

MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 16th October 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Annexe, Cottingham.

Present: Cllrs Brant (Chair), Cole (Vice Chair), Bradshaw, Freeman and Hicks, Mrs Medwell (Parish Clerk), County Cllr Naden-Horley, Borough Cllr Rutt and one member of the public.

1. To Approve Apologies for Absence:

Cllrs Cross and Thomas - Holiday Commitments

PS Rob Offord and PCSO Joe Devlin

2. Declaration of Interests on Items on the Agenda

Borough Cllr Rutt declared an interest in Item 12

There were no changes to the members Registers of Interests.

3. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting on 28th August 2018 were duly approved and signed by the Chair.

Proposed Cllr Bradshaw

Seconded Cllr Freeman

4. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising

5. Meeting Open for Public Participation:

The Chair welcomed the visitors.

County Cllr Naden-Horley updated the Council on the current position regarding the new proposed unitary reform and brought Corby Borough Council spending to the Council's attention.

Borough Cllr Rutt reported that the Kier contract would be finishing in January 2019 and that Kettering and Corby would be working together after that on waste collection and litter. He reported that evidence had been found amongst the fly tipping along Occupation Lane, which may be able to identify the culprit. He also informed the Council that a proposal would be put forward that Corby Borough Council reimburses monies paid by its rural parishes to establish the pilot bus service to Market Harborough. The Chair raised the proposed traffic management signage on School Hill, asking whether there might be monies available from Corby Borough Council towards these. Cllr Rutt advised that this would be very unlikely.

The Chair thanked Cllrs Naden-Horley and Rutt who duly left the meeting at 7.58 pm.

(Meeting closed to the public.)

This next item was brought forward

12. Planning:

17/00180/OUT Outline application for a sustainable urban extension comprising 4,500 dwellings and associated infrastructure works.

The Chair informed the Council of a meeting with the developers, local parish councils, landowners, NCC Highways representatives and Corby Borough Council the following evening. It was noted that the consultation period seemed very short in light of such a large

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development and the fact that hard copies of the application were still not available as promised. The Chair stated that it might be necessary to request an extension for the Council to make its response but this would be clearer after tomorrow night's meeting.

18/00617/DPA Spread Eagle Pub Part change of use of the existing Public House car park to enable the erection of a three bedroom dwelling. Creation of a new access from School Lane to serve the dwelling and provision of a pedestrian link from the High Street

The Council discussed this application within Cottingham Parish and noted that Cottingham village centre was listed in the Corby Part 2 Local Plan as a local amenity centre. Concern was expressed at the loss of an essential parking area for the pub, Village Shop and Church if the development is allowed.

6. New Village Hall and Recreational Ground:

The Chair reported that the AGM had been postponed and that there was nothing further to report on this item at the current time.

7. Autumn Litter Pick:

The Council observed that in light of the fallen leaves, the opportunity for an autumn litter pick had passed now until the spring. The Council **agreed** to look into purchasing a few litter pickers for ad hoc use in the meantime (*action JM*).

8. Orchard and Open Space:

The Council expressed its thanks to Cllrs Hicks and Thomas for clearing the fallen apples and to John Dixon and family for supplying and spreading woodchip in the Orchard.

9. Highways, Lighting and Rights of Way:

School Hill Traffic Management Signage – In light of the probability that no funding for these signs would be available from the Borough, the Council **agreed** to refer back to NCC Highways representative Sarah Barnwell for confirmation of costs before making any decision to purchase the signage itself (*action SB*).

Grit Bins – The Council referred to correspondence from Northamptonshire Highways regarding the removal of grit bins. The Council noted that bin number 1588, half way along School Hill did not meet NCC current criteria and was due to be removed. The Council **agreed** to take ownership and the responsibility for replenishing this bin. The Clerk will arrange transfer of ownership (*action JM*).

The Council also noted the deteriorated bin on the bend at the lower end of School Lane which did not belong to NCC. The Council **agreed** to pursue the possibility of obtaining a second hand bin from NCC to replace this (*action JM*).

10. Pilot Community Bus Service:

The Chair updated the Council on the current position regarding the proposed twice weekly pilot bus service from Corby to Market Harborough. The management of this is being undertaken by Wilbarston Parish Council and the next stage is to register the routes before the service can commence. Once dates for commencement are available all households in the Parish will be informed.

11. 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 had carried out and recorded the routine monthly check of the defibrillator.

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13. Finance:

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

101487	Clerk – October Salary and Expenses	315.76
101488	Cottingham VHMC – Hall Hire	30.00
101489	Steve Morphy – Grass Cutting	630.00
101490	Besthost – Website	17.25
101491	Joes Lawn Care – Orchard	98.00
101492	Jamie Bradshaw – Culvert Maintenance	120.00
101493	Lady Haigs – Poppy Wreath	40.00

Receipts

NCC – Contribution to Grass Cutting	110.17
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SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	45,499.18
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Business Reserve	166.54
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Community Account	5,878.23
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Less Allocation for Village Hall	38,690.50
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Total:	12,853.45
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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 – September/ October eUpdate

NCALC – Friday Mini Update

NCC – Removal of Grit Bins

PS Offord (Northamptonshire Police) – Response to the Council’s concern about the recent break-ins occurring in the Middleton, Cottingham and Corby area.

In the month of September there were three crimes in Middleton, one of which was the burglary at Nazz Lounge (the other two are unrelated). In August the only crime to occur in Middleton was the first Burglary at Nazz Lounge.

The Council noted that regular police presence at the parish council meetings was becoming increasingly unlikely, therefore it was **agreed** to obtain the online crime statistics to report back at each meeting (*action JM*).

15. Business for next meeting:

Commence 2019/20 Budget setting process

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.54 pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 20th November 2018

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