

MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 15th January 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Annexe, Cottingham.

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

1. To Approve Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Cross – Holiday Commitment
Borough Cllr Rutt

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.

3. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting on 18th December 2018 were duly approved and signed by the Chair.

Proposed Cllr Freeman Seconded Cllr Thomas

4. Matters Arising:

Litter Pickers – These had been delivered and were being stored at the Clerk's address for ad hoc use by the parish.

5. Meeting Open for Public Participation:

There were no members of the public present.

(Meeting closed to the public.)

6. New Village Hall and Recreational Ground:

There was nothing further to report on this item at present.

7. Orchard and Open Space:

The Council noted that an application had been submitted to Corby Borough Council to designate the Community Orchard as a Local Green Space as agreed in its response to the Emerging Draft Options consultation as part of the Corby Local Plan Part 2.

It was noted that two of the benches had been re-varnished and returned and the third has been removed for varnishing. The Council commended the contractor undertaking the work, commenting that they looked very smart.

The Clerk will submit the annual invoice to Corby Borough Council for the routine orchard and culvert maintenance (*action JM*).

8. Highways, Lighting and Rights of Way:

School Hill Traffic Management Signage – The Council approved the invoice from NCC for the 'Unsuitable for Long Vehicles' signage for The Hill on each approach to the junction of School Hill for £1,605.34 excl VAT.

Lighting – Cllr Cole brought to the Council's attention the faulty street lamps in Glover Court and Main Street. Cllr Freeman will report to Corby Borough Council (*action TF*).

Signage – It was noted that the Village Store sign by the phone kiosk was broken and should be removed as it has jagged edges. The Chair undertook to return it to the shop. (*action SB*).

Signed.....Chair

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Grit Bins – Cllr Thomas reported that the grit bin maintained by Northants CC at the bottom of School Hill was full. Cllr Thomas will review how many bags will be needed for the bin at the top of School Hill (which is now owned and maintained by the Parish Council) prior to the Council organising its refill (*action MT*).

Road Signs – The Council observed that the Ashley Road sign needed cleaning and repainting. Cllr Freeman and Cole will attend to this (*action AC and TF*).

Kissing Gate, Camsdale Walk – It was noted that this had deteriorated still further and was restricting access. The Clerk will report to NCC Rights of Way via Street Doctor (*action JM*).

TVAS, Ashley Road – The Council will meet with Hereward Homes and NCC Highways in the near future to discuss the siting and style of the speed sign which will be provided by Hereward Homes at the Ashley Road gateway to the village.

Jurassic Way Footpath – It was noted that horse riders were still occasionally using the Jurassic Way footpath from East Carlton to Middleton despite the prohibition sign. The Council **agreed** to place the remaining ‘No Horse Riding’ signs on the gates approaching Middleton from the East Carlton end of the footpath (*action SB and TF*).

9. Pilot Community Bus Service:

The Chair updated the Council on the current position regarding the pilot bus service from Corby to Market Harborough. Corby Borough Council has eventually paid its half of the subsidy to Wilbarston Parish Council as the coordinating Parish, of which £253.33 has been refunded to the Council. It is likely that there is sufficient subsidy funding for this service to continue into the summer months. There is a meeting between the interested parties on 23rd January which the Chair will attend.

10. 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.

11. Local Government Reform:

There was nothing further to report on this item at present.

12. Planning:

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

The Council noted that this development was still under discussion between Corby BC and the Developers and as yet no date had been set for the planning meeting. Once a meeting date is agreed the Council will co-ordinate with East Carlton, Rockingham and Cottingham Parish Councils in order to represent Parish views at the meeting.

Signed.....Chair

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13. Finance:

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

101503	Clerk – January Salary and Expenses	315.76
101504	St Mary Magdalene Church – Donation to Mowing	250.00
101505	Jamie Bradshaw – Culvert Maintenance	120.00
101506	GSS Architecture - Village Hall	1,440.00
101507	NCC – Signage for School Hill	1,925.21
101508	Information Commissioner – GDPR	40.00
101509	VHMC – Hall Hire	18.00

Receipts

Wilbarston Parish Council – Bus Refund	253.33
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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	656.99
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Less Allocation for Village Hall	37,490.50
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Total:	£8,823.21
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b) The Council unanimously **approved** the bank reconciliation which was then duly signed by the Chair.

At this point the Council agreed to transfer £3,500 from the National Savings into the Barclays Current Account. Cllrs Brant and Cole signed the necessary paperwork.

14. Correspondence:

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

NCALC – Street Lighting Workshop and Exhibition

NCALC - eUpdates

15. Business for next meeting:

Nothing identified at present.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.06 pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 12th February 2019

Signed.....Chair

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