

Middleton Parish Council

Pride in Stone

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**A meeting of the Parish Council held
in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, Main Street, Middleton on
Monday 10th September 2018 at 6.30pm**

Minutes

Non-confidential items

3802/18 **Present**

Cllr Sandy Clark, Cllr Dawn Greatorex, Cllr Rob Rawlinson, Cllr John Sedgwick,
Cllr Peter Slack, Cllr Glynis Spencer, Cllr Olwen Wilson

11 members of the public

3803/18 **To receive and accept apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from CCllr Irene Ratcliffe (prior engagement; DDDC meeting)

3804/18 **Chair's announcements**

Cllr Dawn Greatorex welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the business for the evening. She wished Cinema Middleton every success on its launch on Saturday 22nd September 2018. The first film to be shown will be "The Greatest Showman" and it is understood that just 14 of the 90 available tickets remain unsold.

3805/18 **Variation of Order of Business**

Resolved: To take "Middleton Remembers" following 3808/18 (a) Public Speaking and "Award of Roll of Honour" following "Finance" both on grounds of expediency.

3806/18 **Declaration of Members Interests**

(a) To enable members to declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they have in subsequent agenda items, in accordance with the Parish Council's Code of Conduct. Interests that become apparent at a later stage in the proceedings may be declared at that time.

None received.

(b) To receive and approve requests for dispensation from members in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.

None received.

3807/18 Items in Exclusion

To consider whether any items should be considered in exclusion of the public and press

Resolved: To take Award of Roll of Honour in exclusion of the public and press. See minute 3815/18.

3808/18 Public Speaking

(a) A period of not more than 15 minutes will be made available for members of the public and Members of the Council to comment on any matter.

Cath Housley reported a letter from the Diocese Glebe Committee setting out a review of its land holdings. She said that there had been a request some years ago to make the land an Asset of Community Value and asked if it had been actioned.

Cllr Sandy Clark replied that it had been actioned.

Cath Housley asked if the slab which formerly housed the telephone box on the Village Green will be returned to grass.

Cath Housley asked the purpose of the sheet of plywood behind the 2000 seat on the Village Green. Cllr Dawn Greatorex replied that it is a mock-up of the memorial and this will be discussed under "Middleton Remembers"

Kelly Houghton presented a 104-name signature petition in favour of siting the Middleton Memorial on the Village Green, and said further sheets are to come. She said that the Village Green is the heart of the village, the men would have set off from there and would not have known the Millennium Garden.

Pam Jones queried why she had not been approached to sign the petition. She asked about the status of the "There but not there" silhouette figures mentioned at the July meeting of the Parish Council. The Clerk replied that an application for ten half figures had been successful and that delivery is awaited.

Terry Houghton said he felt the Village Green is the perfect place to put the proposed Middleton Memorial.

Further to minute 3805/18, "Middleton Remembers" was taken next.

Middleton Remembers;

(i). To approve the design and siting of the proposed Middleton memorial

The Clerk confirmed that affirmative responses have been received in respect of the matters at minute 3799/18 (a). A written response is awaited from DDDC Planning as to whether Planning Permission is required.

DDDC Estate Manager notes that the existing lease on the Millennium Garden has 3½ years to run and points out that a variation would be required to permit the

installation of the memorial. The Parish Council were invited to share their aspirations for the site. A new lease or a Community Asset Transfer (which would safeguard the site on a permanent basis) are both options. As landowner DDDC would be supportive of the siting of the memorial on the Millennium Garden.

Cllr Peter Slack noted that a Community Asset Transfer may take a long time.

The merits of both sites were discussed.

Cllr Dawn Greatorex read a letter to the Parish Council from the Village Green Committee expressing disappointment at the lack of consultation on changing the location of the proposed memorial from the Village Green to the Millennium Garden.

Resolved: To adjourn discussion to an Extraordinary Meeting to be held on 24th September 2018.

- (ii). To receive a report on project budget;
Spend to date
To approve requests for funding**

Resolved: To note the report.

