

MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 6 November 2024
at 7.00pm.
at Middleton village hall, School Road, Middleton

	<p>Present Cllr Wiles Van-Dyke, Applegate, Barclay, Cullen, Gibson, S Rose, Ward</p> <p>Clerk</p>	
1	<p>Apologies for absence Cllr T Barclay. (BCKLWN) Cllr J Moriarity (NCC)</p> <p>Cllr Wiles Van-Dyke announced that Cllr Porter passed away and a minutes silence was held in memory of him</p>	
2	<p>Declaration of interest or dispensation requests Cllr will declare any interest in any item on the agenda and request dispensation on any item the Council may consider.</p> <p>Cllr Wiles Van-Dyke declared an interested in the monthly accounts, item 11.1 and item 17.1 as his partner is mentioned in them. Cllr Applegate declared an interest in planning agenda item 16.1</p>	
3	<p>Meeting to be suspended for 15 minute open forum for Parishioners – comments will be accepted on items on the agenda only. No comments were made</p>	
4	<p>Report from Borough/County Councillor Not present A report was received after the meeting and distributed to all Parish Cllrs.</p>	
5	<p>Minutes as follows for approval. 5.1 Parish Council meeting 2 October 2024 On a proposal from Cllr Applegate seconded by Cllr Ward these mins were approved as a true record of the meeting. Unanimously agreed. Thanks were expressed to Cllr S Rose for standing in and completing the mins</p>	
6	<p>To discuss the use of CIL money It was reported that the CIL money stands at £888 and that the PC needs to consider what this should be used for. Various ideas were put forward such as dog bins, litter bins with lids and a noticeboard at Blackborough End,</p>	
7	<p>To discuss a list of highways issues</p> <p>Various issues were raised, as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drains need sucking as they have a lot of sand in them, at Tower Endd • Replacement road signs needed at School Road and the sign at Water Lane needs cleaning as moss is growing on it. • It was reported that the railings are in a bad state at Station Road and near the crossing • It was asked if we could have the nicer galvanised style as in East Winch. • Hill Road <p>Locations of the grit bins were discussed and the following confirmed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top of Sandy Lane 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next phone box • By the bus stop <p>It was asked the Cllrs could be observant and report any others during the month.</p>	
8	<p>To discuss the Fair Green Bus Shelter</p> <p>It was reported that after the last meeting Clear Vu cleaned the bus shelter FOC. It has been cleaned and swept out inside. Bamboo is growing as a screening The Perspex is discoloured but it was felt that there is not a lot can be done about that.</p>	
9	<p>To discuss purchase of Noticeboard at Blackborough End</p> <p>Cllr Wiles Van Dyke reported that this noticeboard is a health and safety issue and it would be better to have a noticeboard as at the school, It was proposed by Cllr Ward to replace the Blackborough End noticeboard with a wooden noticeboard like the one at the school, seconded by Cllr Rose, unanimously agreed.</p>	Order a noticeboard
10	<p>Village Hall</p> <p>10.1. General issue</p> <p>General issues were mentioned as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The toilets are not very clean • When was the decision made to not have WIFI at the village hall? • Did the meeting agree on the maximum occupancy at the hall and the number of tables and chairs that can be used? • What does the licence say about capacity? • What does the Public liability insurance say about capacity <p>Cllr Gibson reported that he had attended the village hall meeting and updated the PC on some of the discussion, main points as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Gibson reported that the cones were looking unsightly, and the Chair reported that she had tried to manage the car park without cones but cars ended up doing donuts in the car park • The rubble and concrete in the car park is going to be cleared up. • It was confirmed the car park is open and the last people in are dog walkers that arrive at 5.30 • Waiting dates for the blood donors to come to the village hall • AGM date is tba • The car meet made £175 • There is approx. £30,000 in the village hall account, it was reported that this money is kept in case the boiler goes wrong. • On VE day the village hall will light the beacon, 	Email the village hall committee
11	<p>Allotments</p> <p>11.1 To discuss quotations for fence, gate and hedge reduction hedge</p> <p>On a proposal by Cllr Applegate, seconded by Cllr Rose ia quotation for the fence and gate and hedge reduction and another quote for the grass cutting, Agreed unanimously. The contractor was phoned to check what the time scale would be for the fencing.</p> <p>11.2 To discuss any general issues</p> <p>General issues were discussed as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rats are being dealt with • There is some rubbish on a allotment and once the rubbish is collected then the allotment will be rented out. • It was agreed the Clerk will write to the allotment holder to get the rubbish cleared so that we can re-let it. • Allotment 3 has a lot of rubbish and smashed glass, we will write to the allotment holder again. 	Write to allotment owners
12	<p>Playing field</p> <p>12.1 To discuss broken owl</p> <p>The wooden owl needs a repair. It was agreed that we will ask our contractor to take it apart and see how much it would cost to make it more stable</p>	

	<p>12.2 Any general issues The Clerk was asked to contact the mole man It was reported that the trees promised are being lifted and will need to be put in straight away. Cllr Ward offered to personally pay for these if they are not give FOC The Chair thanked Cllr Ward for this kind offer.</p>	Contact the mole man
13	<p>Other Parish Land 13.1. Any general issues No other issues reported</p>	
14	<p>Highways issues Issues already reported</p>	
15	<p>To discuss any correspondence received since last meeting It was reported that a representative of NAT will be attending our next meeting to talk about the mount.</p>	
16	<p>Planning 16.1 Any applications to consider 24/06148/F Self build conversion and extension of agriculture bdg NW of Sunset, Cottage, School Road. After much discussion it was agreed unanimously to support this application. It was felt there is already building there and this will hae the same footprint. The proposal will not be visible 24/01649/F Balcony to existing flat roof at Mitre Farm Unanimously agreed that there was no objection to this proposal, 16.2 Any further applications received after agenda issued None to report 16.3. Any decisions received from BCKLWN None to report</p>	
17	<p>Finance 17.1 To agree bills for payment On a proposal from Cllr Ward, seconded by Cllr Cullen the attached bills for payment were agreed with the addition of a £50 donation to the poppy appeal to cover the wreath to lay at the remembrance service and a £30 donation, This was unanimously agreed. 17.2 To agree an expenditure amount for the RFO to use in emergencies It was proposed by Cllr Applegate, seconded by Cllr Gibson, unanimously agreed that the Clerk/RFO have the authority to spend up to £500 in an emergency. In most circumstances it is anticipated the Clerk/RFO would discuss this with the Chair,</p>	
18	<p>Items for next agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorial in memory of Cllr Wiles and Porter • Parish Council chairs allowance 	
19	<p>Date of next meeting 4/12/24</p>	
	<p>SignedDate.....</p>	

