**MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE RECREATION ROOM**

**CHURCH LANE MIDDLETON**

**Date 7/9/2022**

**Present Councillors**

**Cllr. James Beamish (JB) Chair**

**Cllr. Peter Rotherham (PR) Vice-chair**

**Cllr. Graham Smith (GS)**

**Cllr. Peter Rawlins (PRw)**

**Cllr. Sandra Smith**

**Cllr. Gill Keegan (GK)**

1. **Apologies**

**Andy Jenns County Councillor (AJ)) (prior meeting)**

**Mark Simpson Borough Councillor (MS) (prior meeting)**

**Cllr. Graham Smith (GS) Holliday**

**Clerk in Attendance Tony Harris (TH)**

**Public in attendance**

*Matt Price Beatty Balfour Vinci (BBV) attended to update the council on the current situation with HS2/BBV no members of Public were in attendance.*

*Notes*

* *BBV have now taken possession of the land for construction with road construction for earthmoving one of the first activities undertaken.*
* *Church lane will see closures due to Utility checks, unfortunately these are mandated to happen at regular intervals especially with a main gas pipe crossing the land BBV have no control over this. Surveys run out of date and have to be re done.*
* *New roads will be built alongside old roads and a switchover will occur to minimize any disruption or unnecessary road closures.*
* *In late October plant crossing points will be built in the area.*
* *Ragwort has been found on BBV land and will be dealt with however there are significantly larger concentrations on high ways land and the eradication does not include these sites.*
* *Pathway between Drayton Basssett and Middleton will see the road come close, so there will, at some point be a diversion but a closure is not seen as currently necessary.*
* *Social BBV projects are underway with Litter picking at Drayton Bassett.*
* *Cllr Rotherham noted a branch was hanging loose by the HS2 owned property i.e. the last house on the left hand side leaving the village on church lane. Matt agreed to look-into this.*
* *Vibration testing will be done regularly when works begin.*
* *Impacts of road closure need assessment if traffic is diverted through the village MPC asked for some forward planning from BBV on possible traffic management*
* *Cllr. Beamish raised the issue of dust clouds on these temporary roads as Coleshill had experienced some level of complaints about this.*
* *Cllr. Rotherham raised the issue of flooding at Crowberry Lane and that if this happened when Church Lane was closed would cause chaos.*
* *Bentonite chemicals have reportedly been used on HS2 land which could lead to greater surface run off and localised flooding. (*Bentonite is a type of clay that has an ability to swell and gel when dispersed in water which is used in construction mainly in [excavation](https://theconstructor.org/question/what-is-surface-excavation/) and [foundation](https://theconstructor.org/geotechnical/shallow-foundations-types/5308/) works.)

1. **Police Surgery**

None

1. **Declarations of Pecuniary or other interests.**

*None*

**4. Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 22/7/2022**

*The previous minutes were duly signed Chair Cllr Beamish*

1. **Matters Arising**
2. *It was agreed to leave the one speed camera at 20MPH as there was a real drive in Warwickshire to bring in 20mph speed limits and it was felt safer for residents with only one complaint received to date.*
3. *A new agreement on the Community Centre is being drafted with the one year termination clause being excluded as it was commercially unviable.ted.*
4. *WIFI, it was unanimously agreed to install WIFI in the village hall with MPC agreeing to pay half the costs due to its cameras and use of WIFI during its meetings.*
5. *Cllr. Keegan said she had looked at play equipment but it was difficult to obtain costings from suppliers as most searches were web based and no costs given and no budget was agreed. It was noted that HS2 had funded a play area in Whittington the council agreed but that HS2 had given a grant for the village Hall it was also agreed that the budget could be spread over three years. It was also agreed that current facilities for a village of our size and the amount of usage was not insignificant but if it could be further improved it should be.*
6. *Cllr. Beamish to chase up mobile camera quote.*
7. *Clerk to chase up third camera site at Allen End.*

