



**MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE RECREATION ROOM**  
**CHURCH LANE MIDDLETON**  
**Date 23/1/2020 – Meeting (9) 2019/20**

**Present Councillors**

**Gill Keegan Chair (GK)**  
**Graham Smith (GS)**  
**Peter Rotherham (PR)**  
**James Beamish (JB)**  
**Andy Jenns County Councillor (AJ)**  
**Pete Rawlins Vice Chair (PRw)**

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

**Public in Attendance: Mrs B Dudley**

***PUBLIC ISSUE RAISED***

*A resident was welcomed by the Chair and with full council agreement it was agreed to listen to her issue regarding a proposed planning application at the rear of Holly Cottage before the main agenda, although the chair extended a warm welcome for the parishioner to stay for the whole meeting if she wished. The Council listened to the objections raised against the proposed development and there was agreement on two broad points:*

- a) The issue of access from the site on the busy junction of Coppice lane and Church lane and NWBC have sort advice on this point from Highways.*
- b) The plans showed one house being sited below the current Village building line. NWBC acknowledged that they were concerned on this point as well.*

*Both these objections have been voiced to the case officer and also will be followed up in writing following the meeting. (Completed)*

*In general the Council favoured small developments as opposed to large developments that could have a major impact as the village has no transport facilities, schools, doctors or other services that could support larger developments.*

*With HS2 owning 15 houses in the heart of the Village there was a distinct lack of families who are active now in Village life. This coupled with a nationwide issue of gentrification of many rural communities was impacting heavily on traditional rural life.*

*It was also noted that the impact a Parish Council could have was limited and that planning laws had in recent years been relaxed by the Government, however, the issues raised by MPC of access and building line development were appropriate concerns.*



**1. Apologies**

Shelly Lebrun Borough Councillor  
Mark Simpson Borough Councillor (MS)

**2. Police Surgery**

None

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

*None*

**4. Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 19/12/2019**

*The previous minutes were duly signed Chairman Cllr Keegan*

**5. Matters Arising**

*Cllr. Jenns raised the issue of the Community fund of total £300k which was money potentially available for Parishes and suggested MPC should consider the fund.*

*It was noted that the report on Coppice lane from Highways had not been received and that MPC would chase this at the end of February. General agreement was that as a minimum the road needed to support the HGV traffic allowed onto the road either by widening the road or as a compromise suggested by Cllr. Smith providing passing points.*

**NEW ACTIONS**

<b>Ref</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>
<b>N1</b>	<i>Clerk to contact MCC regarding bright lights</i>	Clerk	February
<b>N2</b>	<i>Fly tipping is also occurring in Green Lane area. Need to inform NWBC Police and the Belfry re anti-social behaviour</i>	Clerk	February
<b>N3</b>	<i>Arrange hedge cutting for March</i>	Clerk	March

**PENDING / ONGOING ACTIONS**

<b>Ref</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>
<b>P1</b>	<i>Clerk to prepare plans for a new bus shelter and seek planning permission, authorisation of up to £500 was given to achieve planning permission in addition Clerk to look into possible HS2 Bus shelter funding. See P7</i>	Clerk	December
<b>P2</b>	<i>Agreed plan to install turf under Witches hat as little used and this is a more cost effective solution</i>	Clerk	April/May
<b>P3</b>	<i>Details have been sent to Neil Marshal for Band stand rail quote. To chase quote</i>	Clerk	February
<b>P5</b>	<i>T15 site visit work scheduled for 25/2/2020 and 3/3/2020</i>	Clerk	January
<b>P6</b>	<i>Hedge cutting has not been completed rescheduled March</i>	Cllr PRw	March



<b>P7</b>	<i>Clerk to contact Elford Parish Council. See P1</i>	Clerk	February
<b>P8</b>	<i>Letter had been sent to NWBC to see if there was a budget for VE day celebrations. To chase</i>	Clerk	February
<b>P9</b>	<i>Cllr. Rotherham to liaise with Jack Everill on a plan for Middleton's celebration plan for May 8<sup>th</sup> 2020 VE day. Cllr Rotherham suggested a brass band and barn dancing. To contact</i>	Cllr. Rotherham	February
<b>P10</b>	<i>Awaiting WCC highways report on Coppice lane works</i>	Clerk	February
<b>P11</b>	<i>A local carpenter is to be approached to effect a repair to the telephone box/library. To ask Les Saunby</i>	Clerk	February
<b>P12</b>	<i>Meeting to be set up to assess way forward for Ramblers Rest and ditch work</i>	Cllr Rawlins	February

## CLOSED ACTIONS

Ref	What	When
C1		
C2		
C3		

## KEY FINANCIAL PROJECTS

Ref	What	Who	When
<b>K1</b>	<b>WEBSITE</b> <i>Cllr. Keegan to arrange meeting</i>	Cllr. GK	February
<b>K2</b>	<b>BUS SHELTER</b> <i>Awaiting contact with Elford PC</i>	Clerk	February
<b>K3</b>	<b>DITCH WORK</b> <i>Plus amblers Rest. Ongoing</i>	Cllr. Rawlins	March
<b>K4</b>	<b>DEFIBRILLATOR</b> <i>First aid training completed case and defibrillator purchased awaiting installation residual cost £400</i>	Clerk	February
<b>K5</b>	<b>CEF GRANT</b> <i>Main project is now a large grant for village Hall</i>	Clerk	December
<b>K6</b>	<b>VILLAGE GREEN</b> <i>Path weeding</i>	Clerk	March
<b>K7</b>	<b>GARAGES (Church Lane)</b> <i>Write to NWBC for update</i>	Clerk	May

