

MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 23rd August 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) and County Councillor Heggs.

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Thomas and Borough Cllr Rutt.

2. Declarations of Interest: There were none.

3. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting on 19th July 2016 were duly approved and signed by the Chair.

Proposed Cllr Bradshaw Seconded Cllr Cole

4. Matters Arising:

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

5. Meeting Open for Public Participation:

The Chair welcomed the visitor.

The Council reminded Councillor Heggs that the finger post at the junction of Ashley Road and Wire Lane was still awaiting repair. Councillor Heggs requested that the Council email him the details (*action JM*).

The Chair thanked the visitor who duly left the meeting at 7.35 pm.

(Meeting closed to the public.)

6. New Village Hall and Recreational Ground:

The Chair informed the Council that new architectural drawings had been produced and a meeting of the Village Hall Trust would be convened as soon as possible.

7. Orchard and Open Space:

Maintenance – A discussion took place on the maintenance requirements in the Orchard. The Council **agreed** to contact local gardener Richard Thomas to quote for this work (*action JM*). Cllr Cross will contact CBC Suzanne Preston regarding the Community Enhancement and Payback Teams carrying out some maintenance works there (*action KC*).

Japanese Knotweed – The Chair informed the Council that the contractor Ebsford would be treating the knotweed later this week.

8. Highways, Lighting and Rights of Way:

Purchase of Barriers on Swingers Path – The Council **agreed** to contact Robert Rutt regarding the siting and fitting of the 'hoop' type galvanised barriers (*action KC*).

Speed Warning Signs – The Chair informed the Council that it was still waiting for NCC Highways Steve Barber to site the trial speed activated warning sign on Ashley Road.

9. Safety Review of Parish Assets:

Cllr Cole had carried out an inspection of the parish assets and stated that all were in order and fit for purpose. The Council thanked Cllr Freeman for clearing the phone box of overgrown vegetation.

The Council noted the overgrown vegetation around the bus shelter.

Signed.....Chair

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10. Defibrillator Project:

The Council discussed the next steps for this initiative. Cllr Cole **agreed** to check whether the phone box has an electrical supply (*action AC*). The sub committee **agreed** to research the most suitable ways of locking and accessing the defibrillator once installed in the box (*action SB, BB and TF*).

11. Big Clean Up Litter Pick:

The Council discussed the 'Big Clean Up' Litter Pick and **agreed** to join with Cottingham Parish Council for this event. Cllr Brant will co-ordinate with Cllr Davidson and CBC Suzanne Preston on dates from the end of September (*action SB*).

12. Planning:

16/00343/PATEL – T Mobile Site, 15m Monopole, The Hill – The Council considered this application and made no comment.

13. Finance:

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

101353	Cottingham VHMC – July Hall Hire	12.00
101354	Clerk – August Salary and Expenses	306.02
101355	Green Thumb – August – Orchard	63.00
101356	Steve Morphy – Grass Cutting	525.00
101357	Adam Curtis – Annual Website Maintenance	100.00

SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	55,651.85
Business Reserve	166.37
Community Account	11,484.02
Less Allocation for Village Hall	49,590.50
Total:	<u>17,711.74</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 for information, all e-mailed:

CBC - Rural Area Forum Meeting minutes 21st July / Rural Weed Spraying

NCALC – July/August eUpdate / Notice of Annual General Meeting 8th October

The Council **agreed** to nominate Cllr Brant as the voting delegate for the NCALC AGM

15. Business for next meeting:

Cllr Cross gave her apologies for the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.32 pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 18th October 2016

Signed.....Chair

Date.....

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