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Middridge Parish Council

Minutes of Council Meeting

**Village Hall,
Middridge**

**Monday
4th July 2022**

Time: 6.45 pm

Present: Cllrs H Howe (Chair), P Dicker, E Hayman, T Towers.

In Attendance: Cllrs D Sutton-Lloyd, T Stubbs & M Stead (DCC)

Official: A Jordan (Clerk)

55/22 NOTICE OF MEETING

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

56/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr R Carr (DCC).

57/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

58/22 MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST

None.

59/22 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of 23rd May 2022 were accepted, and signed by the Chair as a true record.

60/22 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

61/22 MIDDRRIDGE QUARRY

Wards have undertaken some slight work to repair the existing Quarry Fencing, but following a recent visit to the Quarry, doubt was expressed as to whether this was to an acceptable standard. Photographs will be supplied to Cllr T Stubbs, who will investigate with the DCC Planning Department.

Action: Clerk

No Wards Planning Application has been submitted to date. It was noted that Tommy Walton is having a lot of work done on improving the road through his farm, and concern was expressed as to whether this is related to providing Wards with an alternative access route to the Quarry.

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62/22 ROAD TRAFFIC

An Accident Log has been established, recording all known incidents. Councillors were requested to report any future incidents to the Clerk.

The Clerk has been unable to contact the Police regarding Speed Monitoring in the village. Our Ward County Councillors kindly agreed to raise this issue at a forthcoming Police Liaison Meeting.

The Chair and the Clerk attended a presentation by Greenfield Arts on the GAMP-funded Community Roadwatch Project. The Proposal is to provide two sets of three pseudo-Road Signs, carrying pictures with messages intended to raise driver's awareness of the need to obey the Speed Limit. 12 Sets of these Signs will be provided, so the Messages can be changed monthly, thus maintaining the interest of drivers who regularly pass through the village. Details of this Proposal have just been received, and will be forwarded to our Ward County Councillors.

Action: Chair

A Presentation is to be organised in the Village Hall, to inform residents of the Proposal, and ask for their suggestions for possible Signs.

63/22 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR & POLICING

A member of the public was recently solicited by a homosexual male in broad daylight in the Parish; this incident has been reported to the Police.

64/22 "THE PADDOCK" WILDFLOWER GRASSLAND

The Allotment Association can undertake proposed improvements to the existing Allotment area once the Section 106 funding becomes available. However, the proposed extension of the Allotments is still being held up by DCC legal issues with the required new Lease. Until this is resolved, it is not possible to progress the proposed Windflower Grassland.

65/22 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE & GENERAL REPAIRS

(a) Village Green Maintenance

There has been further damage to the Village Green by a lorry. It was stressed that anyone witnessing such action should take the vehicle number, as it is possible to claim for the cost of repairs from the vehicle's insurance.

The arrangements for the maintenance of the Village Green Tubs need to be updated, and this year's payments made.

Action: Chair & Cllr T Towers

(b) Parish Paths

Ian Hayman has undertaken the First Cut of the Parish Paths, and the Clerk has submitted an Application to the DCC Parish Paths Partnership for the cost.

(c) Southside Bus Shelter

The Southside Bus Shelter problems have been reported via the DCC "Do-it-online" System, but there has been no response. Our Ward County Councillors have kindly agreed to investigate.

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(d) **Tree Maintenance**

To date it has proved impossible to discuss the required work with OJM Tree Services. Cllr E Hayman has obtained details of a possible alternative supplier.

Action: Clerk

66/22 CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

All the required three Proposals to replace the old Play Area equipment have now been received, and a Presentation in the Village Hall is being organised. However, it will not be possible to submit an Application for Section 106 funding until this becomes available, which will be 2023 at the earliest.

Action: Cllrs P Dicker & T Towers

The Goal Net has been replaced.

The Clerk's Monthly Inspection Report was approved.

The Litter Bin in the Play Area needs replacing; this is to be reported via the DCC "Do-it-online" System.

Action: Clerk

67/22 ELDON WHINS DEVELOPMENTS

Cllr D Sutton-Lloyd has organised DCC to install warning Dog Fouling Notices on Lampposts around the Elder and Acorn Gardens Estates. General and Dog Litter Bins have been provided near the Bus-stop, and it is hoped to organise the same for the area where persistent Dog Fouling has been reported.

Cllr D Sutton-Lloyd mentioned that there were now sufficient residents on the Elder and Acorn Gardens Estates to warrant the provision of a Defibrillator (for which he has funding), and asked whether the Parish Council would cover the associated maintenance costs.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council agrees to fund the maintenance of this Defibrillator.

Cllr D Sutton-Lloyd is organising a Meeting with the builders to discuss the possible location of this Defibrillator, and has agreed that this Meeting should also discuss the provision of Parish Noticeboard(s) in these Estates.

Action: Clerk

68/22 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP)

No progress to report.

Action: Clerk

69/22 ACCOUNTS

The Period for the Exercise of Public Rights to inspect the Parish Council's 2021/22 Accounts ends shortly, when it will be possible to request HMRC to refund the VAT paid (£1528).

Action: Clerk

RESOLVED that the following Accounts be approved for payment:-

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Payee	Purpose	Amount
Npower Business Solutions	Xmas Electricity	£315.00
Tony Towers	Replacement Goal Net & Pegs	£28.98
Hayfields Contracting Ltd	Parish Paths First Cut	£540.00
	TOTAL	£883.98

70/22 GAMP & CDALC

GAMP – At a Meeting of the Local Councils Committee it was agreed that Tony Towers will be the Councillor representative of the GAMP Board. GATC will continue to provide the representative on the CDALC Executive Committee. It was further agreed that in future these appointments will be for the 4 year period between Council Elections.

CDALC – nothing to report.

71/22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (a) Single Storey Rear Extension & Garage Conversion – 16, Eden Grove; approved.
- (b) Attic & Garage Conversion – 34 South Side; still under consideration, although the Parish Council has no objections.

The Chair commented that there were a number of new residents who were making improvements to their properties, which he considered could only be of benefit to the village as a whole.

72/22 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing to report.

73/22 OTHER MATTERS

- (a) EV Charging Points
DCC have been contacted, and a report is awaited.
Action: Clerk
- (b) Village Hall Gates
Ordered, but installation still delayed due to Ian Hayman's recent Operation.
- (c) Wally Mellors Commemorative Plaques
In hand.

74/22 ADDITIONAL ITEMS

None

75/22 NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday, 5th September 2022, at 6.45 pm. The Chair closed the Meeting at 8.30 pm.