### 6. Samuel White Trust and other Community Organisations

*Samuel white charity in collaboration with MPC will contribute the shortfall in the residual cost of the defibrillator and its installation around £400. This continues the good work by both working together for the benefit of the community.*

### 7. High Speed Rail Line

- a. *It was unanimously agreed by the full committee that Cllr Keegan should be given the*



*complete authority to act on behalf of MPC on matters concerning HS2 as there was complete unanimity of the Council on the issues our Parish faces. This also includes SMZ*

- b. The proposed rail head at Kingsbury has now been changed to a more impactful road based compound and this has happened without prior consultation Cllr. Keegan has written to HS2 requesting an explanation.*
- c. Crowberry Lane stables and land has been compulsory purchased by HS2 and the owners are being evicted. MPC councillors expressed their sympathies with all those affected.*

#### **8. Community Centre**

*Bright lights are being switched on at the MCC and which can be seen from Coppice lane. Clerk to investigate.*

#### **9. Village Green Development**

- a. The hedge to be cut in March.*
- b. Witches hat to be turfed in the spring*
- c. Ongoing path weeding*

#### **11. Middleton Recreation Room**

- a. The rear of the Hall is to be gutted and refurbished due to mould infestation.*
- b. Hall to be painted in the spring*

#### **10. Reports of Councillors and Clerk**

##### **Cllr. Keegan**

- a) Cllr. Keegan requested the PAP planning reference for Atlantic Nursery's*

##### **Cllr. Smith**

- a) Table tennis table has no Bats or Balls available*

##### **Cllr. Beamish**

- a. Middleton Hall trustees would like to attend a parish council meeting to share their master plans for the Hall.*
- b. Car parking in Church lane is often anti social*
- c. Cllr. Beamish has written to the Minister Grant Chapps regarding the under occupancy of HS2 houses in the Village*

##### **Cllr. Rawlins**

- A) Green Lane was again full of wine and Vodka Bottles and other detritus*
- B) Fly tipping is also occurring need to inform NWBC Police and the Belfry*

##### **Cllr. Rotherham**

- a. There were three accidents near Bodymoor Heath recently*
- b. The speed limit before Bodymoor Heath is currently 60mph*

##### **Cllr. Jenns**



*No Report*

**Cllr. Lebrun**

*No report*

## **12. Planning Matters**

Retrospective planning application from Atlantic Nurseries

**PAP/2019/0667** Back of Holly Cottage Church lane

## **13. Correspondence since last meeting dated 23/1/2020**

**NWBC/WCC:** Report from Paul Taylor re  
Coppice lane not yet received  
Church Lane road closure  
11 February 2020.

**General.** First aid course successful  
New defibrillator acquired  
from Staffordshire ambulance service  
Complaints about on  
pavement parking.

**WALC** Queens Garden Party

## **14. Finance Report.**

<b>Balance at bank 15.1.2020</b>	<b>A/c 00411787</b>		<b>£19,290.50</b>
<b>Plus deposits not shown</b>			
		sub total	<b>£19,290.50</b>
<b>Unpresented cheques</b>	CN	2123 Grant 60+	-£100.00
	CN	2132 Defib case	-£602.58
<b>Sub total</b>			<b><u>£18,587.92</u></b>
<b>Less cheques to be written</b>			
		hedge cutting	-£300.00
		Prontaprint Dec	-£250.00
		wages	-£998.68
		tea coffee first aid	-£11.25
		Data protection	-£40.00
		grounds maintenance	-£625.30
		Tubs for Hill Lane	-£115.96
			<b>-£2,341.19</b>



Total funds available		<b><u>£16,246.73</u></b>
payments in		
	60+ defib	<b>£300.00</b>
	Samuel	<b>£100.00</b>
	white	<b><u>£400.00</u></b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£16,646.73</u></b>

### Capital reserve fund A/c 29525357 (5.12.2019)

opening balance	£7,360.41
interest	<u>£1.29</u>
new balance	<b><u>£7,361.70</u></b>
£4000 is rent deposit	-£4,000.00
Available funds in current account A/c 00411787	
Available funds in reserve account A/c 29525357	£3,361.70
Grand total	<b><u>£19,608.43</u></b>
Notes	£0.00
	£0.00
2. VAT can be collected	<b><u>£3,947.65</u></b>
Grand total	<b><u>£23,556.08</u></b>

### 15. Public Questions and Comments.

*No public present*

### 16. The Chair proposes

*None.*

### 17. Any other business

### 18. Date of next meeting

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 6.30pm**

**Meeting closed at 8.35 pm**

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_