

**MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17 JANUARY 2017 AT THE RECREATION ROOM,  
CHURCH LANE, MIDDLETON**

**Present**

Cllr Gill Keegan (Chair)  
Cllr Graham Smith  
Cllr Peter Rotherham  
Cllr Jack Everill  
Cllr Pete Rawlins (Vice Chair)

**Clerk in Attendance**

**Police Surgery;** None this month

**Public in Attendance;** no residents

1/17	<b>Apologies.</b> John Rowland	
2/17	<b>Police Surgery (outstanding matter)</b>	
	<b>82/16/6. Community Speedwatch.</b> Clerk has application forms for volunteers Costly to set up. PC Scot Ramsell had contacted Joan Lea to see if any funds could be allocated. Cllrs wanted to wait until that source of funding either came or another source had to be found. General agreement with Cllr Smith that permanent warning signs better than plastic. <b>Clerk to contact Joan Lea again</b> and enquire as to whether funding would be available for her Community Fund. If not the involvement would probably have to wait until a new tenant was secured in the MCC. <b>To be discussed next meeting</b>	Clerk
3/17	<b>Declarations of Interest.</b> None	
4/17	<b>Minutes of a meeting held on 15.11.2016</b> Agreed and signed by Cllr Keegan (Chair) as correct record of that meeting	
5/17	<b>Matters Arising from meeting of 15.11.2016 (and prior where ongoing)</b>	
	<b>22/16/5 MRRC access slope.</b> Cllr Rawlins to provide quote and requested the Parish Council to pay towards the work as it was effectively for the Parish Council giving residents access to the village green. This was agreed, Cllr Rawlins to put together a quotation.	Cllr Rawlins
	<b>22/16/6 Church Lane Garages (repairs).</b> <i>Ongoing.</i> Clerk will keep chasing (Case number 233761)(Angela Wates)	Clerk
	<b>37/16/2 Notice Board (Allen End)</b> Ongoing	Cllr Smith
	<b>86/16/7. Flooding, Green Lane;</b> Sand and bags have been delivered. Off the Agenda now until or unless any more is heard from Green Lane residents.	CLOSED
	86/16/8 Green Lane flooding and Belfry. Off Agenda until or unless any more is heard from residents. fall. Ongoing to see if more issues arise	CLOSED

	<b>134/16/1 Cost of disposal of dog waste and a litter bin on VG.</b> Await communication from NWBC. Ongoing. Currently they are being emptied. Cllr Everill suggested asking for a quote from Martin Ryan. Martin to be asked.	Cllr Everill
	<b>151/16/2. Keys to storage etc.</b> Had obtained some. To ensure we have 4 x MCC sets and 3 x Storage sets and obtain what we don't have.	Cllr Rawlins
	<b>151/16/4 Neighbourhood Plans.</b> Clerk to monitor to see if any changes made to the NPPF would mean that a neighbourhood plan could be beneficial. <b>See Correspondence</b>	Clerk
	<b>151/16/5. Butchers Lane.</b> Clerk had emailed Jane Pritchard regarding progress if any on the issue of large HGVs blocking Butchers Lane (Wood Lane) No answer as yet. Clerk to follow up.	Clerk
	<b>151/16/6 CCTV Camera.</b> Agreed CCTV cameras not required. Look at putting up more signs instead. Cllr Keegan to write up notices. Cllr Everill to obtain quotes for larger signs.	Cllr Everill/ Cllr Keegan
	<b>151/16/7. Road Signage.</b> Clerk had emailed Debbie Poynton and proposals were being prepared. Clerk to follow up	Clerk
	<b>138/16/1 Susan Pallett Playground.</b> Look at the playground as a whole in March and determine a plan to improve. <b>ACTION IN MARCH</b>	ALL
6/17	<b>Reports from Councillors</b>	
	<b>Cllr Keegan</b>	
	<b>6/17/1</b> Kerb stones and pavement need repairing from the shop up towards Green Man. Contact Highways	Clerk/Cllr Keegan
	<b>6/17/2</b> Fire and Rescue consultation is available online until 10/3/17. Cllr Rotherham offered to complete	Cllr Rotherham
	<b>6/17/3</b> Following Cllr Smith's comment on a Middleton Village Facebook page, to make use of this social media facility for all parish communication and to this end, look to increase the usage of the site. Cllr Smith to find the link and pass to all. All to help encourage usage by Middleton Parish residents.	Cllr Smith
	<b>Cllr Everill</b>	
	<b>6/17/4</b> Recent high winds have caused the bracken to be blown into the book resulting in blockage at Crowberry Lane Ford. Highways to be contacted to clear	Clerk
	<b>6/17/5</b> Keep check on planning applications from Carol Avery re stables area.	Clerk
	<b>Cllr Rotherham</b>	
	<b>6/17/6</b> Reckons that it would cost £15k to put in an access from Coppice Lane to Village Green. Drew to be approached if considered. Look at again	All

