

MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 20th June 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Annexe, Cottingham.

Present: Cllrs Brant (Chair), Cole (Vice Chair), Bradshaw, Cross and Thomas, Mrs Medwell (Parish Clerk), PCSO Joe Devlin and one member of the public.

1. Declaration of Interests on Items on the Agenda:

Cllr Thomas declared an interest in item 11

Cllr Bradshaw declared an interest in item 7

Cllr Bradshaw updated her Register of Interests

There were no further changes to members Register of Interests.

2. To Approve Apologies for Absence:

Cllrs Freeman and Hicks – Holiday Commitments

County Cllr Naden-Horley, Borough Cllr Rutt and CBC Suzanne Preston

3. Minutes: The minutes of the annual parish council meeting on 16th May 2017 were duly approved and signed by the Chair.

Proposed Cllr Thomas

Seconded Cllr Bradshaw

4. Matters Arising:

There were no matter arising.

5. Meeting Open for Public Participation:

The Chair welcomed the visitors.

A discussion took place regarding the persistent problem of 'dog fouling' particularly on the verge at the entrance to Daescroft, with the perpetrator(s) possibly living in the vicinity. PCSO Joe Devlin said that dog fouling was one of the rural priorities for the CBC 'Take Action' Group and suggested, during the 'Week of Action', that the team 'door knock' and leaflet drop in the vicinity of the affected area to raise awareness and to encourage the reporting of dog fouling by members of the public if they witness an offender not picking up their dog mess. The Council **agreed** to refer this to CBC Suzanne Preston with the suggestion that early evening would be the best time to catch most residents at home.

PCSO Joe Devlin said that there were no crimes to report. The Council brought to his attention the increased activity of young people the '22 Drop' and asked that this area be regularly patrolled.

The Chair thanked the visitors who duly left the meeting at 7.47 pm.

(Meeting closed to the public.)

6. New Village Hall and Recreational Ground:

The Chair informed the Council that Sport England had responded positively regarding the planning application.

7. Orchard and Open Space:

The Council noted that the vegetation in the Orchard was becoming very overgrown and **agreed** to organise a 'task force' to clear this. The Chair **agreed** to contact a local gardener on Main Street to give some guidance on this (*action SB*).

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The Chair informed the Council that she, Cllr Cross and the Clerk had met on site with a contractor from Ebsford to look at the Japanese Knotweed. The contractor will ensure that the new shoots will be sprayed imminently.

The Clerk reported that she was in the process of meeting with alternative lawn specialists with regards to reviewing the lawn maintenance programme in the Orchard (*action JM*).

8. Highways, Lighting and Rights of Way:

NCC Rights of Way – Audit of Footpaths– Cllrs Brant, Hicks, Thomas and the Clerk had carried out the required NCC audit of the parish footpaths in terms of accessibility, signage and popularity of use. The results of this audit will now be returned to NCC Rights of Way Team (*action JM*).

Highways Issues of Concern – The Council identified local areas of concern which will be passed to County Councillor Naden-Horley to raise at her meeting with Northamptonshire Highways next week. These included the speed of traffic coming in to the village along Ashley Road and down The Hill, with a request for larger and brighter 30 mph signs and repainting of the hatched lines on the road showing drivers that they are entering the village; a need for a 20mph speed restriction along Main Street and a working vehicle activated speed sign to be installed as a trial as initially agreed by NCC Steve Barber on Ashley Road (*action SB*). The Clerk will follow up with Hereward Homes regarding the new VAS sign outside the new development on Ashley Road (*action JM*).

Lighting Update – There was nothing to report.

9. Safety Review of Parish Assets:

Cllr Cole had carried out an inspection of the parish assets and stated that all were in good order.

10. Defibrillator Project:

The Council expressed its frustration at the lack of resolution to the reconnection of the electrical supply to the phone box. The Chair informed the Council that she had written to BT to remind them that a new telegraph pole had been installed immediately adjacent to the phone box in the last year and that this had most likely resulted in the disconnection of the electricity to the box. She is continuing to chase both BT and the Community Heartbeat Trust with regards to this.

11. Planning:

17/00249/DPA 32 Main Street Alteration to chimney and windows

This application had been circulated prior to the meeting – the Council made no comment.

17/00232/DPA 12 School Hill, Middleton New windows and decking

This application had been circulated prior to the meeting – the Council made no comment

17/00180/OUT West Corby SUE Planning Consultation

The Council had attended a meeting between the local parish councils, planning department and developers, to raise a number of questions on the papers followed at a later date by a meeting of the residents from Rockingham, East Carlton, Cottingham and Middleton with the developers and parish councils.

The Council **agreed** the response to CBC on this consultation regarding concerns raised at

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these meetings, particularly the highways infrastructure surrounding the site which will be expected to cope with the extra weight of heavy vehicles during the construction phase and then the very significant increase in traffic generated by a new large conurbation. A copy of this response will be sent to MP Tom Pursgrove seeking his support.

The Chair reported that all four Parish Council's had sent in their responses to CBC and had agreed to work together with regards to this development. The next stage is to organise a meeting between NCC Highways and the Councillors of the four Parish Councils.

17/00146/DPA 37 Main Street Replacement Garage and Garden Store

The Council noted that this application had been approved.

12. Finance:

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

101404	Cottingham VHMC – May Hall Hire	12.00
101405	Steve Morphy – Grass Cutting	210.00
101406	Jamie Bradshaw – Culvert Clearance	400.00
101407	Clerk – June Salary and Expenses	350.73
101408	Green Thumb – Orchard Maintenance	63.00

Receipts

None

SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	55,986.22
Business Reserve	166.43
Community Account	6,040.08
Less Allocation for Village Hall	49,590.50
Total:	<u>12,602.23</u>

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

c) Approval of Application to Transparency Fund

The Council **approved** the application to the Transparency Fund 2017/18 for £617.52 for website maintenance, hosting charges and staffing hours to maintain council transparency.

13. Correspondence:

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

NCALC – eUpdate / Appointment of Deputy Chief Executive

CBC – Weekly Planning Lists

Rockingham Estate – Response to Main Street Restriction Letter

MP Tom Pursglove – Support regarding 16 Main Street Appeal

Email from local resident regarding parking on Main Street and construction noise.

14. Business for next meeting:

There was nothing identified as yet.

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.41 pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 18th July 2017

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