

MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 19th January 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Annexe, Cottingham.

Present: Cllrs Cole (Acting Chair), , Freeman, Hicks and Thomas, Mrs Medwell (Parish Clerk), PCSO Greening and Borough Councillor Rutt.

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Brant, Bradshaw and Cross and County Cllr Heggs.

2. Declarations of Interest: There were none.

3. Minutes: The minutes of the meetings on 15th December 2015 were duly approved and signed.

Proposed Cllr Hicks Seconded Cllr Freeman

4. Matters Arising:

There were none.

5. Meeting Open for Public Participation:

The Chair welcomed the visitors.

Borough Councillor Rutt drew the Council's attention to a music festival at Rockingham Castle in July and to the 'Clean for the Queen' National Litter Picking Campaign at the end of February. He also commented on the well presented documentation drawn up by Corby Borough Council for the Development Control Meeting on 26th January where the plans for 31 Houses off Bury Close will be heard. Cllr Rutt said that responses from Anglian Water, Highways and Environmental Services were still being awaited for this hearing. Cllr Rutt showed the Council an Anglian Water Sewerage Map of the village. This seemed to suggest that the existing sewerage system did not have enough capacity to support this new development. Cllr Rutt said he would be presenting this matter at the Development Control Meeting.

PCSO Greening reported on the crime statistics in the villages which had been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting. The Council was alarmed at the number of recent break-ins to garden sheds and farm buildings and **agreed** to contact Jane Smith to discuss raising awareness via the village newsletter (*action JM*).

Cllr Cole thanked the visitors who duly left the meeting at 7.50 pm and 8.05 pm respectively. (Meeting closed to the public.)

6. New Village Hall and Recreational Ground:

Cllr Cole informed the Council that the planning application for the New Village Hall had been submitted.

7. Orchard and Open Space:

There was nothing further to report at present.

8. Highways, Lighting and Rights of Way:

Lighting – Cllr Freeman was pleased to report that all the lights other than that on the corner of 19 The Hill had been repaired. He stated that CBC were aware of this light and were awaiting parts. The Council thanked Cllr Freeman for his persistence with this matter. The Council observed that the Obelisk lamp had been looked at by the local electrician but had not as yet been repaired. The Clerk will contact Cllr Cross for an update on this (*action JM*).

Signed.....Chair

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Footpaths – Cllr Thomas brought to the Council’s attention overhanging ivy on the wall of 8 Main Street which was beginning to obstruct the pavement. The Clerk **agreed** to contact the owner to request that this is cut back (*action JM*).

Blocked Drains – The Clerk informed the Council that the blocked drain at the end of the Jurassic way footpath opposite the Red Lion had been reported to Highways via Street Doctor.

9. Safety Review of Parish Assets:

Cllr Cole had carried out an inspection of the parish assets and stated that all were in order.

10. Litter Pick:

The Council referred to the correspondence from CBC Environmental Services regarding a National Litter Picking Campaign ‘Clean for the Queen’. Cllr Hicks **agreed** to co-ordinate a village litter pick in conjunction with this campaign which is scheduled for 29 Feb – 6 March (*action GH*). It was noted that all rural schools have also been invited to take part.

11. Planning:

Appeal APP/U2805/W/15/3005683 Land off Bury Close

Cllr Freeman reported that he would be representing the Parish Council at the Development Control Meeting on 26th January. He **agreed** to circulate the agenda and preparation documents pertaining to the application drawn up by Corby Borough Council (*action TF*).

15/00471/DPA Ashmead First Floor Extension to Bungalow to Create a Two Storey Dwelling The Council considered this application and made no objection.

15/00380/DPA 15 Main Street Single Storey Side Extension CBC Planning Approved

12. Finance:

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

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| 101321 | Richard Thomas – Orchard Maintenance | 84.00 |
| 101322 | Cottingham VHMC – Hall Hire | 12.00 |
| 101323 | Clerk – November Salary and Expenses | 290.18 |
| 100324 | Information Commissioner | 35.00 |
| 100325 | Cottingham VHMC – Hall Hire | 18.00 |

b) Receipts

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| CBC Orchard and Culvert Maintenance | 1966.00 |
| CBC Donation towards Defibrillator Project | 400.00 |
| Middleton & Cottingham Copyholders Donation to Defibrillator | 150.00 |
| NCC Mowing Grant | 110.17 |

c) SUMMARY OF BALANCES

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| National Savings | 55,237.57 |
| Business Reserve | 166.31 |
| Community Account | 9,334.33 |
| Less Allocation for Village Hall | 49,560.50 |
| Total: | <u>15,147.71</u> |

Signed.....Chair

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

13. Correspondence:

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

Northants Police Commissioner – Letter re Hospitals

NCALC – County Roundup /Changes to External Audit / Information on Precept Capping /
Training Schedule 2016

CBC – Campaign ‘Clean for the Queen’

Police – Crime Statistics

14. Business for next meeting:

Review of Risk Assessment and Financial Regulations

Review of Existing Speed Signs in the Village

Changes to External Audit

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next meeting on Tuesday 16th February 2016

Signed.....Chair

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