



Gesta non verba
MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on WEDNESDAY 15th November 2023, Middleton Village Hall

Present:

James Beamish - Chair
Gill Keegan - Vice Chair
Cllr Peter Rotherham

Cllr Frazer Smith
Cllr George Hawkins
Cllr Andy Jenns - Kingsbury Division

Clerk in Attendance - Michelle Skinner

52/23	<p>Public Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Thanked Cllr Jenns for attending the Nov meeting ❖ MSk to invite Cllr Sandra Smith to next meeting ❖ Noted that Highways continue to provide substandard fixing to the roads and delays to reported pot holes etc. ❖ Failure to remove road signs once fixings made. ❖ Consistent flood risks to Crowberry Lane/Vicarage Hill due to lack of action from Highways. <p><i>Cllr Jenns confirmed that all parishes are having the same issues with Highways, significant amount of backlogs , outsourced to contractors but as these are delegated budget projects , remain to be prioritised.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ PSPO issue, ongoing, dogs off leads with no options to report on NWBC website. ❖ Residents in Hill Lane having conitune issue with reporting criminal offence but no police follow up, <p><i>MSk provided details for forthcoming Safer Community sub-committee meeting where residents were invited to attend to submit questions</i></p>	Msk
53/23	Police Matters Meeting noted again lack of attendance. MSk confirmed email had been sent	Msk to follow up
54/23	Apologies for absence:	None
55/23	Declarations of interests	None
56/23	Minutes of previous meeting: <i>Agreed and signed by Cllr Beamish as a correct record of meeting</i>	
57/23	MATTERS ARISING	

57/23.1	6/23.1 Hill Lane defibrillator is being investigated. Require assistance of resident <u>UPDATE</u> MSk confirmed site survey had been carried out by Cllr Smith , option of using resident electricity not viable due to disruption involved, National Grid had confirmed 6-8 weeks from survey then approx 2 weeks for connection, Solar option being investigated	MSK
57/23.2	6/23.2 Church/Crowberry Lanes repairs were done to a certain extent. To chase NWBC to correct and complete outstanding Msk to summarise outstanding reported repairs for Cllr Jenns to follow up	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
57/23.3	7/23.5 Cllr Smith to look at available software for ANPR camera, awaiting quote for maintenance and passwords required <u>UPDATE</u> <u>PASSWORDS RECEIVED</u>	Cllr Smith
57/23.4	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 .Replacement benches are also required for Ramblers Rest	Cllr Smith
57/23.5	8/23.3 Valuation for school to be undertaken to ensure adequate insurance. , Cllr Beamish to also make enquiries <u>UPDATE</u> <u>HISCOX QUESTIONNAIRE RECEIVED, AWAIT CLLR BEAMISH</u>	MSk/ Cllr Beamish
57/23.6	8/23.4 <u>UPDATE COST FOR RUBBER MATTING PROHIBITIVE ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION TO BE SOUGHT</u>	Cllr Smith/Cllr Hawkins
57/23.7	8/23.6 Additional funding has been received, additional equipment to be selected by playground committee. Ongoing	Cllr Keegan & others
57/23.8	Shipping container - to be advertised for sale, Container sold.	MSk
58/23	NEW ACTIONS	

