

# Middleton Parish Council

## Pride in Stone

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### **An Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, Main Street, Middleton on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 6.30pm**

#### **Minutes**

Non-confidential items

3817/18 **Present**

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

Lucy Godfrey, History Researcher, 9 members of the public

3818/18 **To receive and accept apologies for absence**

Resolved: To accept apologies received from Cllr John Sedgwick (prior engagement)

3819/18 **Chair's announcements**

Cllr Dawn Greatorex welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the business for the evening. Cllr Greatorex gave the heartiest congratulations to Middleton in Bloom for their Gold Award and Gold Judge's Award in the 2018 East Midlands in Bloom competition. She said it was a well-deserved recognition of the work put in.

3820/18 **Variation of Order of Business**

**Resolved:** On grounds of expediency to take agenda item "History Researcher; to receive report" at the start of Public Speaking.

3821/18 **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.**

Cllr Peter Slack indicated he would leave the meeting room during the consideration of DDDC Planning Applications (member of DDDC Central Area Planning Committee).

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

None received.

3822/18 **Items in Exclusion**

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

It was not considered necessary to take any items "in exclusion"

3823/18 **Public Speaking**

Under authority of minute 3821/18 agenda item "History Researcher; to receive report" was taken next.

Lucy Godfrey reported that the research into the names of the fallen was "going well". Census records, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, and the Derbyshire Records Office had been consulted. The 41 names listed on the memorial at Holy Trinity Church are correct. The additional 27 names appear to be men who served and returned. Lucy recommended that all 68 names are included on the new memorial. She circulated a book as an example of what may be produced as a written record.

A poem entitled "Footsteps", written by a resident was read to the meeting by the Chair.

Lucy Godfrey then left the meeting.

**(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**

Cllr Sandy Clark reported that a further sink hole had appeared at Hoptonwood Close. This had been reported to DCC and barriers had been put in place. Cllr Clark indicated that this and another sink hole at New Road appeared to be on or near the site of old mineshafts.

Cath Housley again asked when the concrete pad that housed the phone box on the Village Green would be returned to grass. She also asked that a piece of plywood behind the seats would be removed.

Cllr Dawn Greatorex replied that she would arrange for the wood to be removed.

Joan Webbe asked for copies of the signatures on petition handed to the Council at the meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018 and whether they had been validated as Middleton residents.

The Clerk replied that no instruction had been received to validate the names and that there is no plan at present to publish the document.

A further question arose as to plans for the concrete pad that housed the phone box on the Village Green. It was confirmed that there are no plans for it at present.

**(b) Report from and questions to County Councillor**

CCllr Irene Ratcliffe not present.

**(c) Report from and questions to District Councillor**

Cllr Peter Slack gave a report of matters at District including

- The annual s106 Agreement report for contributions to affordable housing
- An annual statistical breakdown of planning applications
- That the introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy will not be until April 2019

3824/18 **Planning**

**To approve the Parish Council's response to the following applications**

Cllr Peter Slack declared the interest recorded at minute 3821/18 and withdrew from the meeting room.

**DDDC 18/00741/OUT Outline planning application for 151 dwellings including the retention and conversion of Rock House into 4 flats, together with up to 4291m<sup>2</sup> of land for mixed employment use (Class B1a, B1b/c and B2) and associated access Land Off Middleton Road and Cromford Road, Wirksworth, Derbyshire. Applicant: Tarmac Trading Limited. Additional information received**

*Note: This application is outside the civil parish of Middleton*

**Resolved:** Further to the Parish Council's response at minute 3800/18 to add that the application should be considered in the light of other planned applications for major developments nearby.

**DDDC 18/01013/FUL Conversion and extension of barn to form holiday let. Pearson's Farm Ryder Point Road Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4HE. Applicant Mr David Brown.**

**Resolved:** To raise no objection to the proposal.

**DDDC T/18/00141/TCA Remove diseased limb from 1no. Ash Tree Adjacent 3 Rise End Middleton By Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4LS Applicant Derbyshire County Council Middleton Top Visitor Centre.**

**Resolved:** To raise no objection subject to the appropriate disposal of the diseased limb.

Cllr Peter Slack returned to the meeting room and rejoined the meeting.

3825/18 **Matters for decision**

**(a) Middleton Remembers;**

**(i). Design and siting of the proposed Middleton memorial to approve the way ahead**

**Resolved:** To conduct a consultation to assess the public preference on the location of the memorial in the following form:

"Following consultation and the approval of siting the memorial in the Millennium Garden a hurdle has been presented to the Parish Council in the form of a petition proposing the Village Green. To quantify opinion, we are seeking views of the village on the sites; Millennium Garden or the Village Green.

### **Millennium Garden**

Facing the path in the corner of the Millennium Garden nearest to Nelson Close. The front of the memorial would face the path but be within the boundary of the Millennium Garden.

### **Village Green proposed location**

Left of centre heading proceeding up Main Street, behind existing seats (which will be moved). The memorial would be 2ft-10in high as viewed from the site of the former phone box. Position does not interfere with the Derbyshire County Council visibility splay "red line". As time is approaching the centenary of the end of World War One, a memorial on this site is currently felt to be achievable by 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018."

Clerk to produce 440 copies for distribution by members to all households in Middleton.

**(ii). To receive a report on project budget;  
Spend to date**

**To approve requests for funding**

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

**Resolved:** To defer (ii) and (iii) to a meeting to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

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

See minutes 3820/18 and 3823/18 above.

### **3826/18 Date, time and place of next meeting**

There will be a further extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7.45pm in the Committee room of the Village Hall and the closing date for agenda items is 5pm Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council is Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 6.30pm in the Committee room of the Village Hall and the closing date for agenda items is 9am Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

The meeting closed at 9.23pm.