

placed around the village. The Council noted that it was still awaiting costs of barriers for Swingers Path and **agreed** that these would be sited underneath the light.

Speed Warning Signs – The Council noted that it was still awaiting a response from County Highways Sarah Barnwell regarding the schedule for upgrading of the 30 mph signs around the village and the cost of vehicle activated speed signs. The Council discussed the cleanliness of the existing signs and **agreed** to inquire with the ‘Wheelie Bin’ cleaner as to whether he could do this (*action KC*).

Lighting – The Council noted that the faulty light outside 27 Main Street had been repaired. Cllr Freeman **agreed** to chase up the faulty light on The Hill (*action AF*).

Community Speed Watch – The Council **agreed** not to pursue at this stage due to lack of sufficient volunteers.

9. Safety Review of Parish Assets:

Cllr Cole had carried out an inspection of the parish assets and stated that all were in order apart from the bench on Main Street which was in need of re-varnishing. The Clerk to remind Steve Morphy that this needed doing as soon as the weather allowed (*action JM*).

10. Chair’s Expenses:

The Council **agreed** the Chair’s expenses at £100 per annum.

11. Consultation on the revised Conservation Area Appraisal:

The revised Conservation Area Appraisal had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. The Council once again reiterated that it very much welcomes the review of the Conservation area and redefined boundary and **agreed** to fully support the revised draft with no further comments to add.

12. 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 very unfortunate delay by Corby Borough Council Planning Department in dealing with this planning application due to the delayed adoption of the Management Plan for the Conservation Area within which the site sits. The Parish Council understands the applicants’ wish to build on the relatively small plot which is currently a garage with parking space, it objects to the height and design of the building proposed which is not in keeping with the street scene or the context of the listed buildings surrounding the site. The Council would support the building of a cottage style dwelling in local ironstone fronting directly onto the pavement, as its neighbours do. The height of any building on this site should be no more than one and a half or two storeys in height and certainly no higher than number 10 and 12 Main Street to the west of the plot. This is important as the site slopes significantly to the south (away from the road) and any building to the rear of the site would mean that the dwelling dominated the street scene. The Council does not agree with the appellant that the dwelling would be better placed behind a wall as this would not be in keeping with the style and height of the cottages surrounding Cannam House and the Council objects to the proposal for a two storey house with rooms in the roof space.

The Chair to write to the planning inspectorate with these comments (*action SB*).

The Council discussed the recent flooding in the village. The Chair informed the Council

Signed.....Chair

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