



Gesta non verba MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20TH SEPT 2023, Middleton Recreation Room

Present:

Cllr James Beamish - Chair
 Cllr Gill Keegan - Vice Chair
 Cllr Peter Rotherham
 Cllr Frazer Smith
 Cllr George Hawkins
 Clerk in Attendance - Michelle Skinner

Cllr Alice Burgoyne Wishaw PC (part)
 Cllr Andrew Watts - Wishaw PC (part)
 Cllr Derek Cotterill - Wishaw PC (part)

Guest presenters: IM PROPERTIES: Matthew Fox, Matthew Sutton, Lewis Payne
 Residents in attendance – 5

18/23	Meeting welcomed IM PROPERTIES Matt Sutton, Consultant Local Communities; Lewis Payne, Development Director; Matt Fox, Planning Director	
18/23/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IM properties presented project THRIVE, a proposed site for international manufacturing, new businesses and local employment with the aim to drive economic growth in Warwickshire. THRIVE will be sighted junc 9, M42 • Site approx 300 acres in total, aim is to protect the greenbelt where possible, create sustainable and energy efficient development. • 12 month planning application with WCC/NWCC; 5 year development plan long term project looking at employment needs however aware of the impact with HS2 construction as traffic will increase during development, and the additional impact on Junc 9 M42, primary access will be Dunton Lane; 5 different highways authorities will assess the impact and report back • MSk asked how public transport can be considered, bearing in mind there is not currently a public transport network in place? • Cllr JB asked how the community will benefit bearing in mind the other sites will be available such as Pedimore, Minworth and Amazon developments? • Cllr PR questions the massive commercialisation; impact on A446 and M42 as already at standstill during the rush hours and weekend traffic; the access points will increase and impact on the current utilities? • Cllr AB (WPC) asked about speed restrictions as these are already an issue • IM PROPERTIES will host local community return meetings and consultation events during November; dates to be confirmed; and will aim to answer community questions giving opportunities for local people to have their say, there will be photographic exhibition, to be held in 	

	local community centers	
19.23	Public questions:	
19/23.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Resident 1 noted</u> the lack of county and borough councillors at the MPC meetings, meeting agreed this would be addressed directly. ● <u>Resident 2</u> advised he had met directly with 2 borough councillors to address community issues and had not received any responses to his questions. Cllr's agreed to address this issue directly ● <u>Resident 3 and 4</u> - stated how pleased they were with the new councillors and the new clerk, praise for the processes and enthusiasm of the new MPC and would fully support the new MPC, The new village playground is a most welcome addition to the village and thanked all who worked hard to bring this project to fruition 	Cllr Keegan/Cllr Beamish
20/23	Police Matters	
20/23.1	Meeting noted lack of attendance despite recent successful VH event, MSk to ensure future meeting dates shared	MSk
21/23	Apologies for absence	None
22/23	Declarations of interests	None
23/23	Minutes of previous meeting held on 22/8/22	
	<i>Agreed and signed by Cllr Beamish as a correct record of meeting</i>	
24/23	MATTERS ARISING	
	6/23.1 Hill Lane defibrillator is being investigated. Require assistance of resident	All
	6/23.2 Church/Crowberry Lanes repairs were done to a certain extent. To chase NWBC to correct and complete outstanding	MSk
	7/23.1 Garden Development , Church Lane, Cllr Keegan has raised issues further with planning at WCC, letter has been sent awaiting response PROJECT PAUSED	Cllr Keegan
	7/23.2 Parking on pavements - Cllr Keegan has placed notice for next edition of MM	Cllr Keegan COMPLETE
	7/23.3 Garage area, £750 quote received to supply and install manual gate . Cllr Hawkins to Quote to be obtained for fitting fencing to secure the site.	Cllr Hawkins
	7/23.4 New cradle swing installed, inspection to be arranged,	CllrKeegan/ MSk

	7/23.5 Cllr Smith to look at available software for ANPR camera, awaiting quote for maintenance and passwords required	Cllr Smith
	8/23.1 Oak bench the clerk acquired from the wetlands trust is to be positioned on the small green patch opposite the Green Man pub next to the paths signpost. Cllr Smith to arrange installation but speak to resident on corner of Vicarage Hill to ensure no issues with bench placement Replacement benches also require for Ramblers Rest	Cllr Smith
	8/23.2 Coppice Lane fence - now fixed and installed, awaiting invoice for completion of works	Cllr Smith COMPLETE
	8/23.3 Valuation for school to be undertaken to ensure adequate insurance. M Skinner to make contact , Cllr Beamish to also make enquiries	MSk/ Cllr Beamish
	8/23.4 Discussion re play area centre piece, Cllr Smith Cllr Hawkins to enquire re rubber matting and alternative surfaces to replace grass . Hot Lay rubber? New bins have been installed, needs to be registered with NWBC Streetscape for refuse collections	Cllr Smith/Cllr Hawkins M Skinner
	8/23.5 Mandate has been amended to reflect new address, debit cards issued, online banking to be completed end of September	Cllr Keegan
	8/23.6 Additional funding has been received, additional equipment to be selected by playground committee	Cllr Keegan & others
	10/23.1 Visitor Information sign for playground and Thank You to donors sign to be ordered. Cost agreed for 2 x A3 signs £100 + VAT. Signs will be on high grade board with anti graffiti overlay	Cllr Keegan
	10/23.2 MPC has been asked for contribution to village fete for purchase of pop up marquees, Cllr JB to ask Phil Milligan for costs, Cllr FS to also enquire re costs of marquees. Shipping container - to be advertised for sale	Cllr Beamish/ Cllr Smith
25/23	NEW ACTIONS	

