

Middlezoy Parish Council

Minutes of the Middlezoy Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 19th March 2024 where the following business was transacted.

Present: Cllr Ian Campbell, Cllr Becky Turner, Cllr Barry Paffey, Cllr John Grisman and Cllr Boulton. 3 Parishioners, and the Clerk. County Cllr Martin.

1. **Apologies for absence and any declarations of interest in items on this agenda and dispensations granted – Apologies** from Chairman P Baker
2. **Minutes of the meeting of 20th February 2024** – were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Turner and seconded by Cllr Campbell.
3. **Chairman’s Report** – is covered with the agenda points
4. **To receive any reports – Police** – None. **Somerset Council** – County Cllr Martin as agenda point for planning 34/24/00003
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 - a) **Affordable Housing Needs Survey** – the Clerk had been in touch with Homes in Sedgemoor, and it was agreed that a public consultation should take place early April. He read out a reply from Summerfield he had received about meeting up with the PC to discuss some issues with the Back Lane proposal. It was agreed to write to the CEO of Summerfield asking for a meeting
 - b) **Welcome Pack update** – Cllr Campbell stated that the proofs supplied still needed a few additions and a further proof would be produced for the April meeting
 - c) **Westonzoyland Airfield discussion** – the Chairman and Cllr Campbell had met up with Cllr Parfitt from Westonzoyland PC re the extra activity taking place at the airfield. The concern being that the three businesses currently trading at the airfield could be possibly exceeding the planning granted, for example extra lorry movements. Although they have contacted the enforcement officer at Somerset Council – they have now had the offer of a planning barrister to look at all the documents. Cllr Parfitt will let us know of any developments.
 - d) **Emergency Plan Update** – Cllr Campbell informed the meeting that another meeting is scheduled for 3 weeks’ time to discuss the plan further and will report back at the April meeting. Once implemented it will be reviewed at six monthly intervals.
 - e) **Parish Council Policies** – the Clerk had updated all the policies, and it was agreed that the Clerk to meet up with the Chairman to check all is in order

6. **Planning – 34/24/0002** - proposed erection of a holiday let (part retrospective) – **LOCATED** at Weighbridge Farm, Holloway Road, Middlezoy. It was agreed unanimously to make a “no comment” on this application.

34/24/00003 – variation of Condition 5 of planning permission application 34/23/00007 (Proposed formation of a temporary material stockpile for reservoir embankment construction, erection of fencing and gates, siting of welfare unit, alterations to existing access with parking and turning area) to amend previously submitted documentation, to allow for a change to the proposed access route. **LOCATED** – land to the North of, Olivers Road, Middlezoy. The Council agreed unanimously agreed to object to this application – with the expected 100 lorries a day planned, the use of Pathe Road is not acceptable as the signs say it is unsuitable for heavy vehicles, is only single track and has a narrow bridge with a weight limit.

7. FINANCE

a) Clerk's Salary Feb 2024	£286.10
b) Clerk's PAYE Feb 2024	£71.40
c) Clerk's expenses Feb 2024	£25.75
d) Hire of hall – Feb - inv 657	£24.00
e) Taunton Sheds Re Shop previously authorised At the February meeting	£600.00
f) DATA protection annual fee	£40.00

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** – at the April meeting
9. **Cllrs matter of reports – Cllr Campbell** reported that the steps leading down from Nethermoor Road to Main Road could be a danger to pedestrians at night as so dark. It was agreed to find the cost of solar LED lights to possibly have installed
- Cllr Turner** – stated that there was still no news on the playing field possible purchase. County Cllr Martin to ask again at Somerset County
- Clerk** – stated that as the April meeting is the Annual Parish meeting – he is working with Homes in Sedgemoor to arrange the consultation re Housing Needs Survey
- Parishioners' questions to Cllrs** – the issue of a security light shining into a parishioner's house. It was agreed that Cllr Paffey to ask the electrician if it were possible for a “softer” LED to be installed. At the Post Office there is still no new post box. The Clerk to write and ask the Post Office if this can be done
- The concern over the edge of the road from Othery to Middlezoy has still not been addressed properly as with all the rain recently – it is hiding all the deep potholes. County Cllr Martin and Cllr Paffey to follow up with their contact at Highways and report back at the April meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Date and Time of Next Meeting – Tuesday 16th April starting at 7.30pm In the Village Hall incorporating the Annual Parish Meeting