	Jamie Bradshaw – Maintenance	60.00
101412	Steve Morphy – Grass Cutting	420.00
101413	Green Thumb – Orchard Maintenance	63.00
101414	Cottingham VHMC – June Hall Hire	12.00

Receipts  
None

SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	55,986.22
Business Reserve	166.43
Community Account	4,866.25
Less Allocation for Village Hall	49,590.50
Total:	<b><u>11,428.40</u></b>

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

c) Application to Transparency Fund

The Council noted a successful bid to the application to the Transparency Fund 2017/18 and that £617.52 for website maintenance, hosting charges and staffing hours to maintain council transparency will be shortly received.

13. Correspondence:

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

Police and Crime Commissioner – Fire Governance Proposal  
 CBC – Rural Area Forum Agenda and meeting dates  
 CBC – Stakeholder Event – Energy Strategy  
 CBC – Rural Days of Action Week

The Chair reported on the Village Community Shop AGM. The minutes from these meetings will be circulated to the two parish councils.

The Chair will be attending the Rural Area Forum meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> July.

14. Business for next meeting:

Due to holiday commitments in September, the Council **agreed** to meet in August instead. There will be no parish council meeting in September.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.52 pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Signed.....Chair                      Date.....

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