



MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Date 30/05/2019 – Meeting 2. 2019/20

Present Councillors

Gill Keegan (GK) Chairman
Graham Smith Vice Chairman (GS)
Peter Rotherham (PR)
Jack Everill (JE)
Pete Rawlins (PRaw)

Clerk in Attendance Tony Harris (TH)

Public in Attendance: None

Appointment of Chair/Vice Chair for 2019/20

Cllr. Gill Keegan was re-elected as Chairman by unanimous decision. Cllr. Rawlins was voted unanimously as Vice Chairman

1. Apologies

Andy Jenns (AJ)

2. Police surgery

None

3. Declarations of Pecuniary or other interests.

None,

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) *General discussion on state of path on Village green, Cutting edge approached to spray area but they do not have a licence so to be approached to burn off the encroaching weeds. Solution to be found.*
- b) *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 to report to Highways.*
- c) *Clerk presented the remaining Band stand plaque. CLOSED*
- d) *Bus shelter still pending however Cllr Rawlins said he would look into an Oak structure. It was noted that the new structure would be called Travellers rest as it would be a stop off place for ramblers and also location for residents to await the Library van. It could also function as a bus stop waiting area.*



- e) *Notes on Allotments were included in the next addition of MM. CLOSED*
- f) *Cllr. Rawlins confirmed he would apply the bandstand sealant as soon as the weather permitted and definitely before the fete.*
- g) *It was agreed unanimously that WCC should be contacted about the reputed building be carried out at a local site for which no planning permission has been seen, this was seen as a change of business use and potentially unauthorised building within the green belt.*
- h) *Cllrs. Agreed to purchase 10 barrels for planting within the village and also at Hill lane estimated costs of £500 for the Barrels and £200 for signage to be attached was agreed Clerk to action and report back to councillors in the interim for final expenditure authorisation*
- i) *Cllr. Keegan had obtained an admission from HS2 that they were wrong not to notify MPC over the Church Lane road closure and the assured that MPC would be kept up to date in the future.*
- j) *MRR will be looking for Volunteers in June for painting the outside of the Hall.*
- k) *Wild plants have been planted on the ground around the new sign in Coppice lane kindly donated by Jo Hollis. The bulk of planting will happen in September and a cheque for £300 has been given by the Middleton Horticultural society for this purpose for which MPC Cllrs. Recorded their thanks. As a result of planting the area will not be strimmed until later in the year.*

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*

NEW ACTIONS

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



16. Oak tree branch came down on Coppice lane Clerk to identify who is responsible.
17. Cllr. Everill agreed to supply some newer bench tables and remove the old dilapidated from site Cllrs. Agreed to this kind offer.
18. Note to Jonathan Lord about HS2 signage in Coppice lane, **Been removed**
19. Continue to press highways for solution to increasing number of potholes.

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. Clerk 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.
4. Cllr Rawlins Apply sealant to Bandstand
5. Clerk to look into possible HS2 Bus shelter funding.
6. Plan to decorate inside and outside of MRR.
7. Clerk to investigate gate blocking access at Middleton Hall. Site visited
8. Revisit traffic calming options
9. Solution needed for Allen End grit bin
10. Raise the issue of planning application for change of use at Atlantic Nursery. **Clerk raised matter with the chair of WCC planning committee. Monitor**

CLOSED ACTION

1. Clerk to report fallen no entry sign at bottom of Church lane. **Repaired**
2. Clerk to present last plaque at this coming luncheon club. **Presented**
3. MM report on Allotments to be prepared. **Written**
4. Garage door issue has been reported to NWBC. To be monitored as no action taken by NWBC. Report issue again. **Clerk secured door**
5. Purchase plastic barrels for plants in Church Lane and Hill lane. Councillors agreed costs of £420 for 10 Barrels and £195 for signs to be attached. **Barrels are in store area awaiting signs to be fitted.**
6. Clerk reported to highways Strimming of bend in Coppice Lane. **Completed**
7. GK to request improved notification of road closures from HS2. **Raised with HS2**
8. Resident disabled parking spot. Support if necessary