- (iii). To agree and approve a timetable for events on 11th November 2018 and to approve publicity**

Resolved: To defer to an Extraordinary Meeting to be held on Monday 24th September 2018.

- (iv). History Researcher; to receive report**

Resolved: That criteria for the inclusion of names on the memorial should be deferred to a future meeting. A decision will also be required as to the inclusion of rank and regiment.

- (v). Royal British Legion Lamp Post Poppies; to consider participation and to receive siting advice from DCC Street Lighting**

Resolved: To note the advice.

Five members of the public left the meeting.

(b) Report from and questions to County Councillor

County Councillor not present. The Clerk was asked to pass on concerns to CCllr Irene Ratcliffe and Wirksworth Town Council at double parking on Middleton Hill during the Wirksworth Festival. It was suggested that the Festival should encourage the use of Park and Ride and consider having no parking cones placed along Middleton Hill to prevent parking. It was felt that the problem was particularly acute this year.

(c) Report from and questions to District Councillor

Cllr Peter Slack reported on matters at District including;

- DDDC is holding workshop sessions in support of ongoing discussions of a new waste collection policy.

- The Car Parking review has resulted in an increase of 15.4% for an hours' parking and has restored free parking for disabled badge holders from 11am to 4pm
- There is a new Supplementary Planning Document on the conversion of farm buildings to holiday lets.

3809/18 **To approve the minutes of the meetings held**

(a) Monday 9th July 2018

Resolved: To delete the third sentence of minute 3789/18 (d)(ii) and replace with "The Nelson Arms hope to provide refreshments on the afternoon of 11th November 2018.

Resolved: To approve the amended minutes of the meeting held on 9th July 2018 as a correct record.

(b) Monday 13th August 2018

Resolved: Minute 3799/18 (a) To delete "DCC" and replace with "DDDC".

Resolved: To approve the amended minutes of the meeting held on 13th August 2018 as a correct record.

3810/18 **To approve Clerk's Report on action taken following the meetings held on and after 9th July 2018**

Resolved: To approve the report.

3811/18 **Correspondence; to note receipt of items for information**

Resolved: To note the receipt of the following items for information;

Email

Derbyshire ALC –

Circular 09-2018 - Launch DALC Excellence Awards - DDDC Consults - Great British High Street Award - New powers for councils deliver homes for local families - LGA councillor workbooks - Updated LTN Procurement - Data Protection Fee

Circular 10 - 2018 - DALC Annual Executive Meeting and Annual General Meeting - The Dave Mackay Lounge, Derby County Football Club, Pride Park, Derby

Circ 11-2018 - AGM - Exec Vacancies - NALC Larger Councils Comm - Civil Society Strategy - Code of Conduct - Precept capping deferral - Princes Countryside Fund - Power to increase taxation - Community-led housing

Rural Services Network; various emails

Paper

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3812/18 **Reports**

(a) Civic Voice War Memorial Event – Derby

Cllr Dawn Greatorex gave a report on the Civic Voice War Memorial Event she attended with Cllr Peter Slack at Derby on 1st August 2018.

Resolved: That the report be received.

(b) Environment Committee

Cllr Rob Rawlinson reported that the Environment Committee are seeking bids for funds for projects in the village.

Resolved: That the report be received.

(c) Middleton in Bloom

Cllr Olwen Wilson reported on matters at a recent meeting of Middleton in Bloom;

- the result of Middleton's entry into the East Midlands in Bloom competition is due in mid-September
- discussion on the siting of the Middleton Memorial
- A bench due that has been taken out of use
- The suggestion that an article on the benches policy be written for a future Village Pump

The Clerk reported that the return of the Millennium Garden gates had been followed up and it is understood they will be reinstalled within the next week.

Resolved: That the report be received.

(d) Village Green Committee

Cllr Peter Slack gave a report on matters at the Village Green Committee including;

- discussion on the siting of the Middleton Memorial
- ideas to put to Council on the use of the top piece of the Village Green including the area where the telephone box stood
- Work will be undertaken to improve the beds near the car park below the Nelson

Resolved: That the report be received.

