**. MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE RECREATION 00ROOM**

**CHURCH LANE MIDDLETON**

**Date 25/4/2023**

**Present Councillors**

**Cllr. Adrian Bell (AB)**

**Cllr. Alex Helliwell (AH)**

**Cllr. Gill Keegan (GK)**

**James Beamish MPC Chair**

**Cllr. Peter Rotherham Vice Chair (PR)**

1. **Apologies**

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

1. **Police Surgery**

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

*None*

**4. Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 17/1/2023**

*The previous minutes were duly signed Vice Chair Cllr Rotherham*

1. **Matters Arising**
2. *As no news on the Church Road development Clerk was asked to contact Chair of the planning committee*
3. *Car parking was addressed in last chairs report in Middleton Matters*
4. *An EPC has been completed.*
5. *Due to time new National grid quotes will need to be obtained following decisions on the carpark being made*
6. *Nature camera ordered and operational.*
7. *Play area equipment is £38k which includes VAT, a grant by Samuel White has enabled the additional equipment to be added new invoice valued at £41,257.21 net of VAT £34,381.00*
8. *Quotes for gates for the Garage area have been received but will be put on hold as budget priority has gone to the Play area until funds are replenished and detailed decisions are made on exactly is needed ie none electric gates etc.*

**NEW ACTIONS**

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| **Ref** | **What** | **Who** | **When** |
| **N1** | *Meeting onsite of play area pre build survey* | CLERK | 3/5/2023 |
| **N2** | *completed* | Clerk | March |
| **N3** | *completed* | Clerk | March |
| **N4** | *Completed* | Clerk | March |

**PENDING / ONGOING ACTIONS**

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| **Ref** | **What** | **Who** | **When** |
| **P1** | ***PLAY AREA***  *MPC voted a 2022/3 budget of £32k exclusive of VAT now increased to £41,257.21* | Cllr  Keegan | March |
| **P2** | ***MCC 15year LEASE***  *all signed and awaiting WCC sign off* | Clerk | March |
| **P3** | *Garages cleared and awaiting decisions going forward* | Clerk | August |
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**CLOSED ACTIONS SINCE LAST MEETING**

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**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 will need to revised due too large increases in all building estimates  Quotes have been acquired |  |
| **K4** | ***PLAY AREA***  *New equipment ordered* | Creative Play selected at a cost of circa £38000 | £41 257.21finalk cost of play area | June installation completion |
| **K8** | ***MOBILE CAMERAS***  *For wildlife use one camera to be ordered*  ***Quote to be obtained for another APNR site*** | Camera £474 per camera sim card £10 month | £151.20 | ordered and received |

**6. Reports of Councillors and Clerk**

**Cllr. Keegan**

1. *Gates in the Park area need some work as the y do not lock properly.*
2. *Questioned who owned the fences of the properties bordering the play area.*

**Cllr. Beamish**

1. *Youths on moped seen trying doors in Church Lane their number plate was changed using black tape.*

**Cllr. Rotherham**

1. *Digital screen who owns it, The clerk explained that it was a community asset that*

*was acquired through a grant from CC Andy Jenns.*

1. *Hedge needs to be replaced by the horse separating Village Hall from the Village Green.*
2. *The Bonfire was a success and should be supported by MPC this year again.*

***Cllr. Bell***

*No reports*

***Cllr. Helliwell***

***No reports***

**Cllr. Jenns**

*No Reports*

***Cllr. Simmons***

*No Reports*

***Cllr. Smith***

*No reports*

1. **Samuel White Trust and other Community Organisations**

*Nothing to report*

1. **High Speed Rail Line**

*Clerk met with Highways and HS2 at Crowberry Lane to ensure that the large pot holes in Crowberry Lane and Church Lane were filled and that the brook was cleared prior to the closure of Church Lane. This was agreed and work was carried out prior to the closure.*

*Rumour that HS2 stage I could be halted are unfounded and economically unviable, stage 2 from near Litchfield to the north is however, currently delayed.*

1. ***Community Centre Matters***

*Contract signed by MPC awaiting WCC agreement copy of signed document hand delivered by Clerk to our solicitors.*

1. **Middleton United Foundation Trust**

*Have made a grant of £2000 towards the play area refurbishment*

1. **Village Green Development**

*Site visit by Play area installation team of Creative Play*

**12. Middleton Recreation Room**

Continue their program of local events including Bingo and quiz nights

**13 Correspondence**

**14. Planning Matters**

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| [PAP/2023/0016](http://planning.northwarks.gov.uk/portal/servlets/ApplicationSearchServlet?PKID=125553) | 20/01/2023 | 12 Hill Lane Bassetts Pole Sutton Coldfield B75 6LF | Partial extension of rear of property, first floor extension to side of property and improved entrance porch | |  |
| [PAP/2022/0531](http://planning.northwarks.gov.uk/portal/servlets/ApplicationSearchServlet?PKID=124927) | 13/11/2022 | Cross Green House Green Lane Middleton B78 2BJ | | Proposed addition of 4no. dormers to habitable roof above gym and loft conversion in existing roof space. | |

**15 Finance Report**

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| **MPC Financials 25/4/2023** | | |  |  |  |  |  |
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**16. Public Questions**

Members of the Public were in attendance and asked questions relating to the garages concerning works proposed.

**17 Chair proposes**

**18. Any other Business**

**None**

**19. Date of Next Meeting**

**24/5/2023**

**Meeting closed at 8.50 pm**

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