

# MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Annexe, Cottingham.

Present: Cllrs Brant (Chair), Cole (Acting Chair), Freeman and Thomas and Mrs Medwell (Parish Clerk).

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1. To Approve Apologies for Absence:

Cllrs Bradshaw and Hicks - Work Commitments  
Cllr Cross – Family Commitment

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2. Declaration of Interests on Items on the Agenda

There were no declarations of interests.

There were no changes to the members Registers of Interests.

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3. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 were duly approved and signed by the Chair.

Proposed Cllr Freeman      Seconded Cllr Thomas

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4. Matters Arising:

**Litter Pickers** – The Clerk reported that she had sourced and ordered four litter pickers for ad hoc use by the parish.

**Grit Bins** – Cllr Thomas agreed to monitor the parish owned grit bin on School Hill for levels of grit.

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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 that there would now be regular meetings of the management committee and asked that any ideas for fund raising be passed to either herself or Cllr Freeman.

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7. Budget 2019/20:

The final budget for 2019/20 was presented to the Parish Council for consideration. The Council **agreed** the new addition of £473 towards village maintenance.

The Parish Council **Resolved to Agree** the Middleton Parish Council budget for 2019/20

Proposed by Cllr Brant      Seconded by Cllr Thomas

This was then signed by the Chair.

Subject to the receipt of the Concurrent Expenditure Grant from CBC of £814, the Parish Council **Resolved to Agree** the level of precept set at £7,000 for the financial year 2019-20.

Proposed by Cllr Brant      Seconded by Cllr Thomas

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

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8. Orchard and Open Space:

The Council noted that the contractor responsible for the culvert maintenance schedule had been contacted regarding cutting back the overgrown vegetation at the bottom of the

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culvert. Cllr Cole will check that this has been done (*action AC*).

It was noted that two of the benches in the Community Orchard had been removed for re-vernishing. The contractor undertaking the work will either return the benches or make the site safe before the Christmas Eve 'Walking Nativity' Event.

The Clerk will follow up on the risk assessment requested for the Christmas Eve 'Walking Nativity' Event (*action JM*).

#### 9. Highways, Lighting and Rights of Way:

**School Hill Traffic Management Signage** – The Chair informed the Council that the 'Unsuitable for Long Vehicles' signage for The Hill on each approach to the junction of School Hill had been ordered at a cost of £1,605.34 excl VAT.

**Lighting** – Cllr Freeman reported that the faulty light outside Rockingham Wheelers had been repaired.

#### 10. Pilot Community Bus Service:

The Chair updated the Council on the current position regarding the pilot bus service from Corby to Market Harborough. Use of the service was good at the start but has dropped off with no apparent users from Middleton. Corby Borough Council has agreed to subsidise its half of the monies therefore there should be some reimbursement to the parishes. There is a meeting between the interested parties in January.

#### 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 the routine monthly check of the defibrillator.

#### 12. Local Government Reform:

The Chair updated the Council on this item. The Secretary of State has started the Consultation process which is slowly moving forward. All local elections have been postponed until 2020.

#### 13. Planning:

**18/00712/DPA Bromwell House Erection of Detached Garage with store room above**  
The Council considered and supported this application. It was noted that no hard copy of the plans and covering letter had been received from Corby Borough Council, the Clerk will follow this up (*action JM*).

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

There was nothing further to report on this item at present. The Council will co-ordinate with East Carlton, Rockingham and Cottingham Parish Councils once a date had been finalised for the planning meeting.

#### 14. Finance:

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

101498	Clerk – December Salary and Expenses	335.76
101499	Best Host – Website	17.25
101501	The Helping Hand – Litter Pickers	62.50
101502	Jamie Bradshaw – Culvert Maintenance	120.00

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Receipts  
None

SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	45,499.18
Business Reserve	166.54
Community Account	4,695.96
Less Allocation for Village Hall	38,690.50
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£11,671.18</b>

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

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**15. Correspondence:**

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

NCALC – eUpdate Nov/Dec and Friday Mini Update

Troy Hayes – Neighbourhood Planning and Planning Support

CBC – Town and Parish Council Briefing on Government Restructure

Northants PCC – Newsletter

PCSO Devlin – Notification of arrest of man in connection with recent local burglaries

Caldecott Parish Council – Request for support of a bypass at Caldecott

The Council considered this request and **agreed** to write to Rutland County Council urging it to take into account the enormity of the West Corby Extension and its impact on the local road network (*action JM*).

NCC – Consultation on Libraries

The Council noted that there was no change planned for Corby Library.

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**16. Business for next meeting:**

Nothing identified at present.

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019

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