

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
11th February 2019 at 6.30pm**

Minutes

Non-confidential items

3932/19 **Present**

Cllr Dawn Greatorex, Cllr Tina Hymas-Taylor, Cllr Peter Slack, Cllr Glynis Spencer,
Cllr Olwen Wilson

CCllr Irene Ratcliffe, PC Pat Squires, PCSO Spencer Nixon, 6 members of the public

3933/19 **Election of Chair**

Cllr Peter Slack was elected to chair the meeting.

3934/19 **To receive and accept apologies for absence**

All members present

3935/19 **Chair's announcements**

Cllr Peter Slack welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the business for the evening. Cllr Slack noted that "Hill", the story of a local hill told in photography, film, sculpture poetry and song is being exhibited in Peckham between 21st February and 3rd March 2019 following success previously at Buxton.

3936/19 **Variation of Order of Business**

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

3937/19 **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.

3938/19 **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".

3939/19 **Public Speaking**

(a) Guest Speakers; Safer Neighbourhoods Team

PC Pat Squires and PCSO Spencer Nixon gave an outline of the authorities responsible for different aspects of highway safety; Police in the case of speeding the District Council for parking enforcement and Trading Standards for lorries infringing weight limits.

Forms for the reporting of weight limit violations will be forwarded to the Clerk.

A community Speedwatch was requested, and it was suggested that volunteers be recruited through the Parish Council website. It was also suggested that DCC be approached regarding traffic monitoring and that a request be made for "junction protection markings" – short stretches of yellow lines covering road junctions. It was felt that a multi-agency approach using a variety of measures, possibly including "20's plenty" signage, is likely yield the most effective result in producing the required cultural change.

(b) 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

A member of the public asked for an update on parking issues. CCllr Irene Ratcliffe replied DCC has been asked to remove the redundant disabled parking bay on Main Street, and, as previously noted, white lining work had been requested.

A member of the public asked for an update on licensing issues at the Village Green. The Clerk replied that the Cultivation Licence has been received and is to be considered further in Matters for Decision. The licence for the memorial is currently with DCC and is at consultation stage.

A member of the public asked on progress to return the square of tarmac where the telephone kiosk stood at the Village Green to grass. The Clerk was asked to bring the matter to the agenda of the next meeting.

(c) Report from and questions to County Councillor

CCllr Irene Ratcliffe gave a report on matters at County including a reply from Highways in respect of the requested site visit.

(d) Report from and questions to District Councillor

Cllr Peter Slack gave a report on matters at District including:

- To increase the Local Council Tax Support to £17,000 for hardship relief.
- Council tax discounts for 18-year olds leaving the care system
- Discussions on the Asset Management Plan and Commercial Investments

- The continued involvement of DDDC in two Local Enterprise Partnerships, namely Sheffield City and the Derby and Derbyshire Nottingham and Nottinghamshire “D2N2” despite pressure from central government for authorities to be in only one Partnership
- Workshop session on the new waste collection and recycling contract and the potential reductions in service/additional charges required to ensure it remains affordable.

3940/19 **Minutes**

To approve the minutes of the meetings held;

(a) Monday 14th January 2019 (Extraordinary Meeting)

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Monday 14th January 2019 as a correct record.

(b) Monday 14th January 2019

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 14th January 2019 as a correct record.

(c) Tuesday 29th January 2019 (Extraordinary Meeting)

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 29th January 2019 as a correct record.

3941/19 **Clerk’s Report**

To approve Clerk’s Report on action taken on meetings since 14th January 2019

Resolved: To approve the report.

3942/19 **Correspondence**

Resolved: To note receipt of items for information;

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Circular 1 2019 – Index to 2018 Circulars

Circular 2 2019 - Updated Legal Topic Notes - Section 137 update - Parkrun consultation response - Clerk Essential Training - NALC Loneliness Project - May Council Elections and Training

Circular 3 2019 - Spring Seminar - Prep no deal Brexit - Ethical Standards Enquiry published - HR Advice Short Service contracts & dismissals - Letter from NALC Chair - Great British Spring Clean - Arnold-Baker 11th Ed - Clerk Tips – Training Rural Services Network; various Clerks & Councils Direct issue 121

3943/19 **Reports**

(a) Middleton in Bloom

It was reported that 50 people attended a pie and pea supper to raise funds for the group.

