

# MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Annexe, Cottingham.

Present: Cllrs Brant (Chair), Bradshaw, Hicks and Thomas and Mrs Medwell (Parish Clerk).

1. To Approve Apologies for Absence:

Cllrs Cole (Vice Chair), Cross and Freeman  
County Cllr Naden Horley  
Borough Cllr Rutt  
PCSO Joe Devlin  
CBC Suzanne Preston and Allan Withpeterson

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2. Declaration of Interests on Items on the Agenda:

There were no Declarations of Interests

There were no changes to members Register of Interests.

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3. Minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017 were duly approved and signed by the Chair.

Proposed Cllr Thomas      Seconded Cllr Hicks

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4. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

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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:

The Chair reported on a meeting with the architects at which comments from consultees had been responded to.

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

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7. Orchard and Open Space:

**Tree Pruning** – The Council noted receipt of two detailed quotes received from the three sought with regards to the required pruning of the Orchard trees. The Council considered these quotes and **agreed** to instruct TreeSpace at a cost of £1,500 to carry out the necessary works (*action JM*).

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8. Highways, Lighting and Rights of Way:

**Litter Pick** – The Council **agreed** the next litter pick as being Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 10 o'clock meet at the Orchard. Cllr Hicks will order the necessary equipment (*action GH*). The Clerk will contact Cottingham Parish Council to ask whether they would like to take part (*action JM*).

**Welland Valley Way** – The Clerk informed the Council of a local initiative to establish a right of way along the old rail line that used to run between Market Harborough and Peterborough with a branch up to Stamford. The line was closed in the 1960's and the land

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returned to the original landowners with some debate whether a residual right of access exists or not. The old track bed is still used by walkers and cyclists. The Council **agreed** to support this initiative and register its interest with Northamptonshire Rights of Way Definitive Map Team (*action JM*).

**Lighting Update** – Nothing to report.

**General Highways Issues** – Cllr Hicks raised the trees leaning over The Hill from East Carlton Park. These were deemed a potential hazard, the Clerk will notify Mr Baines Davies, officer in charge at East Carlton Park (*action JM*).

At this point the Council referred to correspondence from Borough Cllr Rutt with regards to locking the barrier and restricting access to Occupation Lane. This was discussed and the Council **agreed** that it would be a good idea in principle, suggesting that a combination lock be used with all land owners having access to the code. It was also noted that the lane is partially blocked by self set hedge saplings, the Clerk will contact the landowner requesting these are cleared (*action JM*).

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

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

#### 10. Defibrillator Project:

The Council was pleased to note that the defibrillator was being installed within the next couple of days. Once installed the Council can go ahead and organise an open familiarisation session in the Village Hall, to which the Rockingham Wheelers, the Copy Holders, Cottingham Parish councillors, first responders and all residents would be invited.

#### 11. Planning:

There were no planning applications to discuss.

#### 12. Finance:

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

101440	GSS Architecture – New Village Hall	9,000.00
101441	Clerk – January Salary and Expenses	306.79
101442	Cottingham VHMC – Hall Hire	12.00
101443	Jamie Bradshaw – January Culvert Maintenance	60.00

Receipts

None

#### SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	47,486.22
Business Reserve	166.43
Community Account	4,245.22
Less Allocation for Village Hall	42,090.50
Total:	<b><u>£9,807.37</u></b>

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

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13. Correspondence:

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

NCALC – Website User Details

CBC – Great British Spring Clean and Rural Update

Police – Community Connect Letter / Monthly Crime Statistics Presentation

14. Business for next meeting:

Review of Policies and Risk Assessment

Cllr Hicks gave her apologies for the next meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.09 pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018

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