**MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE RECREATION ROOM**

**CHURCH LANE MIDDLETON**

**Date 9/11/2022**

**Present Councillors**

**Cllr. James Beamish (JB) Chair**

**Cllr. Graham Smith**

**Cllr. Sandra Smith**

**Cllr. Gill Keegan (GK)**

1. **Apologies**

**Andy Jenns County Councillor (AJ)) (prior meeting)**

**Mark Simpson** **Borough Councillor (MS) (prior meeting)**

**Sandra Smith Borough Councillor (SS) (prior meeting)**

**Clerk in Attendance Tony Harris (TH)**

**Public in attendance**

1. **Declarations of Pecuniary or other interests.**

*None*

**4. Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 22/7/2022**

*The previous minutes were duly signed Chair Cllr Beamish*

1. **Matters Arising**
2. *It was raised by Cllr. Rotherham that retiring Councillor’s Graham Smith and Peter Rawlins should be thanked for their outstanding service to the community for the work and expertise they brought to the functioning of Middleton Parish Council. This was roundly endorsed by all present.*
3. *The Village shop is improving financially after the decision to not sell newspapers which had a large financial overhead, MPC encourage all local residents to support the Village shop during these difficult times in any way they can.*
4. *WIFI, installation has been attempted 4 times without success due to a mix up as to which exchange the connection should be made. A new supplier has been contacted and a date for connection agreed (postscript they failed to turnup at the last minute)a cheque for the connection has been signed and issued to the Village Hall for part of the connection costs.*
5. *Cllr. Keegan raised the issue of the 20MPH camera and it was agreed not to change this as it does seem to slow cars down and saftey of residents is paramount with lots of new mothers having to push prams on the road to avoid cars parked partly on the pavement.*
6. *An APNR camera is to be sited at Allen End with installation agreed. A business support group is to be set up so that local businesses can share information on criminal activity in the Parish. Businesses signing up will not be named but we believe this MPC initiative can provide both camera and intelligence led information being fed into the police.*
7. *Cllr. Keegan kindly provided a set of notes for the Village Green appraisal that was carried out by councillor’s these are attached as an addendum to the minutes.*
8. *Lease amendments are with Mr Tanners solicitors however they have not progressed the matter with their client so Mr Tanner was asked to chase current status.*
9. *Western Power is now part of National Grid so the process of getting supply has been explained by National Grid. The Two garage quotes are still outstanding have been chased yet again. Adrian Bell was taken through the possible plans for the Garage area with a meeting to be arranged for Both Alex Halliwell and Cllr. Keegan to formulate exact plans.*
10. *Telephone box glass is to be replaced as Cllr Keegan has found a handy man to carry out the work.*
11. *Central wooden play centre has been closed and the council agreed this should now not be repaired but replaced*

**NEW ACTIONS**

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| **Ref** | **What** | **Who** | **When** |
| **N1** | *Meeting notes attached as addendum* | All | 22/10/2022 |

**PENDING / ONGOING ACTIONS**

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| **Ref** | **What** | **Who** | **When** |
| **P2** | ***PLAY AREA***  *Cllr Keegan to look at new equipment options*  *Clerk to initiate repair of the central slide and turreted play equipment based on an initial £15000 (inclusive of VAT) budget to be reviewed based on quotes received* | Cllr  Keegan | September |
| **P3** | ***VILLAGE HALL***  *Village Hall Committee to source WIFI solution with MPC contributing 50% towards the cost for its own use.*  ***£186.00 cheque raised and paid to VH*** | Clerk | November |
| **P4** | ***LIBRARY***  *Glass has been repaired.* | Clerk | October |
| **P5** | ***MCC 15year LEASE***  *Lease with tenants Solicitor* | Clerk | October |
| **P9** | *Garages cleared and awaiting electricity supply and electric gate quotes* | Clerk | July |
| **P10** |  |  |  |
| **P11** | *It was unanimously agreed to purchase one remote cameras for wildlife monitoring and impact of HS2 works on our local biodiversity and site another ANPR camera at Allen End* | Clerk | July |

**CLOSED ACTIONS SINCE LAST MEETING**

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| **Ref** |  |
| **P7** | *Camera Church Lane to be left at 20MPH for the time being* |

