

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 11th March 2019 at 6.30pm**

Minutes

Non-confidential items

3948/19 **Present**

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

CCllr Irene Ratcliffe, 9 members of the public

3949/19 **Election of Chair**

Cllr Peter Slack was elected to chair the meeting.

3950/19 **To receive and accept apologies for absence**

Resolved: To accept apologies from Cllr Dawn Greatorex (unwell)

3951/19 **Chair's announcements**

Cllr Peter Slack welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the business for the evening.

3952/19 **Variation of Order of Business**

Resolved: To take "Planning" after "Public Speaking" on grounds of expediency.

3953/19 **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.

3954/19 **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".

3955/19 **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

Concerns were raised about a large tree at Stile Croft pushing the retaining wall out, coping stones are also missing from the wall. Clerk to take up with Waterloo Housing.

Concerns were raised about a parked van damaging the verge adjacent to 40 Rise End. Councillor Irene Ratcliffe agreed to take the matter up.

A member of the public asked for details of the precise location DCC had approved for the seat at the junction of Main Street/Chapel Lane and details of the proposed surfacing/mounting.

A member of the public asked for an update on the proposed white lining of parts of Main Street. Councillor Irene Ratcliffe confirmed that the work is planned for this financial year.

A member of the public expressed concern that the form to report oversized vehicle had not yet been added to the Parish Council's website

Two people volunteered to join the Community Speedwatch.

Representations were received both in support of and against Planning Applications 19/00115/FUL and 19/00151/LBALT.

(b) Report from and questions to County Councillor

Councillor Irene Ratcliffe reported on plans by DDDC to use the Stony Wood for accommodating a traveller family. Wirksworth Town Council are bringing a legal challenge on the lack of notice and consultation. Ward members are to discuss the matter with DDDC and to raise their concerns on the suitability of the site including the water supply, lighting and the speed of the nearby road.

(c) Report from and questions to District Councillor

Cllr Peter Slack reported on matters at District including details of Council Tax increases and ward members concerns regarding the relocation of the traveller family (see above).

3956/19 **Variation of Order of Business**

Under authority of minute 3952/19 agenda item "Planning" was taken next.

Planning

To approve the Parish Council's response to the following planning applications;

(a) 19/00115/FUL Fountain House 13 Main Street, Middleton by Wirksworth DE4 4LQ. Formation of car parking area, removal of section of boundary wall and erection of retaining wall. Applicant Mr A Street

(b) 19/00151/LBALT Fountain House 13 Main Street, Middleton by Wirksworth DE4 4LQ. Remove section of boundary wall. Applicant Mr A Street.

Cllr Peter Slack declared the interest recorded at minute 3953/19 and withdrew from the meeting room. Cllr Olwen Wilson was elected to chair this part of the meeting.

Resolved: To consider (a) and (b) together.

Resolved: To defer to the professional view of Derbyshire County Council.

To note that strong representations, both for and against the proposal, were received at the meeting. It is felt that the application needs to be assessed in the context of wider parking issues within the village and the pressures in this area in particular.

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

3957/19 **Minutes**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held Monday 11th February 2019

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 11th February 2019 as a correct record.

3958/19 **Clerk's Report**

To approve Clerk's Report on action taken on meetings since 11th February 2019

Resolved: To approve the report.

3959/19 **Correspondence**

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

Rural Services Network; various

Broxap's Large Capacity Litter and Recycling Bins

DDDC Display of Notices; District and Parish Elections 2019

Sunshine Gym; Keep your community active

Calor Rural Community Fund Win £5000 for your community

Civic Voice Survey: Public Participation in the Planning System

Ecclesbourne Express Issue 73 Winter 2019

3960/19 **Reports**

(a) Middleton in Bloom

Middleton in Bloom is preparing its entry in East Midlands in Bloom it has also been invited to enter the National Bloom Competition in the small village category. A "flash-gardening" event is planned for 17th March at Duke Field. On 27th April the group will be holding the Not Yet May Day Festival to celebrate the arrival of Spring.

Resolved: That the report be received.

(b) Village Hall Committee

It was reported that work has been authorised to the floor of the main hall and that a Wet and Dry vacuum has been purchased to assist with the maintenance of the floor surface.

A replacement shed is being proposed, slightly larger than the existing one to improve storage issues.

Resolved: That the report be received.

(c) Village Green Committee

It was reported that the daffodils are in flower and that the borders are ready to be planted up.