58/23.1	28/23.1 Quotes required for tarmac of car park/perimeter path/path onto village green 2024 project VHC to look into costs/planning for potential footpath at front of VH	Cllr Keegan/ Cllr Smith/ VHC
58/23.2	Social committee to be proposed for 2024 for events outside of VHC, bonfire night celebrations etc....	All
58/23.3	Village speed signs to be reviewed, MSk to look at community speed watch options	MSk
58/23.4	Cllr Beamish to look further into the Little Libraries options for bookshare projects , confirmed costs £195 for each library, potential sites, Hill Lane and Ramblers rest	Cllr Beamish
58/23.5	Mobile Library, look into when service stopped and can this be reinstated	MSK
58/23.6	Contact area surveyor/county highways to enquire about clearing the Ford on Crowberry Lane due to consistent flooding MEETING AGREED THAT ALL DRAINS SHOULD BE CLEARED ALONG CHURCH LANE DUE TO FLOODING	MSk
59/23	KEY FINANCIAL PROJECTS 2023/2024 Garages - Church Lane ongoing ANPR cameras Defibrillator for Hill Lane/Tamworth Road New PC Website for 2024 New pathway for Village Green Solar Panels for Speed Camera Little Libraries	All Cllr Smith MSk MSk Cllr Smith Cllr Beamish Cllr Beamish
60/23	COMMUNITY UPDATES	
61/23	HS2 Cllr KEegan/MSK to arrange follow up meeting for Feb 2024	MSk Cllr Keegan
62/23	MCC None	
63/23	MRR 27/23.3.3 Screen inside VH to be used to promote event and village activities	MSk/MRR
64/23	MUFT Cllr Rotheram confirmed 28 applications, all approved	
65/23	Samuel White Trust None	
66/23	REPORTS OF COUNCILLORS AND CLERK	

66/23.1	<p>Cllr Keegan –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Garage Site requires weeding and maintaining, need to consider options and ideas for the site, meet in Jan 2024 to discuss ● Online banking process has started, potential stay with Nat West 	ALL
66/23/2	<p>Cllr Beamish –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>28/23/3</u> Solar panels for speed cameras to be investigated, meeting agreed that trees and bushes should be cut back to enable full solar power COSTS NOW RECEIVED, ONGOING FOR 2024 £480 x 2 ● Mini Libraries for the play area and village sites to be considered as part of the Little Library Campaign - COSTS NOW RECEIVED 	Cllr Beamish
66/23.3	Cllr Hawkins	None
66/23.4	Cllr Smith	None
66/23/5	Cllr Rotherham	None
66/23.6	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Msk updated meeting on training</p> <p>Msk confirmed had JD for Footpath Officer, has also received details of how to report issues to NWBC, need contact details from FS to follow up</p>	MSk Cllr smith
	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>PAP/20230457 PoolHouse Farm Brick KilnLane</p> <p>Correspondence received:</p> <p>NWBC Safer Communities sub committee meeting held 20th November</p>	
67/23	<p>Finance Report</p> <p>Updated finance report issued to councillors by Clerk</p>	
68/23	<p>Any other business</p> <p>HS2 PROPERTIES OVER GROWN HEDGES</p> <p>MEETING DATES TO BE CONFIRMED FOR 2024</p>	
	<p>Dates of Next Meeting.</p> <p>Tuesday 19th December 2023, 6.30pm</p>	
	MEETING CLOSED 8.20PM	

ACTION LOG

Item No	Action	By Whom	Update
52/23	Meeting with HS2 to be arranged for February 2024 for update on proposed works	MSk / GK	

57/23.2	Contact to be made with elected representatives of NWBC and WCC to encourage their attendance at Parish Council meetings	GK	
57/23.3	ANPR software to be installed	FS	
57/23.4	Install new benches Vicarage Hill and Ramblers rest	FS	
57/23.5	Cllr Beamish to update re insurance for MCC	JB	
57/23.7	Additional play equipment, for playground funding received	GK	
58/23	WCC Highways department to be contacted re: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Speed limits on local roads ● Overgrown trees and hedges limiting vision on lanes ● Quality of roadworks ● Clearance of signage after roadworks completed ● Potential of mirror at junction with Church Lane and Crowberry Lane 	MSk	
58/23.1	Quotes required for tarmac paths around VG, VH and pathway front of VH	GH/FS/VHcommittee	
51/23	Contact to be made with local landowners responsible for cutting back hedges drawing their attention to the impact on vision	MSk	
53/23	Police service to be contacted to encourage their attendance at PC meetings	MSk	Contact made, PCSO has advised they will try to attend
57/23.1	Continue discussions with residents and undertake survey for siting and power for defibrillator on Hill Lane	MSk	Resident's offer unable to meet requirements. Further work and view from National grid to be sought
7/23.1	Contact NWBC for update on proposed garden development on Church Lane	GK	Response awaited to correspondence; it is believed that this proposal has been paused.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____