

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
Wednesday 18th September 2019 at 6.30pm**

Minutes

Non-confidential items

4044/19 **Present**

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

Note: The meeting had been rescheduled from Monday 9th September 2019 in order to permit the Clerk to attend a funeral.

4045/19 **To Elect a Chairman for the Meeting**

Cllr Peter Slack was elected to chair the meeting.

4046/19 **To receive and accept apologies for absence**

Resolved: To accept apologies from Cllr Tina Hymas Taylor (work commitment)

Apologies had also been received from CCllr Irene Ratcliffe.

4047/19 **Chairman's announcements**

Cllr Peter Slack welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined business for the evening. Cllr Slack noted the success of the produce show and congratulated all involved.

4048/19 **Variation of Order of Business**

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

4049/19 **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.

4050/19 **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".

4051/19 **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

A member of the public asked what the "INT" signage represented at the entrance to Middleton Mine. Clerk to investigate.

A member of the public thanked the Parish Council for its representations to DCC on streetscene, traffic and speeding issues. He indicated inconsiderate parking continued to be a problem including the entrances to properties being blocked. In some cases, doors were blocked for extended periods, and this was clearly unacceptable.

In the absence of Speedwatch and no response from the Casualty Reduction and Enforcement Support Team a member of the public suggested the installation of "Traffic Enforcement Camera" and "Average Speed Check" signage be installed. The Clerk was asked to investigate the practicality of this with DCC Highways.

It was reported that a cyclist suffered a very close near miss when being passed by a bus and it was suggested that "Middleton needs a 20mph [speed] limit, wider pavements and one-way pinch points.

A member of the public asked for an update on the provision of play equipment (see minute 4057/19 (g)).

(b) Report from and questions to County Councillor

Apologies had been received from CClr Irene Ratcliffe.

(c) Report from and questions to District Councillor

Cllr Peter Slack gave a report on matters at District including; The Housing Delivery Test Report; 1785 dwellings are to be built between 2019-2024 with DDDC feeling under pressure due to the extent of its area being within the Peak District National Park which is subject to different rules.

A Climate Emergency Task Group has been set up and is asking for public contributions, is investigating installation of charging points for electric cars (including locally at Wirksworth Marketplace).

Infrastructure in Planning. Cllr Peter Slack noted that DDDC has not opted for the Community Infrastructure Levy so still pursues s106 agreements.

1 member of the public left the meeting.

4052/19 **To approve the minutes of the meeting held Monday 8th July 2019**
Resolved: To approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Monday 8th July 2019 as a correct record.

4053/19 **Clerk's Report**
To approve Clerk's Report on action taken since the last meeting
Resolved: To approve the report.

4054/19 **Correspondence;**
Resolved: To note receipt of the following items for information;
DALC - Circular 10-2019

- DALC AGM and Excellence Awards
- NALC Larger Councils Committee
- Government Paper on strengthening communities
- Research on May elections
- Council housing build
- Updated Financial Regs
- Climate emergency
- Village survival

DALC - Circular 9-2019

- NALC Lobby to strengthen the Neighbourhood Plan Process
- Derbyshire Environmental Trust (DET) Funding Scheme
- Advice regarding the use of Secret Ballots
- NALC Lobby for the Financial Services Ombudsman to cover local councils
- The Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 – update
- Guidance on public participation and naming individuals in minutes
- NALC are urging local councils to promote training of councillors

Broxap "Take notice of Broxap's Brilliant Notice Board Range"
Rural Action Derbyshire "Cyber Security for Community Groups – training event
Rural Action Derbyshire Village and Community Halls Newsletter August 2019
DCC Highways Hub; Royal British Legion Derbyshire Lamp Post Campaign 2019
Rural Services Network - various
Parkers Bulbs Wholesale Catalogue Autumn 2019

4055/19 **Reports**
(a) Middleton in Bloom
None received.

(b) Village Green Committee
To mark 20 years since the start of the Middleton Christmas Lights a bigger celebration is planned to include inviting as many of the original group as possible for the switch on of the lights on Friday 29th November 2019. Sponsors are being sought for the provision of floodlights.
Resolved: That the report be noted.

(c) Village Hall Committee
None received (no recent meeting).

4056/19 **Planning**

To approve a response to the Planning authority on the following application;

- (a) DDDC 19/00797/FUL Proposed dormer and new first floor windows. 4
The Moor, Middleton. Applicant; Mr Dan Bradley.**

Cllr Peter Slack declared the interest recorded at minute 4049/19 and withdrew from the meeting room. Cllr Dawn Greatorex was elected to Chair this part of the meeting.

Resolved: To raise no objection provided the proposal meets planning policy and is considered in keeping with the vernacular.

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

4057/19 **Matters for decision**

- (a) Co-option of 3 members to receive and approve a report on action taken**

The Clerk reported that there being no nominations at the closing date the vacancies have been readvertised on notice boards and website. The revised closing date is 9 am Monday 7th October 2019 with interviews to be held on Monday 14th October 2019 as appropriate

Resolved: That the report be received and that the action taken be approved, to suggest the Village Pump run a further “interview with a Parish Councillor” item to help encourage awareness and interest.

