

# MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Annexe, Cottingham.

Present: Cllrs Brant (Chair), Bradshaw, Freeman, Freestone, Hicks and Thomas, Mrs Medwell (Parish Clerk) and County Cllr Naden-Horley.

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## 1. To Approve Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Cole

Ian Holmes – CBC Neighbourhood Warden

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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 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were duly approved and signed by the Chair.

Proposed Cllr Freestone

Seconded Cllr Freeman

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## 4. Matters Arising:

The Council noted the success of the Walking Nativity and the Welland Voice Carols which used the Orchard over Christmas.

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## 5. Meeting Open for Public Participation:

The Chair welcomed the visitor.

County Cllr Naden Horley referred to her recent circulated newsletter which included information on Highways, Cabinet Reports and the NCC Structural Change Order. She stated that the NCC finances were in significantly better order and that more money would be spent on pothole repair. Cllr Naden Horley also said she would be happy to attend a village walkabout with NCC Sarah Barnwell to look at any Highways issues in the parish and asked to be copied in to any Highways related correspondence.

The Chair thanked the visitor who duly left the meeting at 7.50pm

(Meeting closed to the public.)

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## 6. New Village Hall and Recreational Ground:

The Chair circulated the Annual Report from the recent Annual General Meeting of Th Mill Community Hub, Cottingham and Middleton. It was very encouraging to have so much support from and local skills provided by the community.

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## 7. Orchard and Open Space:

The Council noted that all was looking in good order in these areas.

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

**Signage on The Hill** – The Chair referred to correspondence from NCC Sarah Barnwell, following another collision with the wall on the bend at the top of The Hill. The Council had requested extra or improved signage before the bend warning drivers and a crash barrier to protect the wall and deflect vehicles. Ms Barnwell stated that it was highly unlikely that County Highways would justify installing any kind of crash barrier here, but would consider adding reflective verge markers along the edge of the grass triangle to help indicate the line

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of the road as drivers approach. This has been added to the list of potential works for consideration as budgets permit, possibly in next financial year. The Council **agreed** to pursue this and will invite Sarah Barnwell for a village 'walkabout' to look at other Highways issues in the parish (*action JM*).

**Community Litter Pick** – The Council **agreed** a date of 15<sup>th</sup> March for the Cottingham and Middleton Community Litter Pick. Cllr Hicks will order the necessary equipment and the Clerk will liaise with Cottingham Parish Council regarding promotion of this important community activity (*action GH and JM*).

**Lighting** – Cllr Freeman informed the Council that the faulty lamps on Main Street and School Hill had been reported and were awaiting repair.

**Grit Bins** – Cllr Thomas agreed to monitor the Parish Council owned grit bins on School Lane for grit levels (*action MT*).

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

In the absence of Cllr Cole there was nothing to report. The Clerk advised that all was in order with the defibrillator.

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

There was nothing further to report on this item.

#### 11. Welland Valley Wanderer:

The Chair updated the Council on the current position regarding the community bus service. Uptake of the service had reduced recently but it was expected this would pick up again after the holiday period. It was hoped the Corby Borough Council would contribute a modest subsidy again for the year 2020/21.

#### 12. Monthly Crime Report:

There were no incidents of crime to report this month.

Cllr Freestone was in the process of setting up a closed 'Whatsapp' Group which could easily and quickly be used to notify and share neighbourhood watch information. Residents of Middleton are invited to join and should contact the Clerk or Cllr Freestone if they wish to be added to the group. Cllr Freestone to write a piece for the newsletter (*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. VE Day 8<sup>th</sup> May:

The Council referred to a request from Cottingham Parish Council with regards to joining forces to arrange a VE Celebration on 8th May Bank Holiday. The Council **agreed** to request further information on what this would entail before making any decision (*action JM*).

#### 14. Planning:

**Travellers Site, Ashley Road** - The Council expressed its concern with the continued unauthorised developments at the site and its frustration at the residents seeming lack of respect for any enforcement issued by Corby Borough Council Planning Enforcement. The Council **agreed** to invite an officer from CBC Planning Enforcement to attend the next meeting in order to discuss the way forward (*action JM*).

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**19/00337/DPA 20A Main Street Proposed extension to house**

The Council noted that planning permission had been granted.

**19/00327/HHA 3 The Hill Two storey side/rear extension**

The Council noted that planning permission had been refused.

**19/00477/DPA 1 Ashley Road Erection of two new dwellings**

The Council noted that planning permission had been refused.

**15. Finance:**

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

101564	Clerk – Salary and Expenses	325.00
101565	ICO – Data Protection	40.00
101566	VHMC – Hall Hire	12.00
101567	St Mary Magdalene Church – Mowing Contribution	250.00
101568	Besthost - Website	17.25
101569	CHT – Defibrillator Annual Support	151.20
101570	Jamie Bradshaw – Culvert Maintenance	120.00

Receipts

None

**SUMMARY OF BALANCES**

National Savings	40,840.72
Business Reserve	166.86
Community Account	4,814.07
Less Allocation for Village Hall	35,990.50
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£9,831.15</b>

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

**16. Correspondence:**

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

NCALC – eUpdates

CBC – Submission of Local Plan Part 2

Police – New Interim Neighbourhood Sergeant

**17. Business for next meeting:**

Review of Risk Assessment

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.04 pm

Minutes to be ratified at the next Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Signed.....Chair

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