	in April	
	<b>6/17/7</b> Gunslingers have been seen on the prowl in the local area. Police have been informed	
7/17	<b>SWT.</b> No report	
8/17	<b>HS2</b>	
	<b>169/16/1. Final line adjustments were being made.</b> No known affect on Middleton. Railhead group would be due to meet soon	Clerk
	<b>8/17/1</b> Cllrs Everill and Rotherham attended an HS2 sponsored meeting in Kingsbury to find that owing to the geological structure of the ground, it was not possible to install viaducts and that the line was consequently going to be lowered by 4m resulting in roads previously going over the rail track as a bridge will now stay at ground level. Impact on Bodymoor Heath and Brick Kiln Lane which will stay as they are! Cllr Everill requested a separate survey and visit to discuss the concerns on flooding in the area of Langley Brook. Cllr Everill to inform all when that meeting is likely to take place.	Cllr Everill
9/17	<b>Village Green Development and related matters</b>	
	<b>170/16/1. Second access to VG.</b> See 6/17	Cllr Rotherham
10/17	<b>MCC</b>	
	<b>10/17/1</b> Tanner Holdings took on the lease on as of 16/1/2017 and has already started work on the refurbishments. We have received a request to pay for essential roofing, fascia boards and gutter repairs. A quote from Dan was £3850. We have received a separate quote from Terry (£1400) and Walmley Landscapes (£1450 + VAT) making a total of £2,850 + VAT. It was agreed that MPC should pay for the work on the proviso that it would only be for this work and no other future work. Terry and Walmley Landscapes to be given the order do this as soon as possible. Cllr Rawlins to inform Dan with verbal agreement that this is all we would pay for. Cllr Keegan agreed to confirm this in email.	Cllr Rawlins/ Cllr Keegan
	<b>10/17/2</b> <b>Keys</b> to the padlock on the gate to be located and gate to be opened. If keys cannot be found then the chain is to be cut to release the gate. Cllrs Everill and Keegan and Clerk to look for key.	Cllrs Everill / Keegan / Clerk
	<b>10/17/3</b> Dan requested an appeal to residents for some objects required for the business, e.g. upright piano, rowing boat. Cllr Keegan to put in appeal advert in MM. Cllr Rotherham offered a rowing boat	Cllrs Keegan/ Rotherham
	<b>10/17/4</b> Monies have already been received from Tanner Holdings: 1) Rent Deposit £8k (which will be transferred to a reserve account; 2) Rent from 16/1/17 to 24/3/17 in line with payment dates (£2,900) (Next rent due on 24 March of £4k); 3) Insurance (overpaid so owe a refund once the breakdown of insurance is known)	Clerk



	HMRC DEC cn 1927 £131.80	
	NWBC Rates CN 1930 £548.49	
	Came & Co Cn 1929 £1259.64	
	NWBC rates cn 1936 £548.49	
	EON cn 1933 £34.39	
	EON 1932 £17.13	
	Prontaprint cn 1931 £248.33	
	All approved	
	<b>Spending to be strictly controlled</b> until funding position known	
14/17	<b>AOB</b>	
	The successful funding received from Joan Lea (approx. £450) could go towards the new village green access	
	A request has been made for a Community Bench in memory of Peggy Webb. Bob Webb has started to make it. The preferred location would be next to the pump outside of the Church. Council agreed.	
	Cllr Rawlins requested is it possible for MPC to take the lead in claiming for grant funding for the MRR if necessary. Janice Hare is gathering information on priorities on MRR from regular users with the intention of finding funding to assist. MPC have no problem with being the lead if necessary	
15/17	<b>Meeting finished at 9.00 pm</b>	
16/17	<b>Date of next meeting Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 Recreation Room 7.30pm.</b>	