Resolved: That the report be received.

3961/19 **Planning**

See minute 3956/19 above.

3962/19 Matters for decision

(a) Casual Vacancies; to receive update

The Clerk reported that, further to minute 3945/19 (a) advertising the remaining vacancies has been discontinued as of 28th February 2019.

Resolved: That the update be received.

(b) Appointment of Internal Auditor, for year ending 31st March 2019

Resolved: To appoint Barrie Woodcock.

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

The Clerk reported work is in progress.

Resolved: That the update be received.

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

See minute 3955/19 above.

(e) The Great British Spring Clean 22nd March to 23rd April 2019; to approve participation

Resolved: To note the opportunity, and to put a news item on the Parish Council website.

(f) To approve returning the site of the former telephone kiosk at the Village Green to grass

It is understood that the area concerned belongs to Derbyshire County Council.

Resolved: To put the request to Councillor Irene Ratcliffe.

(g) Grant Application; Cinema Middleton up to £250

Resolved: To approve a grant of £250.

(h) Derbyshire Association of Local Councils – to approve payment of subscription 2019-20; £250.37 or £395.37 to include Group 1 training

Resolved: To approve the renewal of the subscription at a cost of £250.37.

(i) Middleton Remembers; to receive update

A drawing from Colin Julian was circulated illustrating the design approved at minute 3931/19.

Cllr Olwen Wilson gave a report on progress including:

- Approval requested from Tarmac to accept quotation and from Derbyshire County Council Highways to erect the memorial on the Village Green. Statutory six-week consultation currently underway – ends on 19th March 2019.

- Research project – Second meeting held on 14th February 2019. Participants attended an introduction to the Derbyshire Record Office on 5th March 2019.
- Further meetings arranged for 10.30am Thursday 14th March 2019 and 7pm Wednesday 27th March 2019, both to be held in The Nelson.
- An additional soldier connected with Middleton who died in WW2 is being researched. He is not included on the memorial in Holy Trinity Church.
- School project – A workshop is being delivered by the Derbyshire Record Office in June.
- Communications – Article produced for Village Pump newsletter. Posters advertising the research have been put on notice boards and on the Parish Council website

An invoice will be submitted in respect of a Group Copying Licence (Derbyshire Record Office) £50

The next actions required:

- A further article for the Village Pump; an update on the memorial and research progress
- Following up permission to proceed with the memorial with DCC
- Research Project Phase 2:
 - Attending the community lunch at The Nelson to interview older residents to capture some oral history, also the Knit and Natter group
 - Further involvement of the primary school
 - Explore interest of Middleton students at Anthony Gell in getting involved
 - Planning an Oral History session
 - Planning further sessions for April
 - An event to coincide with the next milestone date; the anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Versailles – 28 June. This could include displays of research so far, lecture, readings of the school children's poetry.

Resolved: To approve the report, to authorise payment in respect of the DRO Group Copying Licence and the proposed next actions.

3963/19 Finance

(a) Statement of Account

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council's account stood at £15,750.58 per statement 16 dated 13th February 2019 (copied to members). There are 6 items in transit; cheques 1474 to 1478 inclusive and 1480 totalling £1586.44, therefore the actual balance per the cashbook (copied to members) is £14,164.14.

Resolved: That the report be received.

(b) To note item of income

Resolved: To note receipt on 27th February 2019 of a Derbyshire Environmental Trust cheque for £1000.

(c) Approval of payments made since last meeting

Resolved: To approve the following payments;

	Cheque	Payee	Amount	VAT	Total
i.	1482	SGP Garden Machinery	£181.27	£36.26	£217.53
ii.	1483	Middleton Village Hall (Room Hire)	£150		£150
iii.	1484	Staff Pay			<i>Not for publication</i>
iv.	1485	Staff Pay			<i>Not for publication</i>

(d) Approval of payments

Resolved: To approve the following payments;

	Cheque	Payee	Amount	VAT	Total
i.	1486	Clerk Reimbursable Expenses	£89.99	£10.00	£99.99
ii.	1487	Staff Pay			<i>Not for publication</i>
iii.	1488	HMRC			<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.

3964/19 Date, time and place of next meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council will be Monday 8th April 2109 at 6.45pm in the Committee room of the Village Hall and the closing date for agenda items will be 9.00am Thursday 28th March 2019. This meeting will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting (*not a meeting of the Parish Council*) which begins at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.29pm