

# MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Annexe, Cottingham.

Present: Cllrs Brant (Chair), Cole (Vice Chair), Bradshaw, Cross, Freeman and Hicks, Mrs Medwell (Parish Clerk), County Councillor Heggs, Steve Barber (NCC Highways), Borough Councillor Rutt and Suzanne Preston (CBC Environmental Services).

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Thomas.

2. Declarations of Interest: There were none.

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3. Minutes: The minutes of the meetings on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016 were duly approved and signed by the Chair.

Proposed Cllr Freeman

Seconded Cllr Bradshaw

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4. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising by the minutes not covered on the agenda.

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5. Meeting Open for Public Participation:

The Chair welcomed the visitors.

County Councillor Heggs reiterated that there was money available this year from his 'Empowerment Fund' – the Council suggested that this might be used towards refurbishment of the phone box prior to the defibrillator being installed. Cllr Heggs said he would look at the dilapidated finger sign on the junction of Wire Lane and Ashley Road.

Ms Preston informed the Council of the next Rural Days of Action on May 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. The Council requested that the overgrown vegetation along Swinglers Path be cut back and that the speed gun be used in the village. The Council raised the siting of posters regarding dog fouling and gate shutting on the Jurassic Way – Ms Preston agreed to pursue with Environmental Services and Rights of Way.

NCC Steve Barber presented to the Council the various options for Vehicle Activated Speed Warning Signs and the costs involved. He agreed to trial positioning of a sign on either Main Street or The Hill before the Parish Council committed to purchasing its own signs.

Borough Cllr Rutt reminded the Council of the Conservation Area Appraisal which comes to Committee this week and informed the Council that the hole on The Hill had been filled by BT.

The Chair thanked the visitors who duly left the meeting at 8.38 pm.

(Meeting closed to the public.)

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6. New Village Hall and Recreational Ground:

There was nothing further to report on progress at present.

The Chair informed the Council of the Annual General Meeting for The Cottingham and Middleton Village Hall Trust (Northants) on 25<sup>th</sup> April at the Village Hall Annexe.

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7. Orchard and Open Space:

The Council **agreed** the quote from Green Thumb for the refurbishment of the grass in the Orchard.

The Council noted that the reseeded of the open space by the contractor Ebsford would be done in mid April depending on the weather. Cllr Cross to keep an eye on when this is done

Signed.....Chair

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and report back to the Council (*action KC*).

The Council **agreed** that The Valley Voice Choir could use the Orchard for another Summer Picnic on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Swinglers Path – Purchase of Barriers** – The Council discussed the purchase of the barriers for the entrance to the path to deter horses and cyclists and **agreed** to wait for a further quote before making any decision to purchase.

**Speed Warning Signs** – Clls Brant and Cross **agreed** to survey the village for possible post sites for the Vehicle Activated Speed Warning Signs which would be passed on to Steve Barber for trialling (*action SB and KC*).

**Lighting** – The Council noted that the faulty light on The Hill had still not been repaired. Cllr Freeman will continue to pursue this (*action AF*). Cllr Cross **agreed** to contact another local electrician regarding the faulty obelisk light (*action KC*).

#### 9. Safety Review of Parish Assets:

Cllr Cole had carried out an inspection of the parish assets and stated that all were in order. The Council noted that Steve Morphy would be varnishing the bench as soon as the weather conditions allowed.

#### 11. Planning:

**Partial demolition of double garage and construction of a new dwelling at 16 Main Street, Middleton, LE16 8YU**

**Appeal reference: APP/U2805/W/15/3141328**

The Council noted the deadline for comments from the Appellant and Local Planning Authority regarding the above appeal as being 20<sup>th</sup> April. The Council was awaiting a copy of the submission from Corby Borough Council.

#### 12. Finance:

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

101334	NCALC – Membership Subscription	249.24
101335	Clerk – April Salary and Expenses	291.67
101336	Steve Morphy – Grass Cutting	220.00
101337	Besthost – Website	17.25
101338	Came & Company – Insurance	313.29
101339	Cottingham VHMC – Hall Hire	12.00

b) Receipts

c) SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	55,651.85
Business Reserve	166.37

Community Account	8,239.31
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Less Allocation for Village Hall	49,590.50
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Total:	<b><u>14,467.03</u></b>
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d) The Council unanimously **approved** the bank reconciliation which was then duly signed by the Chair.

Signed.....Chair

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**Presentation of End of Year Accounts:**

The Clerk had prepared the 2015/2016 Financial Accounts in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011 and circulated prior to the meeting.

The Annual Governance Statement 2015/2016 was considered, unanimously **approved** and duly signed by the Chair and Clerk.

The Accounting Statements 2015/2016 were considered, unanimously **approved** and duly signed by the Chair and Clerk.

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

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**13. Correspondence:**

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

- CBC - Changes to Rural PCSO Team
- NCC Highways – Improving Drivers, Saving Lives / Aviva Women’s Cycling Tour
- NACRE – ebulletin April 16
- CPRE - Minutes
- NCALC – eUpdate March/April 16

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**14. Business for next meeting:**

None identified at present.

Owing to holiday commitments there is to be no parish council meeting in June.

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Minutes to be ratified at the Annual Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Signed.....Chair

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