25/23.1	Cllr Keegan to confirm BBV attendance at next MPC meeting as first agenda item	Cllr Keegan CONFIRMED
27/23.3.1	Path to be tarmac'd to allow safe access for wheelchair and pushchair users. Obtain quote	Cllr Smith/ MSk
28/23.1	Investigate potential HS2 funding for village stuff, with MRR. Quotes required for tarmac of car park/perimeter path/path onto village green	Cllr Keegan/ Cllr Smith/ MRR
28/23/3	Solar panels for speed cameras to be investigated, meeting agreed that trees and bushes should be cut back frequently to enable full solar power	Cllr Beamish/ Cllr Smith
28/23/5	Letter of authorization to fund specialist drain/camera equipment for investigation work in Tamworth Road. Project run by Mr T. Harris	Cllr Beamish
28/23/6	Village bonfire to be considered for this year, planning to be in place due to logistics.	
28/23.2	Drain covers Park Lane in need of replacement. Inform NWBC/Highways	MSk
28/23.7	Road sign by pub to be reinstated. Chase NWBC/Highways	MSk
30/23.3	Watch out for DDay anniversary celebrations June 2024 and organize event including beacon lighting	All
26/23	KEY FINANCIAL PROJECTS 2023 9/23.1 Garages - Church Lane ongoing please see item 24/1.1 (9/23.1) 7.23.5 ANPR cameras	
27/23	COMMUNITY UPDATES	
27/23.1	HS2 Cllr Keegan advised BBV to attend next MPC meeting to discuss phasing and objection to the plan to continue the Church Lane over- bridge	
27/23.2	MCC None	
27/23.3	MRR 27/23.3.1 Ownership of path confirmed as VH, document exists confirming details of diversions process and ownership.	
	27/23.3.2 Path to be tarmac'd to allow safe access for wheelchair and pushchair users	
	27/23.3.3 Screen inside VH to be used to promote event and village activities	

	27/23.3.4 Committee agreed to work with MPC for further events, such as DDay celebrations for next year	
27/23.4	MUFT Next meeting_Tuesday 26th September, when funds will be discussed and allocated	
27/23.5	Samuel White Trust. Phil Milligan as Chair attended the meeting and explained the position regarding the housing in Samuel White Close in that, other than the bungalows, the agents and council take full responsibility for the tenants which have nothing to do with Samuel White Trust.	
28/23	REPORTS OF COUNCILLORS AND CLERK	
28/23/1	Cllr Keegan – HS2 Cllr Keegan attending ongoing meetings re HS2, and will report back; additional funding may be available for community projects and will work with MRR committee on possible joint project	Cllr Keegan/MRR
28/23/2	Report received of drain covers on Park Lane need replacing. Contact NWBC/highways	MSk
28/23/3	Cllr Beamish – Solar panels for speed cameras to be investigated, meeting agreed that trees and bushes should be cut back to enable full solar power	Cllr Beamish Cllr Smith
28/23/4	Cllr Hawkins	None
28/23/5	Cllr Rotherham – Meeting agreed that Mr T Harris be given special sanctions to liaise with Severn Trent for the ongoing issue with sewer blockages, it was agreed and that funds (approx. £300) be made available to enable specialist drain/camera equipment for future investigation work. Letter required from MPC Chair to authorise .	Cllr Beamish
28/23/6	Cllr Smith Village bonfire to be considered for this year, planning to be in place due to logistics	Cllr Smith
28/23/7	Clerk Road sign at top of Vicarage Hill needs re-installing. Inform NWBC/Highways	MSk
29/23/	Planning Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PA/2023/0305 ● Hunts View Church Lane, Middleton, single story rear extension ● Rec'd 5/7/23; Decision GRANTED 	
30/23	Correspondence received	
30/23/1	Tree Planting project, expression of interest sought for all Warwickshire community groups to establish a community orchard, Clerk has responded with expression of interest and further detail	

30/23/2	Electric Vehicle charge locations; WCC are looking to increase EV chargers in the area to promote transition to low carbon transport and reduce emissions, Clerk has responded with potential charging location site	
30/23/3	D-Day Celebrations 2024 - event planned to enable communities to pay tribute by lighting 80 Beacons per county at 9.15pm on 6th June 2024, in addition to plan a village event to commemorate this milestone date	
31/1.1	Finance Report	
	Updated finance report issued to councillors by clerk	
32/1.1	Any other business	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dates of Next Meetings: ● Wednesday 18th October 2023 ● Wednesday 15th November 2023 ● Wednesday 19th December 2023 	
	MEETING CLOSED 8.45PM	

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