

# MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Annexe, Cottingham.

Present: Cllrs Brant (Chair), Cole (Vice Chair), Cross, Hicks, Freeman and Thomas and Mrs Medwell (Parish Clerk).

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

2. Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest.

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

Proposed Cllr Thomas      Seconded Cllr Cole

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4. Matters Arising:

There were none.

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5. Meeting Open for Public Participation:

There were no members of the public present.

(Meeting closed to the public.)

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6. New Village Hall and Recreational Ground:

There was nothing further to report at present.

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7. Orchard and Open Space:

**Maintenance** – The Council noted that the routine winter maintenance work had been carried out. Richard Thomas had been asked to quote for culvert maintenance.

The Clerk reported that an invoice had been raised for all the works carried out this season and passed on to Corby Borough Council for repayment.

**Mole Eradication** – The Clerk informed the Council that this was currently in hand and the area treated by Acclaim Environmental.

**Apricot Tree** – The Council discussed the kind offer of a mature apricot tree by a local resident. The likely extent and depth of the roots is as yet unclear although research undertaken by Cllr Freeman indicates that the root system is likely to be extensive. An experienced professional will need to be consulted in order to ascertain the risk and likely cost of transplanting the tree. The Council **agreed** to seek further advice from local tree surgeon John Dixon (*action KC*).

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8. Highways, Lighting and Rights of Way:

**Speed Warning Signs** – The Council was disappointed to note that the temporary speed sign still had not been installed on the Ashley Road by County Highways Officer Steve Barber. The Clerk will pursue (*action JM*). At this point the Council discussed the issue of parking on pavements along Main Street which was causing obstruction and damaging the kerb. The Council **agreed** to circulate a note to residents requesting that they park on the road in order to ensure adequate space for pedestrians, buggies and mobility scooters to use the pavements and to preserve the pavement and kerb stones from damage. The Clerk will draft the note (*action JM*).

**Lighting Update** – The Council noted it was still awaiting a site visit from lighting contractors with regards to a potential new light on the footpath alongside the culvert in

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Glover Court. The Clerk will pursue (*action JM*). A faulty light on the junction of School Hill and Camsdale Walk was identified, Cllr Freeman will report (*action TF*).

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

Cllr Cole reported that all were fit for purpose and in reasonable winter condition.

#### 10. Defibrillator Project:

The Chair advised that the Council was awaiting a final formal quote from the Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT) and that she would chase again after the Christmas Break (*action SB*).

#### 12. Planning:

##### **16/00422/LBC 7 Camsdale Walk Re-instatement of former frontage and widening of access road**

The Council noted that this application had been withdrawn.

##### **16/00417/DPA 16 Main Street Partial Demolition of Double Garage and Construction of New Dwelling**

The Council noted that this application had been refused by Corby Borough Council.

**Corby Part 2 Local Plan** – Cllrs Brant and Freeman had previously met with Cottingham Parish Council to discuss this consultation. The Council expressed its thanks to Cllr Brant for compiling an excellent response, which had been circulated, **agreed** and submitted prior to the meeting in order to meet the deadline of 20<sup>th</sup> December.

The Council **agreed** to put forward the orchard as a NCC designated ‘pocket park’. The Clerk will pursue this (*action JM*).

The Council noted an application for the Spread Eagle Pub, Cottingham - Demolition of outbuildings and conversion of Public House to Dwelling.

#### 13. Finance:

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

101371	Richard Thomas – Orchard Maintenance	250.00
101372	Acclaim – Mole Eradication	300.00
101373	Besthost – Website	17.25
100374	J Medwell – Clerk Salary and Expenses	294.54
101375	Green Thumb – September Orchard	63.00
101376	Cottingham VHMC – November Hall Hire	18.00

#### SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	55,651.85
Business Reserve	166.41
Community Account	9,080.79
Less Allocation for Village Hall	49,590.50
Total:	<b><u>15,308.54</u></b>

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

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**14. Correspondence:**

CBC - Minutes Rural Area Forum 17<sup>th</sup> November  
CBC – Parish Precept and Budget Consultation  
NCALC – eUpdate / Budget Information / ‘No Capping’  
Hereward Homes – Email regarding the Ashley Road ‘Gateway’  
Philip Hollobone MP – Letter of acknowledgement Precept Referendum

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**15. Business for next meeting:**

Dates for Spring Litter Pick  
New Light – Glover Court  
Neighbourhood Plan

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.18 pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017

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