

The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 11th July 2023 at 6.30 pm in Cottingham and Middleton Village Hall Annex.

Present: Cllrs Coughlan (Chair), Cole, Boucher and Denton, Mrs Medwell (Clerk) and Police Liaison Representative Del Robertson.

1. To approve apologies for absence:

Cllr Thomas - approved

PC Brad Wilson and NNC Cllr K Watt

2. Declaration of Interests on Items on the Agenda or changes to the Members Register of Interests:

There were no Declarations of Interests.

There were no changes to the Members Registers of Interests.

3. To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting as a correct record.

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 13th June 2023 were duly approved and signed by the Chair.

Proposed Cllr Boucher Seconded Cllr Denton

4. Matter arising from the minutes, not listed on the agenda:

There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

5. Meeting Open to the public:

There were no members of the public present.

6. Monthly Crime Report:

In the absence of PC Brad Wilson, PLR Del Robertson gave the following report for June:

CRIMES – ONE

ASSAULT (23000402284): NO INJURY – NEIGHBOUR DISPUTE (SUSPECT KNOWN, NO COMPLAINT, ENQUIRIES COMPLETE, FILED)

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR INCIDENTS – ONE

379 – 30\06\23: CONCERNS FOR WELFARE OF CHILD (POLICE ATTEND AND ALL IN ORDER)

INDEPENDENT ADVISORY GROUP

The INDEPENDENT ADVISORY GROUP (IAG) is a group of people from across Kettering/Corby area who meet every 6 weeks to provide an independent perspective on how the Police go about local policing (these groups exist on all policing areas across the force). This group is there to provide opinions on the work the Police are doing and how it is being received in the community along with how the Police can improve. The IAG is looking to recruit new members and the Police would like the IAG to be representative of the community as a whole and have members from different locations across the area and different backgrounds. Please email through to iag@northants.pnn.police.uk to register interest.

POLICE SURGERIES

PC820 B WILSON & PCSO 7030 C ASANTE-AMPADUH held a POLICE SURGERY with the BEAT BUS on FRIDAY 16th JUNE 2023 between 13:00Hrs x 15:00Hrs on MAIN STREET, MIDDLETON. This was only attended by two persons, with no issues reported just general chat.

Mr Roberston also reported from the recent PLR annual liaison meeting. Parish councils can now apply for ATC's (strips measuring number and speed of vehicles) via the Northamptonshire Police new road policing unit directly and that from 3rd July the Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alert had changed to Northamptonshire Talking.

The Council referred to correspondence from a local resident regarding the car which has been abandoned outside a neighbour's property in Glover Court and is parked such as it causes a problem to residents, delivery lorries and the dustbin men. Mr Robertson advised that PC Wilson had agreed to look into this and if the vehicle is felt to be unroadworthy it will be lifted and taken away under the ELVIS scheme. The Council **agreed** to write to the owner if this vehicle is not removed requesting that it is parked considerately and does not impede residents and vehicles accessing Glover Court (*action JM*).

7. Orchard and Open Space:

There was nothing to report on this item.

8. Highways, Signage, Footpaths, Grit Bins, Lighting:

A damaged drain cover on The Hill, which is especially hazardous to horse riders, was brought to the Council's attention. The Chair will report via Fix My Street (*action SC*).

9. Safety Review of Parish Assets:

It was noted that all assets, apart from the flaking varnish on one of the orchard benches, were all in order. This bench is awaiting refurbishment.

The Defibrillator had been checked and is in order.

10. Changes to Ward Boundaries:

The Council considered the Boundary Commission recommendations on changes to the unitary ward boundaries which proposed Middleton along with East Carlton, Rockingham and Cotingham be included in the Desborough Ward. The Council felt that it would be of benefit to Middleton to sit in a ward with the neighbouring villages and agreed not to respond to the consultation.

11. Planning:

There were no planning applications to discuss.

The Chair circulated notes from a recent meeting with NNC Planning and Enforcement Officers and a representative from RAG to discuss the Oakley Park conditions and the Peasedale Hill appeal. The provisional date of Peasedale Hill appeals 7/8th November, to be confirmed.

12. Finance:

a) The following cheques and BACS payments were presented and unanimously **agreed**:

BACS	VHMC – Hall Hire	£12.00
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Signed..... Chair Date.....

BACS	Curtis Website Design – Website Maintenance	£100.00
300026	S Morphy – Grass Cutting	£675.00
SUMMARY OF BALANCES		
National Savings		£283.39
Unity Trust Account		£13,148.30
Total:		£13,431.69

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

13. Correspondence:

NCALC Unitary Communication Survey - looking at communications with NNC following concerns that there are departments not good at responding to parish enquiries. The Chair completed the survey on behalf of the Council.

UK Prosperity Fund – Information for rural communities and businesses on how to apply for funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

NNC Information on Summer Activities – circulated via village media platforms.

14. Exchange of Information:

There was no further exchange of information.

Those residents who don't already and wish to receive information by email, please contact Jane Smith on jane@le.com .

15. Business for next meeting:

Tuesday 12th September 2023

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.27 pm.

Signed..... Chair Date.....