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Middridge Parish Council

Minutes of Council Meeting

**Village Hall,
Middridge**

**Monday
4th March 2019**

Time: 6.45 pm

Present: Cllrs W Mellors (Chair), H Howe, H Alexander & P Makinson

Official: A Jordan (Clerk)

20/19 NOTICE OF MEETING

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

21/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr S Smith, and Cllrs P Howell and J Clare (DCC)

22/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

23/19 MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST

None

24/19 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of 7th January 2019 were accepted, and signed by the Chair as a true record.

25/19 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Defibrillator (4/19 refers)

The Set of Paediatric Defibrillator Pads has been installed.

(b) Christmas Tree Specification (17/19 refers)

Yet to be produced.

Action: Clerk

26/19 POLICING

Ian Hayman has completely cleared the space behind the Village Hall adjacent to the Gas Pressure Reducing Station, which was the subject of two recent Arson Attacks.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council formally express their thanks to Ian Hayman.

Action: Clerk

27/19 "ELDON WHINS" DEVELOPMENTS & THE COUNTY PLAN

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Nothing to report.

28/19 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE & GENERAL REPAIRS

(a) Street Light Removal

The proposed DCC SLA Legal Document has been received, and circulated to Parish Councillors for their comments, and is awaiting signature.

Action: Cllr W Mellors

At the January Parish Council Meeting, DCC Councillor John Clare mentioned that it might be possible to improve the area of cover of the new LED Street Lights, by requesting that DCC install Lights which throw their light over a wider angle. It was agreed that a Survey of the newly installed LED Street Lights be undertaken to establish which Lights might benefit from this approach, and which Lights have yet to be upgraded.

Action: Cllrs W Mellors & H Howe

(b) Tree Maintenance

The GAMP Board have approved the Parish Council's Application for funding for the proposed Tree Maintenance on "The Dock" and the Play Area from our Ward County Councillors' Neighbourhood Budgets, and payment is awaited. It was noted that it will not be possible to undertake this Work until late Autumn/early Winter. Oliver's Trees will also be requested to clear any Branches from the uncut areas of "The Dock".

Action: Clerk

The possibility of Maintenance on the "Millennium Hedge" is to be investigated again.

Action: Clerk

(c) Walkers Lane Road & Parking

The Statutory Notice Period for the new Parking Restrictions on the Roads near the Village Hall has expired, and it is understood that the necessary Approval of the Secretary of State is now being sought; consequently, it is still not yet known when these Restrictions will come into effect.

One of the reasons why the Village Hall Car-park is not more widely used is because of fears for Vehicle Safety because it is not lit at night. However, the Middridge Village Association (MVA) have recently installed a Security Light, and it is understood that another Light is planned.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council formally express their thanks to the MVA for this.

Action: Clerk

(d) Parish Paths & Dog Litter

Peter Crinnion of the PPP does not plan to repair the Arson Damage to the Path 7 Kissing Gate, because he claims that DCC did not install this Kissing Gate. However, the Clerk has established that the Kissing Gate was installed by Ian Hayman in 2014, and this was funded by the PPP; Peter Crinnion's response is awaited.

The Clerk has been unable to obtain a response from DCC to the suggestion that the existing Dog Litter Bin on "the Dock" be moved to Northside Close; Cllr J Clare's assistance is to be sought.

Action: Clerk

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Living are to be contacted regarding the area of grass they own adjacent to the Garages behind "The Meadows", which is repeatedly badly littered with cigarette ends.

Action: Clerk

(e) Village Green Maintenance

Skill Mill are to be contacted regarding the outstanding treatment of the Path across the Village Green in front of the "Bay Horse" with weedkiller.

Action: Clerk

29/19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None

30/19 CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

The Clerk's Monthly Inspection Report was approved.

31/19 ROAD-TRAFFIC

The possibility of the Parish Council applying for funding for new Safety Puppets and/or permanent Speed Matrices from GAMP is to be considered.

Action: All

It is understood that the Police are prepared to loan a "Speed Gun" to Members of the Public, and Arnold Miller has volunteered; this possibility is to be investigated.

Action: Clerk

32/19 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP)

Nothing to report

33/19 ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED that Colin Gray be appointed Internal Auditor for the Parish Council's 2018/19 Accounts, subject to payment of the usual Honorarium.

Action: Clerk

RESOLVED that the following Accounts be approved for payment:-

Payee	Purpose	Amount
T P Jones & CO LLP	Clerk's Salary Administration	£73.20
Hayfields Contracting Ltd.	Christmas Tree Erect & Remove	£300.00
A. D. Jordan	Clerk's Jan – Mar Salary	£240.00
HMRC	Clerk's Jan – Mar Tax	£160.00
	TOTAL	£773.20

34/19 GAMP & CDALC

Cllr W Mellors is to attend a CDALC Executive Committee Meeting shortly.

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GAMP – the GAMP Board have agreed next year’s Project Priorities, based on a Public Vote. The arrangements for handling Project Applications will continue to use the new ‘Project Callout’ Procedure, but Funds will nominally be allocated to the Project Priorities in proportion to their Public Vote i.e.

- (a) Children, Young People & Families – 50%
- (b) Older People – 30%
- (c) Community Safety – 20%

35/19 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

None.

36/19 OTHER MATTERS

(a) **Byerley Park Primary School Governors**

Byerley Park Primary School, one of whose Governors traditionally represents Middridge, are looking for new Governors; anyone potentially interested should contact Cllr H Howe.

(b) **DCC Land behind the “Bay Horse”**

The uncut areas of the DCC owned Land behind the “Bay Horse” are often unsightly because of accumulations of dead branches, leaves and rubbish. Volunteers are prepared to clear these areas, subject to DCC’s approval, and the provision of a small skip to remove the rubbish; this possibility is to be investigated.

Action: Clerk

37/19 ADDITIONAL ITEMS

None

38/19 NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday, 13th May 2019, at 6.45 pm; at which a new Chair (and Vice-Chair) will be appointed. This Meeting will be preceded by

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