

Middridge Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held at 6.30pm on Monday, 6th November 2023
in Middridge Village Hall

Present: Cllr H Howe (Chair),
Cllrs T Towers and P.Dicker

Official: T Bellas (Locum Parish Clerk)
G Gibson (New Parish Clerk)
County Councillors T Stubbs and D Sutton-Lloyd
Member of the Middridge Village Association
Member of the Public

84/23 NOTICE OF MEETING

The Notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

85/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Carr.
Alan Jordan RFO

86/23 DECLARATIONS

There were no declarations of interest.

87/23 Matters of Public Interest

A discussion took place about speeding through the village and increased heavy vehicles and what actions are ongoing. Input was received from both DCC Councillors,

Resolved that contact be made with Cllr J Shuttleworth -- Highways Cabinet Portfolio holder to attend the next Parish meeting.

A discussion took place about the S106 money from Keepmoat and Persimmon homes. Documentation was presented and clarified. It was noted that S106 money can regularly change due to number of houses, styles and sell on value.

Resolved – that DCC Cllr T Stubbs to send updated paperwork to member of public.

88/23 Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr P Dicker and seconded by Council T Towers and **Resolved** that the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 4th September 2023 be approved and signed by the Chair as a true record.

89/23 Matters arising from the Minutes.

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

90/23 Parish Clerk

The appointment of the new Parish Clerk was confirmed.

That it be in minutes and noted that thanks be given to the outgoing Clerk A Jordan for his years of service and also thanks to T Bellas for her help.

91/23 Parish Council Vacancy: co – option

Resolved that:

1. the verbal report be received.
2. No further action be taken until 8th January 2024 meeting.

92/23 Remembrance Sunday

An update was received with all actions in place.

93/23 Middridge Quarry

No information had been received 8 weeks after the appeal deadline on 5th September 2023

Anti- Social behaviour & Policing.

A small discussion took place on parking issues on new estate.

There were no other matters to report.

94/23 Grounds Maintenance and General Repairs

- a) Village Green
- b) Parish Paths

It was reported that the last cut had been carried out and ends the current contract with Ian Hayman – Weed Control.

Resolved – it is recommended that the new Parish Clerk obtain 3 quotes from companies or individuals for the Village Green, Parks and Parish Paths on an Annual Contract.

c) Tree Maintenance

Resolved that the tree survey is to be carried out on 14th November 2023.

Resolved to receive the tree survey report once completed.

95/23 Children's Play Area

A discussion took place regarding the maintenance and checking of the park.

Resolved that the Parish Clerk to contact HAGS for maintenance pack for the area and develop checklist.

Resolved that the Parish Clerk contact Zurich regarding the minimum requirement for checks on play equipment.

Resolved that the Parish Clerk make enquiries on play equipment check courses.

96/23 'Eldon Whins' Development

A discussion took place regarding the flooding issues from development.

There was further discussion on a noticeboard in new estate.

A discussion took place about both rubbish and dog bins in the Parish

97/23 Neighbourhood Plan

Resolved that: - a report on the Neighbourhood Plan by A Jordan was received and read out by Chair Cllr H Howe.

Village report

a) Christmas Party -- a report was given by Cllr P Dicker

b) Monthly Coffee mornings – a report was given by Cllr P Dicker.

Resolved: the Parish Clerk to receive information on warm spaces funding and disseminate to all Councillors.

98/23 Accounts

Resolved: payments approved – proposed Cllr P Dicker, seconded Cllr T Towers

99/23 GAMP & CDALC

To consider matters arising from Great Aycliffe & Middridge Area Action Partnership (GAMP), and from the Councils Membership of the County Durham Association of Local Councils (CDALC).

A verbal report was received from Cllr T Towers and both DCC Cllr Stubbs and Sutton - Lloyd

Resolved that the information be received.

100/23 Planning Applications

To consider any previous ongoing and new planning permissions received.

No matters to report.

101/23 General Correspondence

None to report.

It was recommended that the Parish Council have a Budget meeting to discuss 2024/ 25 precept.

102/23 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday, 8th January, 2024 at 6.30pm.

Meeting closed 7.56pm

Chair

Date