

# MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Annexe, Cottingham.

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

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1. To Approve Apologies for Absence:

There were none.

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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 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were duly approved and signed by the Chair.

Proposed Cllr Freestone

Seconded Cllr Thomas

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4. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising not covered on the agenda.

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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 the application by the Trust to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) is progressing and that there is a long list of fundraising events planned including a Christmas Bazaar on 30<sup>th</sup> November, 1 to 4pm in the Village Hall Annexe.

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7. Orchard and Open Space:

The Clerk reported that the contractor responsible for the monthly maintenance of the culvert had been contacted regarding the maintenance of the Obelisk area. He will alternate the two areas, cutting back the shrubbery around the Obelisk bi-monthly or as required.

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8. Highways, Lighting and Rights of Way:

**Signage** – It was noted that the ‘sharp bend’ sign on the Hill had been repaired. Cllr Freeman informed the Council that he had received several reports that the TVAS on the Ashley Road was not working consistently. The Clerk will contact the suppliers to request that this is rectified or replaced with a more suitable device (*action JM*). The Clerk was also actioned with reporting to County Highways the trees on the road side of the wall that is currently under reconstruction on The Hill (*action JM*).

**Lighting** – Cllr Cole informed the Council that one of the two faulty lights in Glover Court had been replaced. The light outside no.11 was awaiting repair.

**Grit Bins** – The Council noted the new replacement grit bit on the bend of School Hill and thanked Cllr Freeman for installing this. Cllr Freeman will monitor its use and replenish the grit when necessary (*action TF*).

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**Litter Pick** – The Litter Pick organised for October 6<sup>th</sup> had been cancelled due to the forecast of torrential rain. A new date will be arranged for the end of March next year, as leaves are now falling.

**Flooding, Main Street** – It was noted that the blocked drain at the end of the Jurassic Way footpath opposite the Nazz Spice had been reported once again via FixMyStreet. The Council also noted that there appears to be a blockage of the culvert which runs under the garden of Manor House. As a result, water is emerging with some force through the drive of Manor House, causing it to run down the drive and into the drains on Main Street causing some flooding. Cllrs Brant and Freeman will visit the manager of Manor House to discuss what action they are taking and whether any support can be offered (*action SB and TF*).

#### 9. Safety Review of Parish Assets:

Cllr Cole reported that all parish assets were fit for purpose.

#### 10. Local Government Re-Organisation:

There was nothing further to report on this item.

#### 11. Joint Working with East Carlton Parish Council:

The Chair informed the Council that she had received an inquiry from East Carlton Parish Council regarding the possibility of joint working between the two parishes. The Chair will further this with East Carlton Parish Council to see how it would like to proceed (*action SB*).

#### 12. Monthly Crime Report:

The Council noted two incidents of car crime in the parish including theft from a vehicle which had not been reported to the police. The Council noted the importance of encouraging all residents to inform the police of any crime, however small. Cllr Freestone volunteered to look in to the possibility of establishing a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme (*action AF*).

All information pertaining to local crime can be found by entering the relevant postcode on [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk)

#### 13. Welland Valley Wanderer:

The Chair updated the Council on the current position regarding the community bus service. There will be a meeting later in October to review usage and to look at funding options beyond March next year. It was expected that the group would approach both Kettering and Corby Borough Council's along with Northamptonshire County Council to see if further short term subsidy was possible before the new Unitary Authority is formed.

#### 14. Planning:

##### **19/00477/DPA Longridge, 1 Ashley Road Erection of two four bedroom dwellings**

Middleton Parish Council considered this application and objected as it stands on the following grounds.

The application to build two four bedroom executive homes on this plot does not fit with the village's housing requirement which in the 2017 Middleton Housing Need Survey identified a need for 2/3 bedroom bungalows and three bedroom houses. Furthermore the application is not in line with the Conservation Area Management Plan which requires that new development proposals complement the character of adjacent

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buildings by being subservient to these. Any development here should be a 'small cottage style property, rather than a larger detached executive-type dwelling' and should preferably be 1.5 storeys as per the Conservation Area plan. The Parish Council considers the proposed four bedroom houses to be an over-development of the plot with insufficient garden and soft landscaping to adsorb rain water. This area of The Hill is already plagued by problems with surface water run off, as evidenced by the continuous stream that runs down the Jurassic Way and into the road next to the site for half the year. It is very important that any development adjacent to Longridge maximises soft landscaping to ensure effective rainwater absorption. Whilst the Parish Council is committed to infill development on sites such as this, it considers that new houses in the village should reflect the needs identified in the 2017 housing need survey with proportionate sized gardens. As there is little parking space on that section of Main Street due to the junction and right angle bend, any development must contain parking for residents' and their visitors' cars.

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

The Chair reported from the Planning Committee Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> September. Outline planning permission was granted and the parishes achieved an agreement that CBC would recommend they have a representative on the 'Transport Manage and Monitor' group. This will be constituted once building commences, to keep an eye on traffic movements locally and identify if traffic starts to increase through the villages. £250,000 of S106 money has been allocated to pay for mitigation in the event of 'unforeseen impacts' of the development within rural villages.

A West Corby Urban Development Site Wide Design Code has now been published and is under consultation. Given the size of the document, the Council agreed to circulate the code to gain councillor comments. Cllr Hicks to read the code and then pass on to a colleague.

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#### 5. Finance:

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

101553	Clerk – September Salary and Expenses	325.00
101554	Steve Morphy – Grass Cutting	200.00
101555	Jamie Bradshaw – Culvert Maintenance	60.00
101556	Road Ware – New Grit Bin	65.94
101557	Sarah Brant – Chair's Expenses	100.00

Receipts

None

#### SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	40,840.72
Business Reserve	166.86
Community Account	8,275.08
Less Allocation for Village Hall	35,990.50
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£13,292.16</b>

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

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16. Correspondence:

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

- NCALC – eUpdates / Building Communities
- NCC Highways – Weekly Works Programme
- PC Joe Devlin – Crime Report

17. Business for next meeting:

- 2020-21 Budget Setting
- Neighbourhood Watch

The next meeting has been moved to 27<sup>th</sup> November. There will be no meeting in December

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.52 pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Signed.....Chair

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