



MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE RECREATION ROOM
CHURCH LANE MIDDLETON

Date 20/06/2019 – Meeting 3. 2019/20

Present Councillors

Gill Keegan (GK) Chairman (alerted council to late arrival)
Graham Smith Vice Chairman (GS)
Peter Rotherham (PR)
Jack Everill (JE)
Pete Rawlins (PRaw)

Clerk in Attendance Tony Harris (TH)

Public in Attendance: None

1. Apologies

Andy Jenns (AJ)

2. Police surgery

None

3. Declarations of Pecuniary or other interests.

Cllr. Rawlins, noted that a self-employed contractor of his may quote on Path clearance

Cllr. Everill to investigate ford clearing is also a local landowner

4. Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 21/03/2019

The previous minutes were duly signed by Chairman Cllr. Keegan

5. Matters arising

- a) Kerb stones had an ineffectual repair with a handful of silver sand thrown on top. MPC considered this was totally unacceptable and would have a cost Clerk has reported to Highways*
- b) A quote was needed for the VG path clearance*
- c) Bus shelter still pending however Cllr Rawlins said he would look into an Oak structure..*
- d) Cllr. Simpson awaiting appointment of aa enforcement officer*
- e) Cllr. Rawlins confirmed he would apply the bandstand sealant as soon as the weather permitted and definitely before the fete it also needed some varnish on brickwork around the top to make water tight..*
- f) The flower tubs and signs agreed at our last meeting have been acquired and would be planted up in Middleton and Hill Lane.*
- g) HS2 have stated they will not use Church Lane to access the new site on the A4091*



- h) *The hall has been painted on the outside and Cllr Rotherham was asked to pen an article to Middleton Matters thanking all the Volunteers CLOSED.*
- i) *A donation of £300 by Middleton Horticultural Society has been paid into MPC bank for the purchase of wild flowers*

NEW ACTIONS

1. *Clerk to investigate how weeds can be removed from village green.*
2. *Clerk to look into possible HS2 Bus shelter funding.*
3. *Clerk to investigate gate blocking access at Middleton Hall. **Site visited***
4. *Revisit traffic calming options.*
5. *Raise issue of planning application for change of use at local business site. **Actioned***
6. *Clerk to look at traffic calming options*
7. *T15 path is now impassable chase WCC.*
8. *Clerk to look into second defibrillator and first aid training.*

ONGOING ACTIONS

1. *Clerk and Cllr Keegan - to review changes the website.*
2. *Clerk to prepare plans for a new bus shelter and seek planning permission, authorisation of up to £500 was given to achieve planning permission.*
3. *T15 ground uneven issues Clerk to raise with John Bardsley footpath officer. Cle*
4. *met with John it would appear the bank is eroding so may require a lot of work. Awaiting update. CC contacted and will use volunteers to effect a repair but no actual date available.*
5. *Clerk to look into possible HS2 Bus shelter funding.*
6. *Clerk to investigate gate blocking access at Middleton Hall. Site visited*
7. *Revisit traffic calming options*
8. *Solution needed for Allen End grit bin*
9. *Continue to press highways for solution to increasing number of potholes.*
10. *Cllr. Everill agreed to supply some newer bench tables and remove the old dilapidated from site Cllrs. Agreed to this kind offer.*
11. *Continue to press highways for solution to increasing number of potholes.*

PENDING ACTIONS

1. *Grit bin needs filling at Allen End, Clerk to arrange. Reported ref. 484234 but needs checking. **Checked no bin only slabs and overgrown with brambles***
2. *A grant to be used for flooding was potentially available, Clerk to look into how we might apply and for what specific works. Parishioner Terry Cole had extensive knowledge of the main flood areas and would be a useful source of contact for consultation.*
3. *Clerk to investigate if weeds can be burnt on village green*



CLOSED ACTION

1. Clerk to report fallen no entry sign at bottom of Church lane. **Completed**
2. Clerk to report Pavement kerb stones loose in Simmonds close. **Completed**
3. Clerk to present last plaque at this coming luncheon club. **Completed.**
4. Clerk to prepare Allotments notes for MM. **Completed**
5. Clerk to investigate gate blocking access at Middleton Hall. **Site visited**
6. Apply sealant to Bandstand. **Cllr. Rawlins**
7. Revisit traffic calming options.
8. Purchase plastic barrels for plants in Church Lane and Hill lane. **Completed**
9. Plan to decorate inside and outside of MRR. **Outside completed**
10. Raise issue of planning application for change of use at local business site. **Actioned**
11. Strimming of bend in Coppice Lane. **Completed September**
12. GK to request improved notification of road closures from HS2. **Completed**
13. Prepare for Annual Assembly and local group reports. **Completed**