(e) Village Hall Committee

It was reported that following the resignation of Lynda Joyce bookings are being dealt with by Jane Monaghan/Ann Stamper.

Resolved: That the report be received.

3813/18 **Matters for decision**

(b) Casual Vacancy; to receive update

The Clerk reported that, there being no expression of interest received at the closing date, the Casual Vacancy has been readvertised with a revised closing date of Thursday 27th September 2018 and a potential co-option meeting prior to the meeting to be held on Monday 8th October 2018.

Resolved: That the update be received, and the action taken approved.

(c) Award of Roll of Honour

See minute 3805/18 and 3815/18.

(d) Middleton Remembers

See minute 3805/18 and 3807/18.

(e) To approve purchase of seat for Millennium Garden (courtesy Louis Spencer)

Resolved: To approve the purchase of a TDP bench to replace an existing seat.

(f) Seat for junction Main Street/Chapel Lane, to receive update
Resolved: Clerk to seek approval from DCC for the siting of a Learmonth 1.8m “Glen Isla” bench at this location.

(g) To discuss transparency and communications relating to Parish Council projects; to consider establishing a Communications Policy
 The Parish Council’s website www.middletonbywirksworth-pc.gov.uk which has been live since August 2016 contains a great deal of information including agendas, minutes and support documents. It is therefore felt that the underlying issue is not one of communication but of engagement.
Resolved: Clerk to provide a monthly report for the Village Pump, similar to that of the school.

3814/18 **Finance**

(a) Statement of Account

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council’s account stood at £26,810.57 per statement 10 dated 17th August 2018 (copied to members). There are 2 items in transit; cheques 1436 and 1437, to the value of £61.80, therefore the actual balance per the cashbook (copied to members) is £26,748.77.
Resolved: That the report be received.

(b) To note item of income

DDDC Middleton Remembers Grant £800 by Bank Giro Credit 12th July 2018 (representing £1000 with £200 previously received on account).
Resolved: That the receipt be noted.

(c) Approval of payments made since last meeting

Resolved: To approve the following payments;

	Cheque	Payee	Amount	VAT	Total
i.	1431	Butler Cook Accountants	£128	£25.60	£153.60
ii.	1432	Staff Pay July		<i>Not for publication</i>	
iii.	1433	Staff Pay July		<i>Not for publication</i>	
iv.	1434	Came & Co Insurance	£363.83		£363.83
v.	1435	HMRC July		<i>Not for publication</i>	
vi.	1436	JR Greatorex	£30		£30
vii.	1437	P Slack	£31.80		£31.80
				Total	£976.79

(d) Approval of payments

Resolved: To approve the following payments;

	Cheque	Payee	Amount	VAT	Total
i.	1438	Staff Pay August		<i>Not for publication</i>	
ii.	1439	Staff Pay August		<i>Not for publication</i>	
iii.	1440	Staff Pay July-August		<i>Not for publication</i>	
iv.	1441	HMRC August		<i>Not for publication</i>	
v.	1442	Spoiled			0
vi.	1443	Clerk Reimbursable Expenses	£71.08	£1.93	£73.01
				Total	£1239.01

(e) Risk Assessment/Budget Monitoring

To receive budget monitoring sheets and to consider risk assessment/insurance implications for items approved this meeting

Resolved: To approve budget monitoring sheets. No additional risk assessment or insurance items received.

3815/18 Award of Roll of Honour

Further to minute 3805/18 the Award of the Roll of Honour was discussed next.

Resolved: Further to minute 3807/18; in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw

Resolved: To make the award to Dean Brown in respect of his contribution to sporting groups in the village.

At the conclusion of the confidential item the press and public were readmitted to the meeting.

3816/18 Date, time and place of next meeting

The next meetings, to be held in the Committee Room of the Village Hall at 6.30pm, are as follows:

- Monday 24th September 2018 Extraordinary Meeting
Agenda closes 9 am Thursday 13th September 2018.
- Monday 8th October 2018 at 6.30pm in the Committee room of the Village Hall
Agenda closes 9 am Thursday 27th September 2018.