

Middleton Parish Council

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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 December 2018 at 6.30pm**

Minutes

Non-confidential items

3884/18 Present

Cllr Dawn Greatorex, Cllr Peter Slack, Cllr Glynis Spencer, Cllr Olwen Wilson
5 members of the public

3885/18 Election of Chair

Cllr Peter Slack was elected to chair the meeting.

3886/18 To receive and accept apologies for absence

All members present. Apologies had been received from CCllr Irene Ratcliffe
(attendance at DDDC meeting).

3887/18 Chair's announcements

Cllr Peter Slack welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the business for the evening. Cllr Slack reported that following the last meeting the resignation of Cllr Sandy Clark had been received. The Parish Council thanked Cllr Sandy Clark for his service to the village.

3888/18 Variation of Order of Business

It was not considered necessary to vary the order of business.

3889/18 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.

3890/18 **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".

3891/18 **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.

In response to a question from a member of the public further to minute 3876/18 the Clerk confirmed that any consent to place items in the area considered to be "within the public highway" at the Village Green will put in the public domain.

A member of the public asked for an update on parking issues at Main Street; 3612/17 namely cars parked so close to the boundary that access to Main Street in a vehicle is becoming increasingly difficult. Vehicles travelling at inappropriate speed on Main Street is compounding the problem. Neighbours have reported constant difficulties leaving their property due to vehicles being parked too close to their doorway. Some of the houses at this location only have one external door.

A member of the public suggested that consideration be given to placing the Middleton Memorial in the small garden next to the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust.

Cllr Olwen Wilson replied to a question about the involvement of community groups in the Middleton Remembers History Project.

(b) Report from and questions to County Councillor
Apologies had been received from CCllr Irene Ratcliffe.

(c) Report from and questions to District Councillor
Cllr Peter Slack reported on recent matters at District including:

- The new Waste Contract which may see DDDC buy or lease refuse collection vehicles, reduce the non-recyclable waste collection by one third and introduce a £40 annual charge for the collection of green waste.
- A vote not to proceed with the Community Infrastructure Levy at the present.

3892/18 **Minutes**
To approve the minutes of the meetings held;
(a) Thursday 4th October 2018
Resolved: To approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Thursday 4th October 2018 as a correct record.

(b) Monday 8th October 2018 (Extraordinary)
Resolved: To approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Monday 8th October 2018 as a correct record.

(c) Monday 8th October 2018
Resolved: To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 8th October 2018 as a correct record.

(d) Tuesday 30th October 2018

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Monday 8th October 2018, as a correct record

(e) Monday 12th November 2018

Resolved: Minute 3876/18(a) paragraph 4; to add the following words to the end of the sentence “be made public.”

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 8th October 2018, as amended, as a correct record.

3893/18 **Clerk’s Report**

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

Resolved: To approve the report.

3894/18 **Correspondence**

Resolved: To note receipt of items for information;
Derbyshire ALC –Circular 15-2018 – DALC Spring Seminar 2019, Clerk Essential Training – 10 January 2019 – 10am – 12.30pm, Cromford, General Power of Competence Update, Exemption of Public Toilets from Business Rates – Support requested, Subscription fees 2019/20, Latest Guidance on Accessibility to Websites and Mobile Devices, NALC Digital Mapping Toolkit, Weather Ready Rural Services Network; various emails

TDP Recycled Products “Order now in time for Christmas”
Derbyshire County Council Community Safety Team Child Sexual Exploitation “Say Something if you See Something” campaign
Came & Company Council Matters Autumn 2018

3895/18 **Reports**

(a) Cromford Quarry Liaison Meeting

No report received. Clerk to bring Appointment of representative to CQLC to the agenda of the January meeting.

(b) Middleton in Bloom

Cllr Olwen Wilson reported that the group had sought clarification of the East Midlands In Bloom judging criteria from the Secretariat.

The Council is asked to follow up the removal/repair of a bench.

Resolved: That the report be received.