**NEW ACTIONS**

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| **Ref** | **What** | **Who** | **When** |
| **N1** | *Obtain mobile camera* | Cllr. Beamish | October |
| **N2** | *Investigate long term plan for Village Green* | All |  |
| **N3** | *Follow up siting of APNR camera at Allen End- meeting held with local resident but one more option to be investigated- Meeting held and general agreement reached but another site has been proposed and is being looked at.* | Clerk | October |
| **N4** |  |  |  |
| **N5** | *Lease with Solicitor to draft and send out with termination clause removed* | Clerk | September |
| **N6** |
| *N7* | *Electrical connection to the garage area to be set up* | *Clerk* | *November* |

**PENDING / ONGOING ACTIONS**

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| **Ref** | **What** | **Who** | **When** |
| **P1** |
| **P2** | *PLAY AREA*  *Cllr Keegan to look at new equipment options*  *Clerk to initiate repair of the central slide and turreted play equipment based on an initial £10000 budget to be reviewed based on quotes received* | Cllr  Keegan | September |
| **P3** | ***VILLAGE HALL***  *Village Hall Committee to source WIFI solution with MPC contributing 50% towards the cost for its own use.*  ***THIS HAS BEEN ACTIONED MPC quote £186.00*** | Clerk | November |
| **P4** | ***LIBRARY***  *Glass has been broken on the telephone box so this needs repair Clerk to action****. Tim Brown approached awaiting quote – Clerk to chase*** | Clerk | October |
| **P5** | ***MCC 15year LEASE***  *See* ***N5*** | Clerk | October |
| **P7** | *Camera Church Lane needs to have speed limit increased to 30MPH after resident complaint* ***This will require some assistance given to the Clerk to reprogram due to the logistics of making the change*** | Clerk | Sept |
| **P8** |  |  |  |
| **P9** | *Garages are cleared and legal agreement has been received from NWBC. A couple of technical issues have been raised but the project is underway* | Clerk | July |
| **P10** |  |  |  |
| **P11** | *It was unanimously agreed to purchase one remote cameras for wildlife monitoring and impact of HS2 works on our local biodiversity* | Clerk | July |
| **P12** |  | Cllr Keegan | February |
| **P13** | *Investigate concrete base for seating on V.G. with Russell-****ongoing-see N2*** | Clerk | May |

**CLOSED ACTIONS SINCE LAST MEETING**

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| **Ref** |  |
| **C1** | *WIFI for village hall -supplier selected and installation underway* |
| **C2** | *Travellers rest signage installed* |
| **C3** | *Grant of £500 awarded to Middleton Horticultural society towards costs of Marque for the village fete* |
| **C4** | *Grant £500 paid to MRR towards costs of new extension* |

**KEY FINANCIAL PROJECTS 2021/22**

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| **Ref** | **What** | **Quotes** | **Budgeted**  **cost** | **Actual cost** |
| **K2** | ***GARAGES (Church Lane)***  *Garages have been emptied and demolished and plans are to be drawn up for a new community facility* | On Hold  Awaiting | £10,000 EMR |  |
| **K3** | ***CEF Grant (HS2)***  *£500 grant paid* |  |  | MPC contribution £500 **paid** |
| **K4** | ***PLAY AREA***  *Repair costs have been agreed of £1000 for the repair of the main play equipment****. Tim Brown approached awaiting quote*** |  | **£1000** |  |
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| **K8** | ***MOBILE CAMERAS***  *For wildlife use one camera to be ordered*  ***Supplier approached but no quote yet received and question the need for sim and remote access*** | Camera £474 per camera sim card £10 month | £500 |  |

1. **Samuel White Trust and other Community Organisations**
2. *Contributions made to two separate new Ukrainian family who have moved into the village.*
3. **High Speed Rail Line (**See Matt Price talk**)**

*BBV will contribute to Middleton Matters on a regular basis*

**9. Village Green Development**

**a.** *Cllr. Keegan has initial £10,000 budget to investigate equipment and costs. Clerk to chase up repairs with Tim Brown*

**10. Middleton Recreation Room**

*a. work on the extension is well under way with electrics and plastering in full swing with expected end of October finish*

**11. Reports of Councillors and Clerk**

**Cllr. Keegan**

1. *Hedge and weeds at Garage site getting very untidy Clerk to investigate.*
2. *Some issues about shops survival being voiced after papers stopped*

