

MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 19th June 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Annexe, Cottingham.

Present: Cllrs Brant (Chair), Freeman, Hicks and Thomas, Mrs Medwell (Parish Clerk) and County Cllr Naden-Horley.

1. To Approve Apologies for Absence:

Cllrs Bradshaw, Cole (Vice Chair) and Cross – Work and Holiday Commitments.
Borough Cllr Rutt

2. Declaration of Interests on Items on the Agenda

There were no declarations of Interest.

There were no changes to the members Registers of Interests.

3. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting on 15th May 2018 were duly approved and signed by the Chair.

Proposed Cllr Freeman Seconded Cllr Thomas

4. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

5. Meeting Open for Public Participation:

The Chair welcomed the visitor.

County Cllr Naden-Horley updated the Council on the current position with the restructuring of Northamptonshire County Council, reminding the Council that only its statutory requirements would be met at this present time. She added that she would be supportive of the community bus service, commenting that the recent meeting of rural parishes and the representative of NCC had been very productive.

The Chair informed the Council of the new email address for Borough Cllr Rutt, this being robertrutt12@gmail.com

The Chair thanked County Cllr Naden-Horley who duly left the meeting at 7.48 pm.

(Meeting closed to the public.)

6. New Village Hall and Recreational Ground:

Cllr Freeman reported from a recent meeting of members of the Village Hall Trust, the architects and the Planning Officer informing the Council that the application is scheduled to be presented to the planning committee at Corby Borough Council on 14th August.

The Chair informed the Council that the Cottingham and Middleton Village Hall Management Committee had requested that Middleton PC fill its vacancy on the Management Committee and she had therefore attended the last meeting and would continue to do so for the time being, unless any other member of the Council wished to attend.

7. Orchard and Open Space:

The Council noted that the scheduled tree works had been completed. Cllr Freeman agreed to contact TreeSpace for some extra bark chippings to be delivered after the choir summer event on 1st July (*action TF*). The Valley Voice choir, as the organisers, would be providing a risk assessment for this event.

Signed.....Chair

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8. Highways, Lighting and Rights of Way:

School Hill Traffic Management – The Chair informed the Council that NCC Highways representative Sarah Barnwell would be meeting with residents and members of the Council on School Hill on Friday 22nd June to look at the possibility of signing narrow and restricted access from the Camsdale Walk junction down and upwards from the Hill..

Jurassic Way / Swinglers Path ‘No Horse Riding’ Signage – The Chair agreed to organise the purchase of signs for Jurassic Way from Brunel Signs (*action SB*). The Clerk will arrange purchase and siting of the replacement sign for the Darescroft entrance to Swinglers Path (*action JM*).

Cllr Thomas raised the rotten post on the kissing gate at the entrance to the footpath along Camsdale Walk and agreed to report it to NCC Rights of Way via Street Doctor (*action MT*).

Cllr Freeman raised the potholes on the Bringhurst Road and agreed to report them via Street Doctor (*action TF*).

The Council noted the fallen branch from East Carlton Park obstructing the pavement on The Hill. The Clerk will report to CBC Environmental Services to arrange clearance (*action JM*).

The issue of large agricultural vehicles travelling along Main Street was raised – the Council **agreed** to write again to local land owners reminding them of the restricted access through the village (*action JM*).

It was suggested that the Head Teacher at Cottingham Primary School be written to, to request that parents drive and park responsibly when dropping of their children.

9. 67 Bus Service Cessation

The Chair reminded the Council that the local Parish Councils represented at the recent Wilbarston meeting had agreed to ask Corby and Kettering Borough Councils to provide £3,000 each towards the subsidy of a 9 month pilot twice weekly service to identify take up. She had written to Borough Cllr Rutt requesting his support for this initiative and that he approach the CBC Chief Executive with a formal request for £3,000 to part subsidise this initiative. The Council **agreed** to fund its proportion of the subsidy (approximately £400) should funding from Corby and Kettering Borough Councils not be forthcoming.

10. Safety Review of Parish Assets:

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

11. New Model Standing Orders:

The New Model Standing Orders had been amended as agreed and were then duly **approved**.

Proposed Cllr Freeman

Seconded Cllr Thomas

12. Planning:**18/00374/DPA 15 Ashley Road Rear Two Storey Extension**

The Council considered this application and made no comment.

The Council discussed the vehicle activated speed sign which will be provided by Hereward Homes at the Ashley Road gateway into the village. The Council **agreed** that a ‘smiley face’ sign would be best suited. Cllr Freeman agreed to source this (*action TF*).

13. Finance:

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

101466	Clerk – May Salary and Expenses	315.76
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Signed.....Chair

Date.....

101467	Steve Morphy – Grass Cutting	370.00
101468	Jamie Badshaw – Orchard and Culvert Maintenance	310.00
101469	Cottingham VHMC – April Hire	12.00
101470	Joes Lawn Care – Orchard Grass	23.00
101471	Besthost – Website	17.25
101472	Zurich Municipal – Insurance	167.44
101473	TreeSpace – Orchard Prunng	690.00
101474	Cottingham VHMC – May Hall Hire	9.00
101475	Steve Morphy – Grass Cutting	420.00

Receipts
None

SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	47,749.18
Business Reserve	166.54
Community Account	2,232.62
Less Allocation for Village Hall	40,940.50
Total:	<u>9,207.83</u>

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 – May/June eUpdate

CBC – Invitation to consult on proposed changes to Local Authority

This has been delivered to all residents in Middleton to gauge their views on a Single Tier Authority. The Council **agreed** that any arrangements and delivery of services should be as local as possible and urged the residents to air their views via the consultation document.

15. Business for next meeting:

There was none identified at present.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.13 pm

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

Signed.....Chair Date.....

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