

The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 6.30 pm in Cottingham and Middleton Village Hall Annex.

Present: Cllrs Coughlan (Chair), Cole and Boucher, Mrs Medwell (Clerk), PC Brad Wilson and one member of the public.

1. To approve apologies for absence:

Cllr Denton - approved

Police Liaison Representative Del Robertson.

2. Councillor Resignation and Vacancies:

The Council noted that no potential candidates for the position of councillor had come forward. The three vacancies will continue to be advertised through the various media platforms and Councillors will pursue any expressions of interest from members of the community.

3. 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.

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

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 14th November 2023 were duly approved and signed by the Chair.

Proposed Cllr Boucher Seconded Cllr Cole

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

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

6. Meeting Open to the public:

The Chair welcomed Mr Gibson from Hereward Homes.

Mr Gibson presented to the Council a proposal for some building development on and behind Camsdale Walk. Plans included two bungalows and one four bedroomed house as well as the possibility of widening Camsdale Walk.

The Chair thanked Mr Gibson who duly left the meeting.

7. Monthly Crime Report:

PC Brad Wilson gave the following report:

NOVEMBER CRIMES – THREE

DRUGS (23000676399): VEHICLE STOPPED ON A427 & CANNABIS LOCATED INSIDE (SUSPECT ARRESTED, OUT OF COURT DISPOSAL ISSUED, ENQUIRIES COMPLETE, FILED) ***LINKED***

DRUGS (23000676403): VEHICLE STOPPED ON A427 & CANNABIS LOCATED INSIDE (SUSPECT ARRESTED, OUT OF COURT DISPOSAL ISSUED, ENQUIRIES COMPLETE, FILED) ***LINKED***

DRUGS (23000676405): VEHICLE STOPPED ON A427 & CANNABIS LOCATED INSIDE (SUSPECT ARRESTED, OUT OF COURT DISPOSAL ISSUED, ENQUIRIES COMPLETE, FILED) ***LINKED***

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR INCIDENTS – NONE

The crime and anti-social behaviour figures for DECEMBER 2023 are as follows:

DECEMBER CRIMES – NONE

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR INCIDENTS – ONE

194 – 14\12\23: HORSE LOOSE ON ROAD (POLICE ATTEND & HORSE BACK IN FIELD ON ARRIVAL)

STAFFING UPDATE

Please note that due to staff redeployment PCSO 7030 CHRIS ASANTE-AMPADUH is no longer the CORBY RURAL P.C.S.O. with the post remaining vacant at this time.

8. Orchard and Open Space:

The overgrown trees at the Glover Court entrance to the Orchard were scheduled to be cut back next week. The culvert grill will be cleared at the same time.

The Clerk advised that confirmation had been received from NNC that the 106 monies for the 2022 season would be paid.

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

20 mph Advisory Boards – It was noted that 20 mph speed limit advisory boards had become available from NNC for trial in the village. The Council **agreed** to request the maximum of 4 boards (*action JM*).

Flooding – The Council noted the recent flooding at the junction of The Hill, Main Street and Ashley Road. Damage to property had been averted by the flood barriers, which had been very effective in diverting the water. The blocked drains had been reported on FixMyStreet and had since been cleared by NNC. The Council will continue to keep an eye on the drains at the top of The Hill.

It was also noted that in order to gain access to the flood barriers which were stored behind the Wheeler's clubhouse, fence panels had needed to be removed. The Council will make good any damage.

Lighting – All parish lighting appeared to be working at present. Residents were urged to contact the Council should they notice any faulty lights.

10. Parish Assets and Events:

It was noted that all assets were all in order.

The Defibrillator had been checked and is in order.

To approve contribution to tree works on playing field – Correspondence had been received from Cottingham Parish Council with regards to proposed tree works on the playing field and giving the costs that would be attributed to Middleton. The Council felt that it should have been consulted in the process of seeking and approving any quotes if it was expected to contribute a considerable sum towards this and **agreed** to respond to Cottingham Parish Council stating that in future its agreement would be needed in advance ahead of any financial decisions.

11. To Approve the 2024/25 Budget and Set Precept:

The Council **Resolved to Agree** the Middleton Parish Council budget for 2024/25

Proposed by Cllr Coughlan Seconded by Cllr All in favour

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

The Parish Council **Resolved to Agree** the level of precept set at £9,964.00 for the financial year 2024/25

Proposed by Cllr Seconded by Cllr All in favour

The Clerk will submit the Precept Demand to NNC (*action JM*).

12. Planning:

NC/23/00444/CON West Corby SUE Condition 4

The Council was unable to comment on this application without a full understanding of the new phasing strategy which is expected to be given at the proposed meeting between the West Corby Development Consortium and Parish and Town councillors.

NC/23/00493/PAAGB Land Off Ashley Road Agricultural Barn

The Council had no objection to this application

Peasedale Hill Appeals – Update

The Council noted that it was awaiting the Planning Inspectorate decision on this appeal.

West Corby SUE

Cllr Boucher attended the West Corby SUE presentation on 2nd December on behalf of the Council. This had given details on the development phases and improvements to highways infrastructure to accommodate construction vehicles and extra traffic. Further consultation events have been planned for the 12th and 13th January at Cottingham and Middleton Village Hall. All public invited to attend. The Council will continue its dialogue with developers and planners.

It was noted that Oakley Park was in breach of its planning conditions. NNC Planning Enforcement is aware and will be serving notice on these breaches.

The Council referred to the earlier presentation given by Mr Gibson. It noted that this proposed development was outside the village building boundary and stated that it was unable to comment until a valid planning application had been submitted.

13. Finance:

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

BACS	VHMC – November Hall Hire	£12.00
BACS	Besthost - Website	£17.25
BACS	CHT – Defib Support	£151.20
BACS	ICO – Data Protection	£40.00
BACS	CPRE – Subscription	£36.00

SUMMARY OF BALANCES

National Savings	£283.39
Unity Trust Account	£7,273.68
Total:	£7,557.07

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

14. Correspondence:

NCALC Survey to establish electrical equipment on the Highway owned by parish councils – the

Council will register the TVAS on Ashley Road with the Clerk and Chair as the emergency contacts.

CommMiniBus draft proposal for a service along the same route as Welland Wanderer. The company is open to talking to individual parishes on their requirements. Further information will be available after the meeting on 10th January.

15. Exchange of Information:

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

16. Business for next meeting:

Risk Assessment

17. Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 13th February 2024

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.37 pm.

Signed..... Chair

Date.....