

MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 20th March 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Annexe, Cottingham.

Present: Cllrs Cole (Acting Chair), Cross, Freeman and Thomas, Mrs Medwell (Parish Clerk) and County Cllr Naden Horley.

1. To Approve Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Brant – Holiday commitment
Cllr Bradshaw – Work Commitment
Cllr Hicks - Sickness
Borough Cllr Rutt

2. Declaration of Interests on Items on the Agenda:

Cllr Thomas declared an interest in item 12

There were no changes to members Register of Interests.

3. Minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th February 2018 were duly approved and signed by the Chair.

Proposed Cllr Thomas Seconded Cllr Freeman

4. Matters Arising:

Partial blockage of Occupation Lane by hedgerow growth – A response to the letter requesting that this hedge be cut back had been received from the landowner. This will be done at the earliest opportunity.

Overhanging Trees on The Hill – The Council noted the response from Corby Borough Council tree inspection team. The trees were deemed fine, the only concern being the ivy growing around them which will be removed at some point this year.

Litter Pick – In light of Cllr Hicks' injury, Cllr Freeman offered to co-ordinate the litter pick on Sunday 25th March (*action TF*).

5. Meeting Open for Public Participation:

The Chair welcomed the visitor.

County Cllr Naden Horley advised the Council on the current position regarding Northamptonshire County Council. She stated that as a result of the Section 114, Corby Rural would be losing its bus service, with the exception of Cottingham which is serviced by the Rutland County Council 'Rutland Flyer'. All school children however would be provided with transport. The closures of libraries had been halted as no access to library services was deemed 'unlawful'. Cllr Naden Horley stated that there was a possibility of two unitary authorities being formed in Northamptonshire with much more 'transparency'.

Further information on this can be found on

<http://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/news/council-news/Pages/council-response-to-inspection-report>.

The Chair thanked the visitor who duly left the meeting at 7.56 pm.

(Meeting closed to the public.)

Signed.....Chair

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6. New Village Hall and Recreational Ground:

The Clerk informed the Council that the CBC Planning Committee meeting on 13th March had been cancelled and it was expected that the application would be put before the Committee in April subject to completion of the tree survey

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

7. Orchard and Open Space:

The Council noted that quotes had been sought for the repair and/or replacement of the surrounding edging to the footpath from two local contractors.

Cllr Freeman informed the Council that he was in the process of researching solar lighting options for the Orchard.

8. Highways, Lighting and Rights of Way:

Jurassic Way Footpath – Cllr Thomas drew the Council's attention to the loose post on the kissing gate at the end of Camsdale Walk. In light of the current 'freezing' of NCC spending, the Council **agreed** to pursue the possibility of repairing this. Cllr Thomas will liaise with the builders working in the immediate vicinity to pursue what can be done (*action MT*).

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. The Clerk informed the Council that routine monthly check of the defibrillator had been carried out and recorded on the CHT Webnos website.

10. Rural Area Forum Report:

The Chair reported from the meeting on 15th March. He advised that Cllr Owen Davidson (Cottingham Parish Council) had been liaising with a local bus company and the Corby Rural villages with a view to setting up a community bus service. He also advised that only 'Category 1' potholes would be repaired by NCC. The Chair reported that there were no recorded incidents of crime in the parish this month.

11. General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR):

The Council referred to the new GDPR which will come into effect in May 2018. These require that personal data is processed lawfully, fairly and transparently; collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes; be adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary for processing; be accurate and kept up to date; be kept only for as long as is necessary for processing and be processed in a manner that ensures its security.

The Council will formulate a GDPR Policy and Data Checklist once all the information from NALC and the ICO is received. The Clerk will book onto the relevant training course (*action JM*).

12. Planning:

18/00090/DPA Mr & Mrs Gray 9 School Hill Middleton Replacement dwelling to provide a two storey house.

The Council considered this application and made no comment.

Signed.....Chair

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13. Finance:

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

101449	Clerk – March Salary and Expenses	306.79
101450	Jamie Bradshaw – Culvert Maintenance	60.00
101452	Cottingham VHMC – Hall Hire	25.00
101453	Besthost	17.25

Receipts

Interest 262.96

SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings 47,749.18

Business Reserve 166.43

Community Account 3,408.06

Less Allocation for Village Hall 42,090.50

Total: **£9,233.17**

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

14. Correspondence:

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

NCALC – Mini Update

CBC – Rural Area Forum – Agenda 15th March

15. Business for next meeting:

Cllrs Cross and Freeman gave their apologies for the next meeting.

Housing Needs Survey

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 17th April 2018

Signed.....Chair

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