4. Reports of Councillors and Clerk

Cllr. Keegan

Cllr. Smith

- a. *The matting under the climbing frame is infested with weeds and needs taking up and relaying. Cllrs agreed and asked the Clerk to make sure the work was completed before the Village fete. Clerk to seek further approval if the work exceeded £500 but to proceed without further approval if less.*

Cllr. Rawlins

- a. *Cllr. Rawlins inquired who was responsible for the land opposite the Green man in terms of Grass cutting The clerk advised that the MPC took responsibility and that the MCC agreed to cut this grass. It will however be sown with wild flowers so will be left longer going forward*

Cllr. Rotherham

- a. *Screws had once again been placed under his tyre to cause punctures.*
- b. *Another biker Killed on the A4091 and again had the potential to become a shrine and a traffic issue.*

Cllr. Everill

- a. *The ford was again flooded with three accidents in one evening one resulting in someone being taken to hospital. Police later closed the road.*
- b. *An article should be put in Middleton |Matters regarding traffic calming options and issues.*
- c. *Cllr Everill and Rawlins to investigate the options for clearing the Ford*



Cllr. Jenns

No report as absent

7 Samuel White Trust and other Community Organisations

No report

8. High Speed Rail Line

Cllr. Keegan was in regular contact and pressing for more timely notice of works that impact our area

9. Community Centre

|Cllr Keegan stated that the Children would be taking part in the village fete in terms of a mini sports day they may need reminding of this.

10. Village Green Development

The Play area inspection raised a number of issues which needed to be attended to Clerk will ask for the weeding to be completed and a working party would be needed to undertake the rest of the work.

9. Middleton Recreation Room

- a. Outside of the Hall has been repainted and looks extremely good*
- b. It was suggested another free standing defibrillator could be acquired for the village Hall jointly by Samuel white and MPC this should be coordinated with First aid training clerk to follow up*

12. Planning Matters

Planning:

- Planning changes at Aston Villa training ground

13. Correspondence since last meeting dated 20/6/2019

NWBC/WCC:

- No response on Garage request in Church Lane wrote to Mark Simpson

General.

- Visit to Coleshill Fire station



- Awaiting a response from D.O.T
- Gating order on T9/FP through Fairways barn this is being progresses with the Police

WALC

- Wild life fund in Warwickshire

14. Finance Report.

Balance at bank 14.6.2019	A/c 00411787		£10,344.55
Plus deposits not shown		MHS	£300.00
		MM	£40.00
		MCC	£5,290.00
		sub total	£15,974.55
Unpresented cheques		CN	
None			£0.00
Sub total			<u>£15,974.55</u>
Less cheques to be written		wages	-£998.68
		Grass cutting	-£100.00
		NI	-£38.00
		Prontaprint	-£200.00
		soil/plants	-£250.00
			-£1,586.68
		Total funds available	<u>£14,387.87</u>

Capital reserve fund A/c 29525357 (03.05.2019)

opening balance	<u>£7,350.53</u>
interest	<u>£1.29</u>
new balance	<u>£7,351.82</u>
	-£4,000.00
£4000 is rent deposit	
Available funds in current account A/c 00411787	£11,030.35



Available funds in reserve account A/c 29525357	£3,351.82
Grand total	<u>£14,382.17</u>

Notes

2. VAT can be collected	<u>£3,947.68</u>
Sub total	

total funds	A/C 00411787	£18,329.85
	A/C 29525357	£3,353.07
	Total	<u>£21,682.92</u>

**15. Public Questions and Comments.
(Parishioner issue from previous meeting)**

**16. The Chair proposes
None.**

17. Any other business

- a. It was noted that to date Middleton had not applied for a HS2 grant Cllrs. Were encouraged to agree on a short list of projects at the next meeting on which grants might be applied for.*
- b. Volunteer certificates are to be designed and printed by the Clerk and presented at the Village Fete in frames. Cllr. Keegan to sign the certificates on behalf of MPC. Clerk allowed to spend up to £50 on frames, unanimously agreed. The first seven recipients were agreed by all.*

**18. Date of next meeting
Thursday 18th July 2019 at 6.30pm**

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed _____ **Date** _____