

MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2017 AT THE RECREATION ROOM,
CHURCH LANE, MIDDLETON**

Present

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

Clerk in Attendance

Police Surgery; None this month
Public in Attendance; Terry Cole

17/17	Apologies. John Rowland; Graham Smith	
18/17	Police Surgery (outstanding matter)	
	82/16/6. Community Speedwatch. Chair attended meeting on CSW with two residents – Elaine Foulkes and Carol Avery. It was established that specific, police recommended locations were to be determined and Scot visited to identify suitable locations in the village which will need to be clarified. Then minimum of 6 volunteers to be identified all to be committed to carry out the operation in 1 hour sessions, bi-weekly, ideally, with 3 volunteers attending each session at a suitable time. Costs identified are the hi-vis jackets,(from £8 - £22) two signs (£140) and the radar equipment (£1090) this last of which can be borrowed free of charge from Warks police. First to check with Joan Lea to establish if there are funds available to help with the set up. Second, if locations agreed, then we would look to start during the summer months when low cost high vis vests were more appropriate. In any case, loaning the equipment initially would be beneficial to check on the operation. Third to confirm we have six volunteers.	Clerk/ Cllr Keegan
19/17	Declarations of Interest. None	
20/17	Minutes of a meeting held on 17.01.2017 Agreed and signed by Cllr Keegan (Chair) as correct record of that meeting	
21/17	Matters Arising from meeting of 17.01.2017 (and prior where ongoing)	
	22/16/5 MRRC access slope. Cllr Rawlins provided a quote at cost of £975. Taking into account the fund available of £454.00 and the fact that MRR would benefit also as it would provide a ramp access from the fire door, the remaining cost would be split between MRR and PC. A working party to meet on site this weekend to agree the work.	Cllr Rawlins/ Everill/ Keegan
	22/16/6 Church Lane Garages (repairs). Ongoing. Clerk will keep chasing (Case number 233761)(Angela Wates)	Clerk
	37/16/2 Notice Board (Allen End) Ongoing	Cllr Smith

	134/16/1 Cost of disposal of dog waste and a litter bins. A further email has been received from NWBC requesting our decision. At £2.50 per bin and with six bins the cost would be £15.00 per collection. It was agreed to trial a monthly collection initially over a 3 month period and to inform NWBC for this to go ahead. The frequency of collection, especially for the village green bins, may have to be shortened in due course	Clerk/ Cllr Keegan
	151/16/2. Keys to storage/MCC. These were handed out at the meeting.	CLOSED
	151/16/4 Neighbourhood Plans. Clerk to monitor to see if any changes made to the NPPF would mean that a neighbourhood plan could be beneficial.	Clerk
	151/16/5. Butchers Lane. 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/Cllr Keegan to follow up.	Clerk/Cllr Keegan
	151/16/6 CCTV Camera. Agreed to acquire new larger signs. Quote required from Fazeley signs.	Cllr Everill/ Cllr Keegan
	151/16/7. Road Signage. Clerk had emailed Debbie Poynton and proposals were being prepared. Clerk to Chase	Clerk
	138/16/1 Susan Pallett Playground. Look at the playground as a whole in March and determine a plan to improve. ACTION IN MARCH	ALL
	14/17 Kerb stones and pavement need repairing from the shop up towards Green Man. Contact Highways	Cllr Keegan/ Clerk
	3/17 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
	4/17 Recent high winds have caused bracken to be blown into the brook resulting in blockage at Crowberry Lane Ford. Cllr Everill cleared twice. Scum still present. Highways to be contacted	Clerk/Cllr Keegan
22/17	Reports from Councillors	
	Cllr Rotherham	
	22/17/1 A38 racing has started again. Contact police to inform	Clerk
	22/17/2 Rebel kid bikers in large quantities are making a nuisance of themselves with threatening behaviour in North Warwickshire area, e.g. Water Orton. Be aware	INFO
	22/17/3 Complaints received about the state of the farmhouse on the corner of Coppice/Church Lanes. The property is empty and it is difficult to get private residents anyway to keep things in check. Could highways be informed about the hedge which protrudes into and obscures the road? Difficult when no contact details available.	Clerk

