

# MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Annexe, Cottingham.

Present: Cllrs Brant (Chair), Cole (Vice Chair), Bradshaw, Cross, Freeman, Hicks and Thomas, Mrs Medwell (Parish Clerk), Borough Cllr Rutt and CBC Neighbourhood Warden Jim McCabe.

1. Apologies for Absence: None.

2. Declarations of Interest: Cllrs Thomas and Rutt declared an interest in Item 13.

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3. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 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:

The Chair welcomed the visitors.

Borough Councillor Rutt noted that now fewer car owners are parking on the pavements in Middleton it occasionally presents a challenge for large buses to pass along Main Street. All present **agreed** that it was important that car owners do not obstruct the pavement with cars and the Council will continue to monitor the situation. Cllr Rutt also informed the Council that the damaged 'No HGV' sign at the top of The Hill was in the process of being repaired and that the 'Spread Eagle' pub in Cottingham had had its application for community listed status turned down and change of use approved.

CBC Neighbourhood Warden Jim McCabe reported on fly tipping in Middleton Lane which was undergoing a police investigation. He informed the Council that anyone employed to remove waste from a site must carry a 'Waste Carriers Licence' and that discussions were underway with regards to the householder having a legal responsibility to ensure that this licence is held. Mr McCabe also said that Corby Police Station is closing and moving to a 'hub' in Kettering. Currently the rural community police team is sharing the CBC offices, which is working well.

The Chair thanked the visitors who duly left the meeting at 7.53 pm

(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 orchard fence, damaged in recent high winds had been repaired and that Green Thumb continued to manage the grass land. The abandoned grass cuttings will be collected after the litter pick.

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Signed.....Chair

Date.....

### **Corby BC Open/recreational spaces review as part of the Part2 Local Plan –**

The Chair reported that she and the Clerk had met with sport and leisure management consultants Knight, Kavanagh & Page (KKP), commissioned by CBC to carry out an Open Spaces, Sport and Recreation Facilities Audit and Assessment in the area, which will result in the production of a Borough-wide Strategy. The Community Orchard and Open Space behind was identified and the land behind Bury Close was identified as a potential 'Area of Tranquillity'

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

**Installation of Speed Warning Sign and Relocation of Gateway on Ashley Road** - Cllr Freeman and the clerk had met with County Highways and the developer Hereward Homes on 3<sup>rd</sup> March to discuss moving the Ashley Road 'Gateway' to accommodate the potential new development on the Ashley Road . This was agreed in principle with Hereward Homes agreeing to arrange and install a MM SID VAS solar panel vehicle activated warning sign. The sign would be paid for by Hereward Homes and future maintenance by the Parish.

**Lighting Update** – Three lights on Main Street were identified and reported as being faulty. Cllr Freeman said he had spoken with CBC regarding the obelisk – the wiring and electrical equipment is below standard and will cost in the region of £1,000 to repair. The Council **agreed** that this obelisk is an important feature of Glover Court and requested that Cllr Freeman negotiate with CBC with a view to splitting the cost (*action TF*).

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

Cllr Cole reported that all were in good condition. The three benches in the Orchard have now been re-oiled and returned to site.

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#### 10. Defibrillator Project:

The Council noted that unfortunately it was still awaiting a response from the Community Heartbeat Trust who are liaising with BT regarding the reconnection of the electric supply and paint for the phone box. The Council **agreed** a quote of £150 from a local decorator to paint the phone box.

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#### 11. Rural Area Forum Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> March:

The Chair gave a brief report from the meeting including responses to the CBC Part 2 Local Plan Consultation and an overview of the recent discussions on Unitary Status.

The minutes of this meeting can be found on <https://www.corby.gov.uk/rural-area-forum>

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#### 12. Dog Fouling Leaflet Drop:

Cllr Hicks informed the Council that she has drafted an 'anti – dog fouling' leaflet and will circulate to all councillors for approval before it is delivered around the village (*action GH*). A number of Cllrs volunteered to deliver the leaflets and thanked Cllr Hicks for drafting the flyer.

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#### 13. Planning:

**17/00049/DPA 9 School Hill Raise existing roof, extend over single storey and garage area.**

This application had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Council discussed the application but did not object and made no comment on it.

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Signed.....Chair

Date.....

14. Finance:

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

100383	Cottingham VHMC – Hall Hire	24.00
100384	Cottingham PC – Loan / Field Maintenance /Newsletter	379.18
100385	J Medwell – January Clerk Salary and Expenses	294.35
100386	Green Thumb – Orchard Maintenance	63.00
100387	Sarah Brant – Annual Chair’s Expenses	100.00
100388	Jamie Bradshaw – Orchard Fence Repair	505.00
100389	Steve Morphy – Restoration of Orchard Benches	195.00

Receipts	
NCC Mowing Grant	110.17

## SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	55,986.22
Business Reserve	166.43
Community Account	9,212.75
Less Allocation for Village Hall	49,590.50
Total:	<b><u>15,774.90</u></b>

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

15. Correspondence:

CBC - Great British Spring Clean / RAF agenda 16<sup>th</sup> March / Rural TVAS / Consultation – Planning Obligations Supplementary Document  
NCC – Proposed Speed Limit Extension / Local Access Forum Member Recruitment

16. Business for next meeting:

Nothing identified as yet.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.56 pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Signed.....Chair

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