(c) Village Green Committee

Cllr Dawn Greatorex reported on the traditional switch-on of the Christmas lights at the Village Green on Friday 30th November 2018. Cllr Greatorex thanked all those who had attended and those who had donated raffle prizes; profits from the event will go back into the village.

Resolved: That the report be received.

Clerk to include Carsington Water Liaison Meeting and Village Hall Committee to the agenda of the January meeting.

(a) Casual Vacancies; to receive update

Clerk reported that 3 vacancies have been advertised with a closing date of 9.00am Thursday 3rd January 2019 with interviews to take place at 6.30pm Monday 14th January 2019 as appropriate.

Clerk to ascertain advertising a “claimed poll” is required in the case of the fourth vacancy because this arose less than 6 months from the election.

Resolved: If advertising a “claimed poll” is not needed then to advertise the vacancy with the others. If advertising a “claimed poll” is necessary, to leave the seat vacant for the remainder of the term.

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

Resolved: To defer to the agenda of the meeting to be held on 14th January 2019.

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

The Clerk reported that an application has been made to DCC to site a 1.8m “Glen Isla” bench at the above location and a reply is awaited.

Resolved: That the update be received.

(d) Access and parking issues, access and turning issues for buses; to aggregate concerns to put to DCC Highways

The Clerk read an email received following an in the Village Pump seeking resident’s parking/highway concerns. In balancing the need for bus access against the needs of residents it went on to suggest possible areas for resident and visitor permit parking such as the Old Quarry, Village Hall and Wildlife Trust which might allow double yellow lines to be applied to Main Street.

The Clerk read an email from DCC Highways relating to bus access and at Main Street and the preferred approach of the County Council to parking issues.

Resolved: To contact the Safer Neighbourhoods Team to invite a representative to a future meeting to provide guidance on what action can be taken.

(e) Middleton Remembers

To receive update and to authorise payments

The Clerk advised that it had not yet been possible to prepare the specification documents in order to obtain quotations for the Middleton memorial.

Resolved: To note the update.

Resolved: To write a letter of thanks to Kelly Houghton for the catering for Middleton Remembers.

Resolved: To approve the following payments in respect of Middleton Remembers expenditure;

Lucy Godfrey £1500

Horsedrawn Occasions £900

L Petts £3600

Clerk; reimbursement of personal cheque paid to Andy Pollock re Chelsea

Pensioners meal £50

Clerk – additional hours worked.

3897/18 **Finance**

(a) Statement of Account

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council’s account stood at £26,794.79 per statement 13 dated 16th November 2018 (copied to members). There are 8 items in transit; cheques 1449 to 1455 and one item of income inclusive to the value of £1884.52, therefore the actual balance per the cashbook (copied to members) is £24,910.27.

Resolved: That the report be received.

(b) Approval of payments made since last meeting

Resolved: To approve the following payments;

	Cheque	Payee	Amount	VAT	Total
i.	1456	Kelly Houghton*	£250		£250
ii.	1457	Staff Pay November		<i>Not for publication</i>	
iii.	1458	Staff Pay November		<i>Not for publication</i>	

(c) Approval of payments

Resolved: To approve the following payments;

	Cheque	Payee	Amount	VAT	Total
i.	1459	Lucy Godfrey	£1500		£1500
ii.	1460	Horsedrawn Occasions	£900		£900
iii.	1461	L Petts	£3000	£600	£3600
iv.	1462	Clerk; reimbursement of personal cheque to Andy Pollock re Chelsea Pensioners meal	£50		£50
v.	1463	HMRC November		<i>Not for publication</i>	
vi.	1464	Clerk November Clerk Middleton Remembers		<i>Not for publication</i>	

(d) 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.

3898/18 **Date, time and place of next meeting**

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council will be Monday 14th January 2019 at 6.30pm in the Committee room of the Village Hall and the closing date for agenda items will be 9.00am Thursday 3rd January 2019.

The meeting closed at 7.38pm