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Middridge Parish Council

Minutes of Council Meeting

Village Hall,
Middridge

Monday
4 March 2013

Time: 6.45pm

Present: Cllrs A Clarke (Chairwoman), W Mellors (Vice Chairman), WJ Clarke, H Howe, P Makinson

Official: CA Stenger (Clerk)

100/12 NOTICE OF MEETING

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

101/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence.

102/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Makinson declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in respect of the agenda item dealing with the allotment transfer as a result of being a current allotment holder.

103/12 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2013 were signed by the Chairwoman as a correct record.

104/12 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

i) Noticeboard (min 85/12 ii) refers)

Cllr A Clarke reported that the noticeboard had been ordered, the funds had been received into the Village Association bank account and Cllr Dorothy Bowman had suggested a laptop be purchased, for use in the Hall, with the remainder of the funds. It was also suggested that the noticeboard be 'unveiled' with Cllr Bowman present.

RESOLVED that the Clerk add the above event to the May agenda for further discussion.

ii) Charity Civic Dinner (min 97/12 refers)

Cllrs Clarke had attended the Charity Civic Dinner organised by Great Aycliffe Town Council.

iii) Police & Crime Commissioner Community Panels (min 98/12 ii) refers)

Cllr Mellors reported that he had registered to join the above panels but had not yet heard anything further.

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iv) Circular Walk (98/12 iv) refers)
Cllr A Clarke and Elaine Field had walked the suggested circular route and it was agreed that it was a good, easy 6 mile route. The walk had been organised for Thursday 16 May 2013, at 10am, beginning and ending at the Village Hall, with refreshments provided in the Hall after the walk.

RESOLVED that the date be noted and the item added to the agenda for May.

105/12 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Members considered a schedule of Accounts for Payment.

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment:-

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| Carol Stenger | Clerk Wages (January - March) | £ 280.00 |
| HMRC | Tax liability (January - March) | £ 70.00 |
| DCC | Christmas tree/lights | £ 403.20 |
| CDALC | Subscription charge 2013/14 | £ 53.92 |
| Thirsk Com. Care Ass. | Payroll preparation | £ 55.00 |

106/12 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE & GENERAL REPAIRS

i) Parish Paths Maintenance

The quote received for Parish Paths maintenance was considered.

RESOLVED that the quote be agreed and that the Clerk complete the relevant funding claim forms and send to Elaine Field.

ii) Big Spring Clean 2013

The date of Sunday 17 April was agreed for the litter pick, meeting at the Village Hall at 10am.

RESOLVED that the Clerk complete the necessary paperwork, organise the equipment, and display information regarding the event.

iii) Hedge Laying

The Clerk had contacted Mr Scott of Houghall College regarding hedge laying. He had requested further information by email in order to liaise with colleagues and make a decision on whether it was a viable project. There had been no reply to date.

RESOLVED that the Clerk contact Mr Scott further if no response is received.

107/12 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF ALLOTMENTS BY DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL, MIDDRIDGE

Further correspondence had been received from Fiona Bullen, reiterating her previous decision.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to Gerard Darby, copied to Simon Hennig and Brian Stephens, to state that, due to the potential legal and insurance implications of the access, the Parish Council would only accept transfer of the front allotment site along with the rear land.

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108/12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no new planning applications for consideration.

109/12 CHILDRENS' PLAY AREA

Consideration was given to the Clerk's monthly inspection report regarding the condition of the Play Area and equipment - no issues were raised.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

110/12 C35 NEWTON AYCLIFFE TO SHILDON ROAD-TRAFFIC CALMING

Mr Jameson had agreed to meet with members. Inspector Hall had attended the PACT meeting and discussed the issue. Phil Wilson's office had also been in contact and stated that the issue had been noted.

RESOLVED that the Clerk contact Mr K Jameson to suggest suitable dates and times for a meeting.

111/12 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The draft survey and letter for residents was considered.

RESOLVED that the survey and letter be adopted and used, after minor amendments, and the issue be added to the May agenda for further discussion.

112/12 ELECTIONS 2013

The Clerk had attended the information session and received nomination packs for potential candidates, along with a timetable for events - the information was cascaded and a nomination pack given to each Councillor.

RESOLVED that the Clerk contact Steve Ragg to enquire about advertising of the elections.

113/12 G.A.T.C./MIDDRIDGE AREA ACTION PARTNERSHIP FEEDBACK

There was no feedback to report.

114/12 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to consider.

115/12 ADDITIONAL ITEMS

No additional items to consider.

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116/12 NEXT MEETING

Monday, 13 May 2013 at 6.50pm (following the Annual Parish Meeting)

Chair _____