- (b) Insurance – to approve renewal at a cost of £428.38**

Resolved: To approve the renewal.

- (c) Derbyshire Dales District Council recharges for Parish Council Election;
to approve payment of £197.60**

Resolved: To approve the payment.

- (d) Middleton Remembers;**

- (i). to receive update**

Cllr Olwen Wilson’s report had been copied to members and included;

- Research Group – Community lunch attended on 5 July; final research meeting held on 12 July
- School Project: Afternoon tea with senior residents and project showcase held on 12 July
- Tarmac gave in principle approval to use balance of grant for purchase of bench to be sited next to memorial
- Final document being written up
- HLF contacted about moving funds between budget headings
- Ideas for disseminating research discussed; initial ideas are for a “sign-off” event at the village hall on Saturday 18th January 2020.

- (ii). to approve purchase of a bench for the Village Green**

Resolved: To approve the purchase of a Learmonth 1.8m “Glen Isla” bench for the Village Green through grant funding.

- (e) To approve arrangements for the Remembrance Day Service and the
laying of wreaths at the Middleton Memorial**

Resolved: Two wreaths are to be purchased; Cllr Peter Slack will contact Wirksworth Poppy Organiser Chris Bunting.

(f) Streetscene, traffic and speeding;

(i). Speed Survey – to approve commissioning a report

DCC Middleton's last speed survey was conducted in 2004 and 2005.

Resolved: To commission a speed survey by DCC at a cost of £195+VAT

(ii). Streetlighting – LED rollout

DCC Street Lighting has installed LED units during the summer.

Resolved: That the update be received.

(iii). Streetlighting – Middleton Road switched off lights

In response to the request for further information regarding the effect of switched off lights DCC Streetlighting advise;

“For clarity we review collision data at the part night lighting sites at the times the lights are off to establish if there has been any detrimental effect on the number of collisions. These results support our original risk assessments about turning lights off in this area and are as expected in terms of no there being no increase in collisions as a result of our decisions. The operating regime of the lights in Middleton have been established for five years and we have no reason to alter them based on the data we measure.”

Resolved: To request Wirksworth Town Council support the reinstatement of the lights on Middleton Road.

(iv). White lining

Resolved: To defer to the next meeting.

(v). Car parking corner of Chapel Lane

Resolved: To defer to the next meeting.

(vi). Dog Fouling – The Village Green; to approve purchase of signage

The Clerk advised that The Village Green is subject to a Public Space Protection Order therefore DDDC signage could be purchased.

Resolved: Clerk to obtain signage from DDDC.

(vii). Installation of bin at Middleton Road

Resolved: To note that Wirksworth Town Council advises they do not have a spare bin to deploy.

(viii). Inconsiderate Parking

Resolved: To ask for further coverage in the Village Pump.

(g) Playground equipment – to receive update, and to consider application for Derbyshire County Council Action Grant funding as appropriate

The Clerk reported that DDDC agrees to work in partnership with the Parish Council regarding the procurement of play equipment and had expressed a preference for equipment where moving parts are minimised to reduce maintenance costs.

Resolved: That the update be noted.

(h) DCC 2019 Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum Questionnaire to approve response.

Resolved: To approve completion of the Questionnaire.

4058/19 **Finance**

(a) Statement of account

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council’s account stood at £16,103.99 per statement 22 dated 16th August 2019 (copied to members). There are 5 items in transit, cheques 1524, 1527, 1529-31 in the sum of £1098.65, therefore the actual balance per the cashbook (copied to members) is £15,005.34.

Resolved: That the report be received.

(b) Approval of payments

Resolved: To approve the following payments made since last meeting;

	Cheque	Payee	Amount	VAT	Total
i.	1522	L Petts Invoice 3570	£3700	£740	£4440
ii.	1523	Came & Co. Insurance Brokers	£428.38		£428.38
iii.	1524	Wirksworth Team Ministry	£15		£15
iv.	1525	Middleton In Bloom	£500		£500
v.	1526	Butler Cook Accountants	£26	£5.20	£31.20
vi.	1527	Middleton Community Primary	£722.83		£722.83
vii.	1528	Cllr Olwen Wilson Reimbursable Expenses	£161.80		£161.80
viii.	1529	DALC CAB 11ed	£114.82		£114.82
ix.	1530	BM&W Band	£150		£150
x.	1531	HMRC (July)		<i>Not for publication</i>	
xi.	1532	Caretaker Reimbursable Expenses	£5	£1	£6
xii.	1533	Caretaker (July)		<i>Not for publication</i>	
				Total	£6973.11

Resolved: To approve the following payments

	Cheque	Payee	Amount	VAT	Total
i.	1534	Clerk Reimbursable Expenses	£50		£50
ii.	1535	HMRC (August)		<i>Not for publication</i>	
iii.	1536	Caretaker (August)		<i>Not for publication</i>	
iv.	1537	Clerk (July & August)		<i>Not for publication</i>	

(c) 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.

4059/19 **Date, time and place of next meeting**

The next scheduled meeting is Monday 14th October 2019 at 6.30pm in the Committee room of the Village Hall. The closing date for agenda items is 9.00am Monday 7th October 2019.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm