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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE STATUTORY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, MIDDRIDGE ON MONDAY 8th MAY 2017 AT 6.45PM

All Electors in the Parish of Middridge are invited and may speak at this Meeting which will be chaired by Cllr A. Clarke, the Chair of Middridge Parish Council. Members of the Parish Council will be present.

This Meeting is an opportunity for Electors to ask questions of the Parish Council regarding any aspect of their conduct of Parish affairs during the preceding year.

AGENDA

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

Public Notice of the Meeting has been given in accordance with Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972.

2. MINUTES

To confirm as a true record the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 9th May 2016.

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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MIDDRIDGE PARISH

Minutes of the proceedings of the Statutory Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall, Middridge on Monday 9th May 2016

Present: Councillor Mrs A Clarke (Chair), Councillors Mr J Clarke, Mr W Mellors, and Mr P Makinson.

In Attendance: Mr J & Mrs M Smith, Ms K Bullock.
Cllrs M Dixon, J Gray & J Clare (DCC)

1/16 NOTICE OF THE MEETING

The notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

2/16 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Statutory Annual Parish Meeting held on 11th May 2015 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

3/16 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair briefly summarised the Parish Council's activities during the preceding busy year, and made the following points:-

- i. She thanked Alan Jordan for his excellent work as Parish Clerk, particularly his organisational skills. Alan has been appointed as a member of the GAMP Crime & Community Safety Task Group, and is shortly to join the GAMP Board as a Public Representative. It is important that we have some representation on GAMP, to remind everyone that Middridge is a full partner.
Alan and/or I have tried to attend GAMP Board Meetings as much as possible, as well as the CDALC Forum Meetings. I have continued as a representative on the CDALC Executive Committee.
- ii. We were pleased to hear that the Persimmon Homes "Eldon Whins" Planning Application has been withdrawn, but remain sceptical that this is the end of the matter.
- iii. Added to this, there has been the recent HCA Outline Planning Application for 266 Houses on the original "Eldon Whins" Site, to which, guided by the results of the Housing Survey conducted to support our Neighbourhood Plan, the Parish Council are objecting.
- iv. Our Neighbourhood Plan is progressing slowly, but it would be good to push ahead with it, so as to give strength to our objection to "Eldon Whins" being included in the County Plan.
- v. We were sorry to lose Elaine Crow from the Parish Paths Partnership; she was always very helpful and supportive. Unfortunately no-one has been appointed in her place. We are also having a reduced Budget for Paths Maintenance, which means the grass is cut less often.
- vi. Our County Councillors continue to be a great support, and are always at hand to give advice.

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- vii. Our Police Community Support Officer, Chris Noble regularly attends our PACT Meetings, as do the Neighbourhood Wardens, time permitting. Unfortunately for us, Chris is leaving to start his PC Training, but we have been assured there will be a replacement. Speeding continues to be our priority, and the “Sculptures” of the Boy and Dog do help in slowing down some vehicles. It is good to hear that lots of people have noticed them, and they seem to have been adopted by the Village, with coats, hats and football gear being provided!
- viii. We joined in with the DCC Big Spring Clean, and the usual suspects duly turned up; we were pleasantly surprised to find less litter than usual. Our main problem is still rubbish thrown from passing vehicles. There has also been some Dog Fouling reported on Path 7 (the Tramway). We are exploring the possibility of having another Bin placed near the Allotments.

4/16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

There being no other business, the Meeting was closed at 7.00 pm.