4. Reports of Councillors and Clerk

Cllr. Keegan

- a. Hedges on Crowberry lane and Church lane were in places overgrown although it was noted that they could not be cut until after the nesting season ends.
- b. Cllr Keegan asked for the cat poster to be removed as it was no longer applicable.
- c. Asked how the Belfry meeting went as some Cllrs were unaware that it had taken place. Clerk said the event was widely publicised in the press and that local residents most affected in Hill lane had been contacted. The event was well attended and as usual coffee and tea was provided to residents which was later donated to the over 60s



luncheon club.

Cllr. Smith

- a. *Raised the issue of the many signs put up in Coppice lane by HS2 asking if they needed to be there when no work seemed to be happening.*

Cllr. Rawlins

- a. *Cllr Rawlins noted that we are again seeing lots of potholes appearing.*
- b. *Cllr. Rawlins stated that the band stand would be sealed.*

Cllr. Rotherham

- a. *Cllr. Rotherham noted that planning control was being totally relaxed with little controls in place.*

Cllr. Everill

- a. *Middleton lane up to Wishaw lane has seen some large pot holes appearing.*
- b. *Cllr. Everill raise the issue of traffic calming signs that he had read about. Two types were in operation and he suggested a more detailed discussion at our next meeting.*
- c. *Grass cutting on A4091 was critical as it was a real safety hazard.*

Cllr. Jenns

No report as absent

7 Samuel White Trust and other Community Organisations

No report

8. High Speed Rail Line

Issue of forward notice of road closures to be raised with them.

9. Community Centre

Covered in Annual meeting

10. Village Green Development

Band stand still awaiting sealing when weather improves. And the path needs weeding or perhaps replacing all though this needs further investigation

20. Middleton Recreation Room

Plans are being put in place to redecorate the outside of the hall in June volunteers from the council were welcome to take part.



12. Planning Matters

Planning:

- Planning changes at Aston Villa training ground

13. Correspondence since last meeting dated 18/10/2018

NWBC/WCC:

- No response on Garage request in Church Lane

General.

- Visit to Coleshill Fire station
- Awaiting a response from D.O.T
- Gating order on T9/FP through Fairways barn

WALC

- Wild life fund in Warwickshire possible source of funding

14. Finance Report.

Current Account 00411787

Balance at bank
15.5.2019 A/c
00411787

£12,831.21

Plus deposits not
shown

MHS

£300.00



			MM	£40.00
				£340.00
			sub total	<u>£13,171.21</u>
Unpresented cheques	CN			
	expenses	2079		-£31.30
	subscription	2081		-£12.00
	walmley landscapes	2082	-£300.00	
	prontaprint	2080		-£217.88
	WALC subs	2083		-£201.00
	tech support	2084	-£50.00	
				<u>-£812.18</u>
Sub total				
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balance total				<u>£12,359.03</u>
Less cheques to be written following aproval in May 2019				
	Prontaprint	est		-£230.00
	Grass cutting		-£100.00	
	Clerks wages		-£998.68	
				<u>-£1,328.68</u>
			Total funds available	<u>£11,030.35</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 **£0.00**

Sub total

total funds	A/C 00411787	£11,030.35
	A/C 29525357	£3,351.82
	VAT	£3,281.65
		<u>£17,663.82</u>

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

**16. The Chair proposes
None.**

17. Any other business



Cllr Everill raised the issue of the number of hours the Clerk worked being well in excess of those contracted. It was unanimously agreed to increase contracted hours from 10 per week to 15 hours per week pro rata from 1st May 2019 to better reflect the current workload.

The motion was carried unanimously.

18. Date of next meeting

Thursday 20th June 2019 at 6.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed _____ **Date** _____