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Middridge Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held at 6.30pm on Monday, 8th January 2024
in Middridge Village Hall

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

Official: G Gibson (Parish Clerk)
County Councillors D Sutton-Lloyd
Member of the Middridge Village Association
Member of the Public

1/24 **Notice of meeting.**

The Notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

2/24 **Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Carr.

3/24 **Declarations**

There were no declarations of interest.

4/24 **Matters of Public Interest**

The member of the public raised concerns as in previous meetings about speeding, heavy vehicles, drainage, flooding & roundabout issues. A report was given by County Councillor D.S Lloyd.

Resolved that the report be accepted and await outcomes of a joint DCC/ Police working party formation and meeting.

Resolved that this item to be put on hold at future Parish meetings until above action complete.

The issue of parking availability was raised and it was agreed that no extra spaces can be made due to the protected status of the Village green.

The issue of a local untidy accommodation and garden and the environmental concerns were raised.

Resolved – that Parish Clerk contact DCC Environmental Health and report address.

5/24 **Minutes**

It was proposed by Cllr T Towers and seconded by Councillor P Dicker and

Resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 6th November 2023 be approved and signed by the Chair as a true record.

6/24 **Matters arising from the minutes.**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

7/24 Parish Council Vacancy: Co Option

It is to be noted that this matter is still ongoing and agreed to move to the next Parish meeting to be held on Monday 4th March 2024.

8/24 Road traffic

Resolved – that the report received from County Cllr David Sutton Lloyd be received and accepted. (ref item 4/24)

9/24 Anti-Social Behaviour & Policing.

Nothing to report.

10/24 Middridge Quarry

Resolved – Parish Clerk to confirm that no appeal received by DCC.

11/24 Grounds Maintenance & General Repairs

- (a) Village green – Reported that there has been some damage to edges of the green.
- (b) Parish Paths – To receive quotations as part of overall maintenance contract.
- (c) Southside Bus Shelter – **Resolved** -- due to high costs it is to be delayed until 2025.
- (d) Tree Maintenance – It was reported that the planning application to carry out Priority A&B work has been received by DCC.

Resolved – That Priority C work be carried out in the 2024/25 precept year.

Village Hall Car Park – a question was received from a member of the Village Hall Association reference clean up of the car park.

Resolved – That Middridge Parish Council on behalf of the Village Hall Association contact DCC Green & Clean Team. Association to cover cost if any.

12/24 Childrens Play Area

The Parish Council are still awaiting training opportunities for Councillors to carry Playground inspection.

It was requested/ asked that DCC Cllrs fund a replacement bin.

It was reported the football nets are constantly coming free. **Resolved** –that issue be monitored and removed if issue continues.

A question was asked if bird deterrence measure could be placed on the play equipment.

Resolved – Due to Health & Safety Middridge Parish Council cannot add any sort of deterrence to play equipment.

13/24 “Eldon Whins” Development.

A report was received from DCC Cllr David Sutton Lloyd that speed bumps on estate is on the agenda.

Resolved – that report be received.

14/24 Neighbourhood Plan

The draft proposal was discussed and agreed. Proposed by Cllr T. Towers and seconded by Cllr P.Dicker.

Resolved – To approve and adopt the draft proposal.

15/24 Village Support

Reports were received about Remembrance Day, Monthly Coffee mornings and the Christmas Party.

DCC Cllr David Sutton Lloyd indicated he would donate £300 for the 2024 event.

Resolved – that all reports be received in good stead and positives noted and to thank all those who was involved and contributed.

16/24 Accounts

Resolved - That all payments agreed.

Resolved – That the Parish Council purchase a laptop for New Clerk approx. £150 to comply with GDPR.

17/24 Budget 2024/25

Resolved – That precept be approved with 5% increase in Band D.

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

18/24 GAMP & CDALC

GAMP – **Resolved** – that report regarding Police re-location be received.

CDALC – nothing to report.

19/24 Planning Application

Resolved – that the Tree work application from Olivers has been submitted and awaiting approval.

20/24 Clerks Report.

Resolved – to accept the Clerks report & noted.

21/24 Croner Services

A discussion took place on the options offered.

Resolved – It was agreed to reduce the contract by 1 year

Proposed – Cllr P. Dicker & seconded Cllr T. Towers

Parish Clerk to also seek the extra option of a £10 reduction per month.

Parish Clerk to contact Croner Service to inform them of Councils decision.

22/24 General Correspondents

A query about allotments was received.

23/24 Next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 4th March 2024 at 6.30pm

Meeting closed 8.01pm.