**KEY FINANCIAL PROJECTS 2021/22**

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| **Ref** | **What** | **Quotes** | **Budgeted**  **cost** | **Actual cost** |
| **K2** | ***GARAGES (Church Lane)***  *Garages have been emptied and demolished and plans are to be drawn up for a new community facility* | Partial electricity connection charges in but obtaining electric gate quotes proving challenging | £10,000 EMR  This figure may need to revised due too large increases in all building estimates |  |
| **K4** | ***PLAY AREA*** *Repair has been discounted due to recent structural issues* |  |  |  |
| **K8** | ***MOBILE CAMERAS***  *For wildlife use one camera to be ordered*  ***Supplier approached but no quote yet received and question the need for sim and remote access*** | Camera £474 per camera sim card £10 month  Camera for Allen end | £500  £1438.74 | **December**  **December** |

1. **Samuel White Trust and other Community Organisations**
2. *Nothing to report*
3. **High Speed Rail Line** Clerk in discussion regarding Church Lane closure
4. We are seeing problems with traffic issues on the A4091and increased traffic flows on the A446.
5. **Middleton United Foundation Trust**- Bob Webb due to ill health and no longer being a local resident has resigned from the Trust so MPC have a righjt under the constitution to propose a trustee.

**9. Village Green Development**

**a.** *Cllr. Keegan has initial £15,000 budget to investigate equipment and costs.*

**10. Middleton Recreation Room**

*a. work on the extension is nearing completion with some plumbing works nearing completion.*

**11. Reports of Councillors and Clerk**

**Cllr. Keegan**

1. *Cllr Beamish signatory to the cheque book needs to be concluded so that we have three signatories.*
2. *Can it be confirmed the TV is now installed -this was affirmed.*
3. *Fence*
4. *Large Pot hole on bend by sign area. (Clerk reported and has been filled*

**Cllr. Beamish**

*a. An issue brought to the councils of renting out residential land for commercial purposes could have allegedly happened but with out evidence this can only be conjecture at this stage*

**Cllr. Rotherham**

1. *The speed cameras on the A4091 are faulty and flashing even at non speeding cars.*

**Cllr. Jenns**

*No Reports*

***Cllr. Simmons***

*No Reports*

1. **Correspondence (Clerk)**

**WALC**

Training

**WCC**

Central Government recently extended the Household Support Fund grant to support those most in need to help with global inflationary challenges and significantly rising living costs specifically food, energy, and linked essentials.  Warwickshire’s allocation is £3.47million to cover the period up to 31 March 2023.   Meeting 25/11/2022

**NWBC**

**Lost work days**

Type 2021/22 2022/23  
 Short Term 1.94 days per FTE 2.65 days per FTE  
 Long Term 3.86 days per FTE 4.06 days per FTE  
 Total 5.80 days per FTE 6.71 days per FTE

1. GARAGE SITE- supply/gates/building
2. Play area report completed

**General**

1. MUFT Bob Webb resignation
2. Play area repairs/report
3. GARAGE SITE- supply/gates/building
4. Insurance survey form received
5. APNR camera Allen End
6. Grant forms for signing
7. Atlantic Nursery planning granted-storage for agricultural use only
8. WCC contract
9. Wishaw Lane 200 cars in an hour/HGV Crowberry lane
10. **Planning matters**

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**14. Financials**

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| **MPC Financials 9/11/2022** | | | |  | |  |  | |  | |
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| Available funds in current account A/c 00411787 | | | | | | 44803 | 30/09/2022 | | £32521.91 | |
| Available funds in reserve account A/c 29525357 | | | | | | 44778 | 05/10/2022 | | £7373.46 | |
| Grand total | |  | |  | |  |  | | £39895.37 | |
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| unpresented cheques | | | |  | |  |  | |  | |
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| cheques to be signed | | | |  | |  |  | |  | |
| PFK | External Audit | | |  | |  |  | | £ 240.00 | |
| Defib shop | Defib pads | | |  | |  |  | | -£ 74.94 | |
| MRR | Contribution to internet costs | | | | |  |  | | -£ 186.84 | |
| Prontaprint | Middleton Matters October | | | | |  |  | | -£ 184.48 | |
| Cutting edge | September play area grass cutting +sign | | | | | |  | | -£ 140.00 | |
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| net available funds in current account A/c 00411787 | | | | | | | | | £31,695.65 | |
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**15. Public Questions and Comments**.

**16. The Chair proposes**

*None.*

**17. Any other business**

**Meeting closed at 8.55 pm**

**Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Date of next meeting 17/1/2022**