

Middleton Parish Council

Supporting Document

Monday 20th September 2021

Agenda Item

Supporting Notes

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Apologies

Apologies received will be given at the meeting.

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Items in Exclusion

There is no recommendation to take any items in exclusion

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Minutes

To approve the minutes of the meeting held Monday 12th July 2021

Paper copies have been issued where requested and will be available at the meeting. Electronic copies have been emailed to members

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Clerk's Report

To approve Clerk's Report on action taken since the meeting held Monday 12th July 2021

Minute 4362/21 Public Speaking

Land between Church and Allotments; item brought to the agenda of the meeting to be held on 13th September 2021.

As requested, the Clerk forwarded copies of recent correspondence on street scene issues to CCllr Dermot Murphy including speed survey, street lighting and overweight vehicle accessing the village.

A link to "Do it Now" reporting tool has been sent to members.

Minute 4366/21 Planning

One response made to DCC as minuted.

Minute 4368/21 Matters for Decision

Lease of Millennium Garden; actioned as minuted.

DALC Energy Saving and Carbon Reduction Scheme; on reviewing the scheme it was found to be directed at Parish Councils with responsibility premises. Whilst there is also an opportunity for individuals to apply this appears to be on a basis similar to many other utility providers in the market, therefore the item was not actioned.

Boundary Commission for England: A new political map for Derbyshire Dales District Council. Actioned as minuted.

Steeple Grange Light Railway; actioned as minuted.

Minute 4369/21 Finance

Seven payments issued as instructed.

9 Planning

Planning Application History

- (a) **DDDC 21/01041/FUL Buildings rear of 9 Chapel Lane, Middleton by Wirksworth. Conversion of redundant agricultural building to dwellinghouse with associated external alterations and relevant partial demolition works in a conservation area. Applicant Mr Christopher Newell.**

No previous planning history.

- (b) **Tree works: T/21/00139/TCA 11 Main Street, Middleton. Dismantle 1no. Norway Spruce. Applicant Mrs Headon**

No previous planning history.

(c) Planning Appeal

Appeal Reference APP/P1045/W/21/3277234

DDDC 21/00303/FUL 27 Rise End, Middleton. Erection of timber garden office. Appellants: Mr & Mrs Mc Neil

The Parish Council's response to the application was "This is a good-looking proposal but is out of context in the location chosen and does not fit in with the vernacular because it appears too prominent in its setting. It is felt that it would be more in sympathy with its surroundings if it was sited on a lower part of the garden. The Parish Council would consider supporting the proposal if these concerns were met."

10 Correspondence;

To note receipt of items for information;

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- Newsletter July (2), August 2021
- Notes from Clerk and Chair meetings July and August 2021

Clerks & Councils Direct July and September 2021 issues 136 and 137

Legal Deposit Office (Monographs), The British Library; Deposit Acknowledgement "Middleton Remembers"

11 Matters for decision

(a) Casual Vacancy; to receive update and approve the way ahead

At the closing date no nominations had been received. The vacancies have therefore been readvertised with a closing date of Friday 1st October 2021

(b) Annual Governance & Accountability Return – year ended 31st March 2021 to receive update

External Audit advises

"Notification of exempt status, 2021

This is an automated message to notify you that we have received and logged the notification of exempt status for the year ended 31 March 2021 submitted to us for Middleton by Wirksworth Parish Council. By notifying us that Middleton by Wirksworth Parish Council has claimed exemption there is no review to be performed and consequently no auditor certificate and report, or any other closure documentation, will be issued by us for this reporting year."

This was copied to members on 18th July 2021

(c) Renewal of Insurance; to confirm action taken following Urgent Business Request

Per correspondence with members the Parish Council's Insurance Policy was placed with BHIB at a cost of £466.73 on a 3-year Long Term Agreement.

(d) Grant Application: Steeple Grange Light Railway up to £130

For consideration and decision at the meeting.

(e) Roll of Honour 2021; to make award

Year	Name(s)	Year	Name(s)
2005	John Fox	2013	Dawn Greatorex
2006	Kath Aylesbrook	2014	Brenda Hobson
2007	Steven Pepper	2015	Jimmy Thompson
2008	John Berrisford	2016	Ann and Rob Stamper
2009	Louis Spencer	2017	Jane Monaghan
2010	Daniel Punchard	2018	Dean Brown
2011	Cheryl Ward	2019	Sandy Clark and Lucy Peacock*
2012	John Doxey	2020	Olwen Wilson*

*Board requires updating with these names and that of this year's award.

Nominations received will be given at the meeting.

(f) Outdoor seating and furniture; to receive a report and approve the way ahead

A report will be given at the meeting.

(g) Millennium Garden Lease; to receive update and approve the way ahead

A request has been made to DDDC for a further lease of 25 years. DDDC Estates advise that approval will be required by the G&R Committee whose next meeting is in November

(h) Provision of Play Equipment at the Playing Fields; to receive update

Equipment funded by the Better Derbyshire Dales Fund has been installed.

The Agreement for the Grant has been signed on behalf of the Parish Council and forwarded to DDDC for their signature and onward transmission to the Environment Trust. The Third-Party Contribution has been paid. Following our Risk Assessment on the funding DDDC has agreed a mechanism to ensure that the Parish Council can access the grant. Installation of the next phase of equipment is likely to be in October.

A request has been received from a member of the public "Can the parish council now formulate a similar plan for some equipment for the older generation of children in the village?"

(i) To approve additional inscriptions; Middleton Memorial

For decision at the meeting.