**Cllr. Smith**

*a. no reports*

**Cllr. Beamish**

*a. Issue with anti-social behaviour at the Samuel white housing, Councillors agreed to take no action as a Council and that this was a matter for Samuel White charity.*

**Cllr. Rotherham**

1. *No reports*

***Cllr. Rawlins***

1. *Fly tipping seems to be getting worse Clerk reported that there appears to be little direct action on bringing offenders to court as it was cheaper to collect the fly tipped rubbish. Every case presented to NWBC inclusive of photos of vehicles witness statements etc has achieved nothing.*
2. *Cllr. Rawlins stated that due to work pressures he was resigning from the council and that this would be his last meeting.*

**Cllr. Jenns**

*No Reports*

***Cllr. Simmons***

*No Reports*

1. **Correspondence (Clerk)**

**WALC**

Training

**WCC**

Grant application - Mother and Baby group

**NWBC**

Welcome Sandra Smith and Matt Price

GARAGE SITE- supply/gates/building

Fly tipping – a waste of time reporting other than foir collection

**General**

Samuel white /Platform Housing

1. **Planning matters**

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| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | [PAP/2022/0365](http://planning.northwarks.gov.uk/portal/servlets/ApplicationSearchServlet?PKID=124234) | 13/07/2022 | Land 150 Metres North West of Highfields Withy Hill Road Middleton |   Change of use of land to equestrian use and erection of stable hay and tack room and implement store   |  | | --- | |  | | [PAP/2022/0366](http://planning.northwarks.gov.uk/portal/servlets/ApplicationSearchServlet?PKID=124235) | 13/07/2022 | 35 Church Lane Middleton |   Porch to front including canopy across front   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | [PAP/2022/0307](http://planning.northwarks.gov.uk/portal/servlets/ApplicationSearchServlet?PKID=123953) | 29/07/2022 | Skylark Barn Holly Lane Middleton Sutton Coldfield |   Two storey side extension   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | [PAP/2022/0355](http://planning.northwarks.gov.uk/portal/servlets/ApplicationSearchServlet?PKID=124193) | 25/07/2022 | Cross Green House Green Lane Middleton Tamworth |   Certificate of existing lawfulness for a single storey link extension and garage conversion   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | [PAP/2022/0391](http://planning.northwarks.gov.uk/portal/servlets/ApplicationSearchServlet?PKID=124432) | 25/07/2022 | Coppice Garden Centre Limited Coppice Lane Middleton Tamworth Warwickshire |   Provision of building at existing garden centre (retrospective) to provide six small-scale business/retail units | |
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**14. Financials**

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| **MPC Financials 7/9/2022** | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **Available funds in current account A/c 00411787** | | | | **30/08/2022** |  | **£26,240.09** |
| **Available funds in reserve account A/c 29525357** | | | | **05/08/2022** |  | **£7,371.46** |
| **Grand total** |  |  |  |  |  | **£33,611.55** |
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| **unpresented cheques** | |  |  |  |  |  |
| name |  | cheque | value | description | date |  |
| Mrs Ryan |  | 2314 | £6.00 | paint | 27/08/2022 |  |
| clerk |  | 2315 | £793.24 | wages | 30/08/2022 |  |
| Prontaprint |  | 2316 | £264.00 | MM | 30/08/2022 |  |
|  |  |  | **£1,063.24** |  |  | -£1,063.24 |
|  |  |  |  |  | subtotal | **£25,176.85** |
| **cheques to be signed** | |  |  |  |  |  |
| HMRC |  | 2319 | £241.66 | tax+ENI | 07/09/2022 |  |
| Cutting Edge |  | 2137 | £100.00 | Grass cutting |  |  |
| Unique M |  | 2318 | £30.00 | sign |  |  |
| TEEC |  | 2320 | £144.00 | website |  |  |
|  |  |  | £515.66 |  |  | **-£515.66** |
|  |  |  |  |  | total | **£24,661.19** |
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| **income** |  |  |  | school rent |  | £2,080.00 |
|  |  |  |  | MM |  | £40.00 |
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**15. Public Questions and Comments**.

**16. The Chair proposes**

*None.*

**17. Any other business**

**Meeting closed at 8.55 pm**

**Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Date of next meeting 12 /10/2022**