

# **MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL**

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The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Annexe, Cottingham.

Present: Cllrs Brant (Chair), Cole (Vice Chair), Bradshaw, Freeman, Freestone and Thomas, Mrs Medwell (Parish Clerk) and County Cllr Naden-Horley (arrived 7.45 pm).

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## 1. To Approve Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Hicks – Holiday 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 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019 were duly approved and signed by the Chair.

Proposed Cllr Freeman

Seconded Cllr Cole

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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:

The Chair welcomed County Cllr Naden-Horley.

Cllr Naden-Horley was informed of the West Corby SUE meeting tomorrow evening at which Corby Borough Council along with the developers will be briefing local parishes on the changes to the outline planning application aimed at addressing consultee objections. She will endeavour to attend. The Council also raised highways issues with Cllr Naden-Horley, particularly the need for the repainting of the white lines at the junction of Ashley Road with Main Street and The Hill which had been reported via the NCC website Fix My Street several times. She will pursue this with NCC's Sarah Barnwell.

Cllr Naden- Horley updated the Council on the current position regarding Unitary Reform stating that the 'Statutory Change' Order has been signed and is due to go to Parliament in October and notified the Council of the proposed Refuse Burning site in Shelton Road, Corby which she will push to be refused.

The Chair thanked Cllr Naden-Horley who duly left the meeting at 8.11 pm  
(Meeting closed to the public.)

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## 6. New Village Hall and Recreational Ground:

The Chair reported on a successful workshop regarding local fund raising. There are now 68 residents who have expressed interest in being involved in various aspects of making The Mill a reality. She also reported that the Charity has submitted its application to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and is awaiting a response.

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## 7. Orchard and Open Space:

The Council noted the overgrown brambles and nettles around the Orchard. It was agreed that a task force be assembled to cut these back.

Signed.....Chair

Date.....

The Council discussed the overgrown shrubbery around the obelisk. It reviewed the quote received to either replace the shrubs with something more manageable or to remove them and gravel around the obelisk and to reseed the area with grass. The Council **agreed** that this was cost prohibitive and **agreed** instead to ask the contractor responsible for the monthly maintenance of the culvert, to alternate the two areas and cut back the shrubbery bimonthly (*action JM*).

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

**Signage** – Cllr Freeman informed the Council that he had cleared the overgrown foliage around both the village entrance signs on Ashley Road and The Hill and had planted poppy seeds around them both. He had also removed the overhanging foliage around the speed sign so that it now worked correctly. Cllr Freeman was thanked for his work on this.

**Lighting** – Cllr Freeman informed the Council that the three faulty lights in Glover Court and outside 27 Main Street had been reported. Cllr Cole advised that EON would be replacing with a modern fitting the top part of the two lights in Glover Court.

**Grit Bins** – The Council **agreed** that a grit bin was necessary on the bend of School Hill and **agreed** to replace with a similar sized neutral coloured bin. Cllr Freeman will source a suitable replacement (*action TF*).

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

The Council noted that the notice board had been refurbished and recorded its thanks to local decorator John Connachie for doing this free of charge. The bench on Main Street had been re-varnished and replaced. All other parish assets were in order.

#### 10. Local Government Reform:

There was nothing further to report on this item.

#### 11. Monthly Crime Report:

The Council noted two incidents of crime in the parish regarding theft from and damage to motor vehicles.

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

#### 12. Planning:

##### **19/00327/DPA 3 The Hill Two Storey Side and Rear Extension**

The Council considered this application and made the following comment. This property falls within the Middleton conservation area and is one of a matching pair of unusual semi-detached houses close to the road which are a significant feature of the street scene. The Council considers that the size of the extension beyond the existing building line to the side of the property would make it disproportionate in size compared to its neighbour, thus detracting from the street scene in this conservation area. For this reason the Parish Council does not support this application as currently formulated.

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

A meeting has been arranged for 18<sup>th</sup> September for Corby Borough Council, Northants County Council and the developers to report back to the local parishes on the highways objections raised a year ago. The Planning Committee date has been set for 26<sup>th</sup> September.

Signed.....Chair

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13. Finance:

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

101544	Steve Morphy – Grass Cutting	620.00
101545	Clerk – September Salary and Expenses	325.00
101546	Jamie Bradshaw – Culvert Maintenance	120.00
101547	Cottingham VHMC – July Hall Hire	12.00
101548	Besthost – Website	17.25
101549	Curtis Website Design – Annual Maintenance	100.00
101550	Joe's Lawn Care	98.00
101551	Community Heartbeat Trust	60.00
101552	Steve Morphy – Grass Cutting / Bench Refurbishment	320.00

## Receipts

CBC Precept and Grant	7,810.00
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## SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	40,840.72
Business Reserve	166.86
Community Account	9,026.02

Less Allocation for Village Hall	35,990.50
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Total: **£14,043.10**

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

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14. Correspondence:

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

NCALC – July / August eUpdates

NCC Highways – Road Closure, School Hill / Weekly Works Programme

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15. Business for next meeting:

There was nothing new identified at present.

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm

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

Signed.....Chair

Date.....