(b) Village Hall Committee

It was reported that discussions regarding the lease are taking place with Tarmac.

(c) Village Green Committee

No report received.

3944/19 **Planning**

To approve the Parish Council's response to the following planning application; DDDC 19/00058/FUL 40 Rise End Middleton By Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4LS Erection of detached double garage and proposed additional floor over existing store.

Cllr Peter Slack declared the interest recorded at minute 3937/19 and withdrew from the meeting room. Cllr Dawn Greatorex was elected Chair this part of the meeting.

Resolved: To make no objection provided the development is in keeping with the vernacular.

Cllr Peter Slack returned to the meeting room and resumed as Chair.

3945/19 **Matters for decision**

(a) Casual Vacancies; to receive update

Three remaining vacancies have been advertised with a closing date of 28th February 2019. With the opening of nominations for the local elections imminent it was considered appropriate to discontinue advertising for candidates for co-option.

Resolved: To discontinue advertising the casual vacancies after 28th February 2019.

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

DCC Highways has authorised the placing of a seat at the above location.

Resolved: To contact statutory undertakers in line with the terms of the authorisation.

(c) Access and parking issues, access and turning issues for buses; to approve the way ahead

See minute 3939/19 above.

(d) Wirksworth Civic Service 24th March 2019 – to approve attendees

Resolved: Cllr Glynis Spencer to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

(e) DCC Consultation to approve response; "Consultation on Changes to Learning Disability Support"

Resolved: To note the opportunity.

(f) DDDC Consultation to approve response; "Draft Shopfronts and Commercial Properties Supplementary Planning Document 2019"

Resolved: To note the opportunity.

(g) Middleton Remembers

To receive update and to authorise payments

Cllr Olwen Wilson gave an update including

- The production of a book of poems
- Updates on the project in the Village Pump and on the notice boards
- Further lines of research being explored
- A possible link with the Community Lunch

The Clerk reported receipt from DCC of the cultivation consent made under the provisions of Section 96(5) of the Highways Act 1980 relating to the Village Green.

Resolved: To approve the document and to sign it as a deed.

Resolved: To authorise the following payments;

Lucy Peacock Poetry Workshops (held at Middleton Community Primary School) £500

Middleton Community Primary School WW1 Centenary Full Day (provided by Education Group Ltd) £575.04

Steeple Grange Light Railway £350

3946/19 **Finance**

(a) Statement of Account

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council's account stood at £17,380.84 per statement 15 dated 17th January 2019 (copied to members). There are 7 items in transit; cheques 1465 to 1471 inclusive totalling £1034.82, therefore the actual balance per the cashbook (copied to members) is £16,346.02.

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.	1473	History Researcher	£87.72		£87.72
ii.	1474	Staff Pay January		<i>Not for publication</i>	
iii.	1475	Staff Pay January		<i>Not for publication</i>	

(c) Approval of payments

Resolved: To approve the following payments;

	Cheque	Payee	Amount	VAT	Total
i.	1476	Lucy Peacock (if approved above)	£500		£500
ii.	1477	Middleton Community Primary School (if approved above)	£479.20	£95.84	£575.04
iii.	1478	SGLR (if approved above)	£350		£350
iv.	1479	Clerk Reimbursable Expenses	£123.50		£123.50
v.	1480	HMRC January		<i>Not for publication</i>	
vi.	1481	Staff Pay January		<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.

3947/19 **Date, time and place of next meeting**

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council will be Monday 11th March 2109 at 6.30pm in the Committee room of the Village Hall and the closing date for agenda items will be 9.00am Thursday 28th February 2019.

The meeting closed at 8.19pm