	22/17/4 Hill Lane residents have agreed with the comments on Slade Road and the closure of a right turn onto A453. Awaiting news of next meeting.	INFO
	Cllr Everill	
	22/17/5 The footpath at the back of Hill Farm appears to have been blocked off by local resident. To request confirmation and solution from Greg Bancroft, Footpath officer.	Cllr Keegan
	22/17/6 Litter picking of the A4091 from Church Lane to Belfry island required as it is particularly bad at present. Put in request to NWBC for litter picking this area.	Clerk
	22/17/7 Suggested that the PC seriously consider taking on the running of the MRR with the assistance of a sub-committee. To be discussed when new clerk on board.	ALL
	Cllr Keegan	
	22/17/8 Re advert in Sutton Observer for Hazelwoods Estate Agency run by Harriet Butler from home in Wishaw Lane. Apparently new structure is being built replacing existing buildings at their property and though business is being run from 'home' there are no visitors or customers to potentially disrupt local residents.	INFO
	22/17/9 Complaints received about rubbish in MCC grounds whilst building work is going on. This is short term, understandable and no action necessary	INFO
	22/17/10 Comments have been received re new price structure of hire of MRR. A further explanation is to be given in the next edition of MM	Cllr Rawlins
	22/17/11 Notification of Area Forum received. Date of 2 nd March at Piccadilly CC 6.30 start. Check with clerk for attendance then volunteers please?	ALL
23/17	SWT. No report	
24/17	HS2	
	24/17/1 Railhead group met. Cllr Keegan attended. As a member of the Special Management Zone Middleton will be included in communication meetings and reviews throughout the entire period of the works. Steps are to be taken to recruit more members to the group	Cllr Keegan
	24/17/2 Following the meeting at Kingsbury attended by Cllrs Everill and Rotherham, a meeting at the brook by HS2 personnel is set for Friday 24/2/17 at 1pm	Cllr Everill
25/17	Village Green Development and related matters	
	170/16/1. Second access to VG. See 6/17	Cllr Rotherham
26/17	MCC	
	26/17/1 A huge amount of work has been done already at the MCC.	INFO

	Rent for MCC March-June 2017 £4000	
	29/17/2 Cheques for approval	
	HMRC Clerk on cost Feb 2017 c/n 1946 £131.80	
	Clerk Salary February 2017 c/n 1945 £527.50	
	Walmley Landscapes c/n 1944 £1740.00 (inc VAT)	
	Gill Keegan Keys c/n 147 £100.00	
	Burley Browne Final c/n 1922 £2090.10	
	29/17/3 Cheques presented	
	T.Cole c/n 1942 £1400.00	
30/17	Public Questions	
	30/17/1 Terry Cole requested further investigation on 'Flashing Speeding Signs' through the village which are prevalent elsewhere and appear to be effective. To check an update on costs/types available, etc	Clerk/Cllr Keegan
	30/17/2 The ditches are filling up again with debris. To be checked. Terry Cole offered to do a plan of action and inform the PC	Terry Cole
	30/17/3 Re Fire door on left hand side of MRR main room. Could this not be moved to right hand side of the building, enabling a better direct access to village green for the ramp, rather than a dog leg to take account of current position of fire door access of MRR? Costs may be similar and Terry Cole has offered to quote and do the work for the relocation of the door. To be looked at, at the weekend along with the Village Green Ramp Access.	Cllr Rawlins/Keegan/Everill/Terry Cole
31/17	AOB	
	None	
32/17	Meeting finished at 9.30 pm	
33/17	Date of next meeting Tuesday 21st March 2017 Recreation Room 7.30pm.	