

## **Middridge Parish Council**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
held at 6.30pm on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024  
in Middridge Village Hall

**Present:** Cllr Harold Howe (Chair),  
Cllrs Paul Dicker  
Lesley Moyle  
Tony Towers

**Official:** Glenn Gibson (Parish Clerk)  
County Councillor David Sutton Lloyd

### **93/24 NOTICE OF MEETING**

The Notice convening the meeting was taken as read.  
The meeting was brought forward 1 week to 27/8/24 to accommodate issues. The meeting was not quorate and was suspended by the Chair and rescheduled to original date of 2/9/24

### **94/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive Apologies for Absence.  
Avril Haines  
County Councillors Michael Stead & Tony Stubbs

### **95/24 DECLARATIONS**

There were no declarations.

### **96/24 MINUTES**

It was proposed by Cllr T. Tower and seconded by Cllr P Dicker.

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 be approved and signed by the Chair as a true record.

### **97/24 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

### **98/24 PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY:**

Avril Haines had expressed an interest in being co-opted onto the Council and has completed all relevant paperwork.

Proposed: Cllr H. Howe & seconded by Cllr P.Dicker

A vote took place and was unanimous in favour of co-option of Avril Haines.

**Resolved** – That Avril Haines be accepted and become a Councillor onto the Parish Council.

## 99/24 MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST

There were no matters to discuss.

## 100/24 ACCOUNTS

The Schedule of Accounts for Payment was considered.

**RESOLVED** that the following Accounts be approved for payment:

Name/ company	Purpose/ description	Amount
Clerk's expenses	Postage, printer cartridge & paper	£27.31
Ryan Olley	Village maintenance	£471.42
Shildon Town Council	2 x workers x ½ day each to install bike racks in play area.	£140.42

Proposed – Cllr P. Dicker & seconded by Cllr L. Moyle

The Council received a verbal update from the Parish Clerk and regarding the ongoing transition of account from the previous Clerk. It was reported that he now has access to the account but still in dispute about methods of access.

A discussion took place regarding a quote for cleaning both village stone signs and the southside bus stop from the present contractor Ryan Olley Cleaning.

**Resolved** – that the quote be rejected and Parish Clerk to contact Mr Olley.

There was nothing identified to discuss relating to the 2024/25 budget

## 101/24 ROAD TRAFFIC

A verbal report was given by County Cllr David Sutton Lloyd regarding ongoing issues and what will be happening in the coming months.

**Resolved** – that the verbal report be accepted

## 102/24 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR & POLICING

. A verbal report was given by County Cllr David Sutton Lloyd.

- Shots being heard around area on a Sunday morning and believed to be related to hunting.

Cllr T. Towers reported that 2 x off road bikes were confiscated by Police outside the Village Hall.

### **103/24 PARISH ISSUES** (both Village and Eldon Whins)

No issues reported to Parish Council

A verbal report was given by County Cllr David Sutton Lloyd on update regarding noticeboard in Eldon Whins.

An update was given by the Parish Clerk about the fencing around the new play areas in Eldon Whins.

Overhanging branches next to the play area in the village were identified as a potential problem and it was agreed that Middridge Parish Council ask Shildon Town Council for a price to cut back approx. 4ft.

S106 available money was discussed about the possibility of replacing benches on village green and play area, new notice board and picnic tables for play area.

**Resolved** – that Parish Councillors to formulate a plan and identify furniture that could be newly installed or replaced/ renewed.

### **104/24 CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA**

It was reported to the meeting that the new bike racks have been installed by Shildon Town Council.

### **105/24 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

A report was received from Alan Jordan regarding the final stage of involvement of Middridge Parish Council and that they need to approve and pass the 3 documents submitted.

Proposed – Cllr H. Howe & seconded Cllr P. Dicker and passed unanimously.

**Resolved** – that Alan Jordan be authorised to submit the documents.

### **106/24 VILLAGE SUPPORT**

Cllr T. Towers informed the meeting about the coffee mornings and that they have GAMP funding until December and in January 2025 they will be held every 2 weeks instead of monthly.

Village Christmas Party at the Village Hall on 14/12/24 -- £100 be pledged from Middridge Parish Council (*chairman's budget account*)

### **107/24 GAMP & CDALC**

**Resolved** – matters relating to GAMP have already been covered in other headings

## **108/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The planning application relating to the allotments has been passed by the County Council.

## **109/24 Clerks report**

A verbal report from the Parish Clerk was given and particular the move from gmail to a .gov.uk domain name and its advantages. The meeting was informed that money had already been allocated in this year's budget to cover cost and approval was needed to appoint the preferred provider to proceed.

Proposed – Cllr H. Howe & seconded Cllr P. Dicker.

**Resolved** – that the Parish Council start the process of moving to the .gov.uk domain and the Parish Clerk to instruct the authorised government organisation to start.

It was reported that all actions from the last meeting carried out and Cllrs updated.

## **110/24 Exclusion of Press and Public**

That in accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council now excludes the press and public on the grounds of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted since publicity would be prejudicial to the public.

There was nothing to discuss.

## **111/24 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE/ ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

Wheels2work requested flyers to be placed in the noticed boards and was agreed by all Councillors.

There were no other items to discuss.

## **112/24 NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024** at 6.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.03pm