

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
12th November 2018 at 6.45pm**

Minutes

Non-confidential items

- 3869/18 **Present**
Cllr Sandy Clark, Cllr Dawn Greatorex, Cllr Peter Slack, Cllr Glynis Spencer,
Cllr Olwen Wilson
CCllr Irene Ratcliffe, Lucy Godfrey, 8 members of the public
- 3870/18 **Election of Chair**
Resolved: To elect a Chair “meeting by meeting” for the remainder of the Council
year.
Cllr Sandy Clark was elected to chair the meeting.
- 3871/18 **To receive and accept apologies for absence**
None received.
- 3872/18 **Chair’s announcements**
The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the business for the
evening. Cllr Clark said it was pleasing to see a good turn out for the commemoration
of the centenary of the end of World War One and proposed a vote of thanks to all
who had been involved in marking it.
- 3873/18 **Variation of Order of Business**
It was not considered necessary to vary the order of business.
- 3874/18 **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.

3875/18 **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".

3876/18 **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

History Researcher Lucy Godfrey reported that the pen portraits of the men to be listed on the memorial are complete – it had been a bigger work than expected. The next stage will be to involve the community to produce a twenty thousand work book. An article will be sent to the Village Pump. It is intended to hold daytime and evening workshop sessions in January 2019. Information gathering and oral histories will be undertaken to be followed by work on deciding what will be included in the book.

Lucy Godfrey then left the meeting.

A member of the public expressed disappointment that the memorial stone had been removed from the Village Green after its dedication yesterday.

A member of the public asked that any consent to place items in the area considered "within the public highway" at the Village Green

A member of the public expressed concerns at the way the second consultation on the siting of the Middleton memorial was undertaken and suggested there was no evidence of recruits "meeting up on the Village Green" to march to the railway station.

(b) Report from and questions to County Councillor

CCllr Irene Ratcliffe adds her thanks for the work done to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War One, for seeing the memorial stone and for the number of people who attended.

CCllr Irene Ratcliffe reported concerns received about difficulties caused for buses tuning at New Road due to parked vehicles.

CCllr Ratcliffe highlighted the Derbyshire Connect (a DCC service providing transport to shopping destinations for people unable to use conventional buses because of age, disability or because they live in areas where public transport is limited.

Following the accident at Rise End Cllr Ratcliffe said she had submitted a request for the extension of signage.

DCC has indicated they will not reconsider switching the lights back on at Middleton Road.

The planning application by Tarmac at Middleton Road (DDDC 18/00741/OUT) has been deferred due to concerns about the Rachwood Mine raised by English Heritage.

(c) Report from and questions to District Councillor

Cllr Peter Slack reported on matters at District including;

- A joint project between Derbyshire Dales District Council and the Peak District National Park Authority has given £100k in grants to boost local businesses. The cycle tourism market is currently growing at 10 to 15% annually.
- Between August and October DDDC held 11 safeguarding and child sexual exploitation awareness training sessions for taxi drivers.
- Hall Leys Park, Matlock has gained a further Green Flag award.

At this point CCllr Irene Ratcliffe left the meeting.

3877/18 Minutes

To approve the minutes of the meetings held

(a) Thursday 4th October 2018

(b) Monday 8th October 2018 (Extraordinary)

(c) Monday 8th October 2018

(d) Tuesday 30th October 2018

Note: The meeting called for Tuesday 23rd October 2018 was rescheduled due to there being insufficient members available to form a quorum on that date.

Resolved: To defer to the agenda of the next meeting.

3878/18 Clerk's Report

To approve Clerk's Report on action taken on meetings since 4th October 2018

Resolved: To defer to the agenda of the next meeting.

3879/18 Correspondence

Resolved: To note receipt of items for information;

Derbyshire ALC –Circular 14-2018 - Excellence Awards 2018 - Government updated model byelaws - External audit issues update - HS2 Consultation - Funding & Grant Bulletin - Elections 2019 - Data Protection Fee payments (GDPR) - VAT advice service - Tree Charter

Rural Services Network; various emails

Clerks & Councils Direct November 2018

Ecclesbourne Express Issue No. 72 Autumn 2018

Broxap Sunshine Gym Outdoor Fitness Equipment

3880/18 Reports

(a) Middleton in Bloom

None.

(b) Village Green Committee

It was reported that the beds have been planted up and preparations made for the installation of the Christmas Tree.

Resolved: That the report be received.

3881/18 Matters for decision

(a) Casual Vacancies; to receive update

Resolved: Clerk to advertise all three vacancies together providing there is no claimed poll.

(b) Recruitment of Caretakers for 2019-20 season; to approve process

Resolved: Clerk to seek feedback and priorities from Caretakers and bring to the agenda of the December meeting.

(c) Appointment of representatives to outside bodies; Environment Committee, Village Hall Committee

Resolved: Environment Committee; defer pending confirmation that it would accept a representative, Village Hall Committee; to appoint Cllr Dawn Greatorex.

(d) Seat for junction Main Street/Chapel Lane, to receive update

The Clerk reported that a response has now been received from DCC and that the next stage is to make an application to place an object in the highway.

Resolved: That the update be received.

(e) Middleton Remembers

To receive a report on the events in Middleton marking the centenary of the end of World War One

The event was well very attended Holy Trinity Church was full for the Remembrance Service. The dedication of the memorial stone took place at the Village Green after the service, the stone itself arrived on a gun carriage drawn by two horses. A procession of people followed it along Main Street. Cllr Sandy Clark thanked everyone involved and said he felt it to be a fitting tribute to the men that died.

To approve the design and siting of the Middleton Memorial and the next stage of the project

The Clerk confirmed requisite number of notices had been received to operate Standing Order 7 in respect of the siting of the memorial

Resolved: That the Middleton Memorial be sited on the Village Green.

Resolved: To seek quotations for options B and C for (a) limestone panels set in gritstone (b) all limestone.

Resolved: To apply to DCC for approval as for as many structures (including the proposed Middleton Memorial) on the Village Green as necessary that are considered "objects in the highway.

If possible, to seek quotations within 5 days and a three week return period.

3882/18 **Finance**

(a) Statement of Account

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council's account stood at £25,125.54 per statement 12 dated 17th October 2018 (copied to members). There are 4 items in transit; cheques 1444 to 1447 inclusive to the value of £573.26, therefore the actual balance per the cashbook (copied to members) is £24,552.18.

(b) To note items of income

Resolved: To note the following items of income;

- i. Mr Spencer- Bench £312
- ii. Wayleave – MI1064 Pole Agreement A012227 14 £7.61
- iii. The Glee Club Wirksworth £1735.00

(c) Approval of payments made since last meeting

Resolved: To approve the following payments;

	Cheque	Payee	Amount	VAT	Total
i.	1449	TDP Ltd	£260	£52	£312
ii.	1450	Staff Pay October		<i>Not for publication</i>	
iii.	1451	Staff Pay October		<i>Not for publication</i>	
iv.	1452	Fuel	£5.58	£1.13	£6.70

(d) Approval of payments

Resolved: To approve the following payments;

	Cheque	Payee	Amount	VAT	Total
i.	1453	Lant Lane Ltd	£920	£184	£1104
ii.	1454	HMRC October		<i>Not for publication</i>	
iii.	1455	Clerk October		<i>Not for publication</i>	

(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.

3883/18 **Date, time and place of next meeting**

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council will be Monday 10th December 2018 at 6.30pm in the Committee room of the Village Hall and the closing date for agenda items will be 9am Thursday 29th November 2018.

The meeting closed at 8.09pm.