

MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 19th December 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Annexe, Cottingham.

Present: Cllrs Brant (Chair), Cross, Hicks and Thomas (arrived 7.41pm) and Mrs Medwell (Parish Clerk).

1. To Approve Apologies for Absence:

Cllrs Cole (Vice Chair), Bradshaw and Freeman
County Cllr Naden Horley

2. Declaration of Interests on Items on the Agenda:

There were no Declarations of Interests

There were no changes to members Register of Interests.

3. Minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21st November 2017 were duly approved and signed by the Chair.

Proposed Cllr Cross Seconded Cllr Hicks

4. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

5. Meeting Open for Public Participation:

There were no members of the public present.

(Meeting closed to the public.)

6. New Village Hall and Recreational Ground:

The Chair informed the Council that the revised plans had been submitted to Corby Borough Council. The Council approved the architect's fee of £7,500 plus VAT and **agreed** to transfer £7,500 from the allocated funds in the NS&I account.

All information pertaining to the development can be found on the website <http://www.cotmidhall.org.uk>.

7. Orchard and Open Space:

Maintenance – The Chair reported that detailed pruning specifications had been sent to two further contractors with a request that any quotations for work are received by 22nd December 2017.

The Clerk informed the Council that the local contractor will continue with the culvert maintenance schedule at the current rate which would include the pruning of the area around the obelisk, removal of nettles from the culvert bottom and the planting of bulbs in the culvert area. The Council **agreed** to review this again in six months. The Clerk will write to the contractor stating agreed works (*action JM*).

8. Highways, Lighting and Rights of Way:

Swinglers Path – The Council noted that Corby Borough Council was in the process of ordering a replacement enforcement sign for the western end of Swinglers Path.

Signed.....Chair

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Lighting Update – The Council was pleased to note that the obelisk light had been repaired.

General Highways Issues – Regarding the matter of vehicles speeding around the right angle bend from Cottingham onto Main Street Middleton, opposite Cottingham Primary School, an email had been sent to PCSO Joe Devlin requesting the possibility of some police and speed camera presence to monitor speeds. The Clerk will follow this up in the new year (*action JM*).

The Council was concerned to note the proposed County Council cuts to road gritting in the next financial year. Details of which roads will be gritted can be found on an interactive map on the County Council website

northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/northamptonshire-highways/roads-and-streets/gritting/Pages/gritting-the-countys-roads.aspx

Attention was drawn to the abandoned trailer containing rubbish at the Wood Lane entrance. The clerk will report to Corby Borough Council (*action JM*).

9. NHS Commissioning Consultation Meeting:

The Chair reported from this recent workshop looking at the engagement with, patient use and attitudes towards General Practice, Urgent Care and A & E in the Corby area.

10. Safety Review of Parish Assets:

In the absence of Cllr Cole, there was nothing to report.

11. Defibrillator Project:

The Council was disappointed to note that the defibrillator had not been installed as planned on December 11th. An alternative date has not yet been received.

The Council is in the process of costing up the key-rings which will display details of the code to unlock the defibrillator cabinet.

12. Budget 2018/19 :

Concurrent Expenditure Grant 2018/19 - The proposal by Corby Borough Council to withdraw the concurrent expenditure grant and the implications this will have on the precept was discussed at the Rural Area Forum meeting on 23rd November. At this meeting Corby Borough Council agreed to phase out the grant over three years.

Budget and Precept 2018/19

The draft budget was presented to the Council for consideration. The Parish Council **Resolved to Agree** the Middleton Parish Council budget for 2018/19

Proposed by Cllr Thomas Seconded by Cllr Hicks

This was then signed by the Chair.

Subject to the receipt of the Concurrent Expenditure Grant from CBC of £1,629, the Parish Council **Resolved to Agree** the level of precept set at £5,520 for the financial year 2018-19.

Proposed by Cllr Thomas Seconded by Cllr Hicks

The Clerk will submit the Precept Demand to CBC (*action JM*).

13. Planning:

There were no planning applications to discuss

Signed.....Chair

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14. Finance:

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

101437	Clerk – December Salary and Expenses	306.79
101438	Cottingham VHMC – Hall Hire	12.00
101439	Besthost – Website	17.25

Receipts
None

SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	54,986.22
Business Reserve	166.43
Community Account	6,124.01
Less Allocation for Village Hall	49,590.50
Total:	<u>£11,686.16</u>

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

15. Correspondence:

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

NCALC – Audit Update / Parish Mapping

NCC – Budget Consultation 2018/19 Phase 2

Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments – Notification of External Auditors

Email from local resident - Inappropriate burning of garden waste, Ashley Road Development. This was passed on to the developers.

16. Business for next meeting:

There was nothing identified as yet.

Clerk to circulate a list of the next meetings.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.27 pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 16th January 2018

Signed.....Chair

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