

Middlezoy Parish Council

Minutes of the Middlezoy Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 16th April 2024 where the following business was transacted.

Present: Chairman Cllr Paul Baker, Cllr Ian Campbell, Cllr Becky Turner, Cllr Barry Paffey, Cllr John Grisman and Cllr Boulton. 8 Parishioners, and the Clerk.

1. **Apologies for absence and any declarations of interest in items on this agenda and dispensations granted** – County Cllr Martin did not attend
2. **Minutes of the meeting of 19th March 2024** – were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Paffey and seconded by Cllr Campbell.
3. **Chairman's Report** – has still not had any update from Somerset Council re the purchase of the playing field. The Clerk to ask County Cllr Martin to follow up. He is making enquiries about a new metal shelter for outside the hall and will report back at the next meeting. He asked the Clerk to order the dog poo signage for the Hall. It was also agreed to find out about the possibility of a group to start up some sort of youth group for the Village
4. **To receive any reports – Police – None. Somerset Council – None**
5. **a) Affordable Housing Needs Survey** – the latest DATA from Homes in Sedgemoor had been received, identifying slight differences in the number of affordable housing requirements. As the Clerk had not received any response from the CEO of Summerfield, it was agreed to write to Summerfield to ask for a response to a few questions. The Clerk to write to Homes in Sedgemoor inviting them along to the Annual Parish meeting – Thursday 23rd May
b) Welcome Pack update – Cllr Campbell handed out copies of the final version of the welcome booklet. These will now be handed to new residents of Middlezoy. The PC wished to thank Cllr Campbell for all his work in putting it all together. The booklet to be reviewed every six months
c) Annual Parish Meeting – a date of **THURSDAY MAY 23rd, 2024** – starting at 7pm has been set. The bar will be open and some nibble available. Village organisations will be invited to give an update on what has been happening over the past year. It is hoped that a representative from Homes in Sedgemoor will be also in attendance to take questions on affordable housing
6. **Planning – NONE**

7. FINANCE

a) Clerk's Salary March 2024	£285.90
b) Clerk's PAYE March 2024	£71.60
c) Clerk's expenses March 2024	£36.75
d) Hire of hall – Feb - inv 664	£24.00
e) G Wagden James – March maintenance	£324.01

All invoices include VAT where applicable.

Proposed by Cllr Turner and 2nd by Campbell – all in favour

The above items will be paid by the clerk through the Parish Council's Unity Trust banking facility

8. **Middlezoy Community Project update** – the Chairman updated the meeting of work to be carried out to revamp the bar in the Hall, making easier to manage. Quotes are being sought for a modular staging system, which if installed would mean extra room made within the hall. As the heating system is over 10 years old and inefficient, a new modern system is also being sought. **Date for your diaries – VILLAGE FETE JULY 6th 2024**
9. **Cllrs matter of reports – Cllr Campbell** reported at the March meeting that the steps leading down from Nethermoor Road to Main Road in the dark could be a danger. It was agreed for him to purchase the solar digital lighting and arrange the fitting.
Cllr Turner – asked if the possible new post box could be installed. The Clerk stated that he found it very difficult to ask online – so he will ask at the Friar Street sorting office to make enquiries
Parishioners' questions to Cllrs – the defibrillator could not be accessed as the code was incorrect. This has now been rectified and it was agreed that it would be a good idea to arrange another defib training to possibly get more volunteers
Clerk – had received from the Government a portrait of the King – which will be placed in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

**Date and Time of Next Meeting – Tuesday 21st MAY starting at 7.30pm In the Village Hall
incorporating the Annual General Meeting**