(j) Local Government Boundaries Commission revised draft consultation; to approve response

Details are available at: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/have-your-say/22484>

Meeting held 22nd March 2021: Minute 4297/21 gives the Parish Council's response to the LGBC:

“Resolved: To make the following response on the proposed Wirksworth and Carsington Water ward:

Joint proposal			LGBC Proposal		
Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate	Parishes	Cllrs	Electorate
Wirksworth Town Wirksworth Bolehill Middleton Callow Hognaston Carsington Hopton	3	5457	Wirksworth Town Wirksworth Bolehill Middleton Callow Kirk Ireton Hognaston Carsington Hopton	3	5840

Comment

The LGBC proposal gives an electorate far too large to make long term sense and too diverse socio-economically and geographically to support convenient and effective local government. In particular:

1. The +8% variance for the LGBC's proposed ward gives a very large electorate for a Tier 1* settlement. Wirksworth is set to have a significant number of homes built over the next decade.
2. Kirk Ireton and Hognaston have few obvious links to Wirksworth. Their children do not attend Wirksworth schools, either having their own or travelling to Ashbourne.
3. The view of the single resident quoted in the report that 'all the parishes around Carsington Water be brought within the same ward' may well have been taken out of context. They were most likely thinking that this would be a ward separate from Wirksworth – an idea defeated by the sparse electorate in the area. We do not believe that their intention was to group those parishes with Wirksworth.

We therefore suggest that Kirk Ireton be moved into its near neighbour Hullah Ward.

We also suggest that Homesford (cluster of cottages by Soggs Wood) be moved from Wirksworth to Cromford parish, as requested by Cromford PC, by amendment of the Parish boundary.

The proposal will require further adjusting in the future if the housing proposal for Middle Peak Quarry is delivered.

(k) Mount Cook Adventure Centre; to receive a report on the potential use for the housing of refugees

A verbal report will be given at the meeting.

(l) Streetscene Issues; to receive update and to approve the way ahead

A report will be given at the meeting.

(m) DDDC Wildflower verges; to approve participation and to nominate verges

The following has been received from DDDC Community Development Officer, Emma Mortimer: "As you may be aware the District Council has been trialling managing a small number of verges for wildflowers as part of increasing the biodiversity of the District. We are currently reviewing them and so far most have done well and have been positively received. We are looking at extending the number of verges for next year. I am contacting all parish and town councils to see if there are any in your area that you would be interested in putting forward. Ideally the verges would already have some wildflowers growing in it but if you are interested in creating a wildflower verge where there just grass then we can work with you or local community group to do this."

(n) Land between Holy Trinity Church and the Allotments; to approve making application to DDDC to register as a "Community Asset"

Requested by a member of the public. For consideration and decision at the meeting.

(o) Provision of Electric Vehicle charging points

Requested by a member of the public. For consideration and decision at the meeting.

(p) To approve a social media presence for the Parish Council

Requested by a member of the public. For consideration and decision at the meeting.

(q) Attendance of members at Safer Neighbourhood "Street Meets"

Requested by a member of the public. For consideration and decision at the meeting.

(r) Defibrillator; to receive update and approve action taken

The defibrillator located at The Nelson was used by East Midlands Ambulance Service on Sunday 5th September 2021. Two sets of replacement pads were ordered, and the device was returned to service on Friday 10th September 2021 and the British Heart Foundation register of defibrillators was updated accordingly.

(s) Council meetings; to approve a venue for future meetings

To be decided at the meeting.

12 Finance

(a) Statement of Account

The Parish Council's account stood at £25,599.60 per the statement dated 17th July 2021 (copied to members). There are three payments in transit (1659-61) in the sum of £417.67) therefore the actual balance per the cashbook (also copied to members) is £25,181.93

(b) Item of income

23rd June 2021 BGC VAT reclaim: £510.44

(c) Approval of payments

Approval of payments made since the meeting held Monday 12th July 2021

	Cheque	Payee	Amount	VAT	Total
(i)	1664	Butler Cook Invoice 21482 (lost in transit) – see 1675 (part)	Nil		Nil
(ii)	1665	HMRC July		<i>Not for publication</i>	
(iii)	1666	Caretaker July		<i>Not for publication</i>	
(iv)	1667	Clerk July		<i>Not for publication</i>	
(v)	1668	Caretaker Reimbursable Expenses	£9.83	£1.12	£10.95
(vi)	1669	BHIB Insurance premium	£466.73		£466.73
(vii)	1670	Tarmac: Third Party Contribution (Nucleus)	£2339.84		£2339.84
(viii)	1671	SGP(UK) Mower and strimmer servicing Invoices 107657 & 107658	£182.38	£36.47	£218.85

Approval of payments

	Cheque	Payee	Amount	VAT	Total
(i)	1672	HMRC August		<i>Not for publication</i>	
(ii)	1673	Caretaker August		<i>Not for publication</i>	
(iii)	1674	Clerk August		<i>Not for publication</i>	
(iv)	1675	Clerk Reimbursable Expenses	£177.50	£35.50	£213

(d) Risk Assessment/Budget Monitoring

To receive budget monitoring sheets and to consider risk assessment/insurance implications for items approved this meeting

Budget monitoring sheets have been copied to members. Risk assessment to be confirmed at the meeting.

Website Statistics to 6th September 2021

Unique visitors	4,455 year to date
Visits	6,518 year to date
Pages viewed	22,141 year to date
	53,214 over twelve months