

Middlezoy Parish Council

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

Present: Chairman Cllr Paul Baker, Cllr Ian Campbell, Cllr Becky Turner, Cllr Barry Paffey, Cllr Boulton. In attendance County Cllr Martin 4 Parishioners and the Clerk.

- 1. Apologies for absence and any declarations of interest in items on this agenda and dispensations granted** – Cllr Grisman sent his apologies. Cllr Campbell declared an interest on agenda point 5C
- 2. Minutes of the meeting of 18th June 2024** – were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Paffey and seconded by Cllr Campbell. The Clerk thanked Cllr Turner for taking the minutes due to him being away.
- 3. Chairman's Report** – the Chairman had been in touch with Somerset Council re the purchasing of the playing field. With their work schedule they will get back as soon as possible. County Cllr Martin is helping to move this request along.
- 4. To receive any reports – Police – None. Somerset Council – None**
- 5. a) Affordable Housing update** – the Chairman and Cllr Turner had attended a meeting with SHAL and a representative from Summerfield (the developer). No contracts have been signed between the developer and SHAL – but this should take place soon and work will start in January 25, with the affordable houses being built first. All parties expressed concern with the time it is taking Somerset Council to report back.
b) New bin for playground – the Clerk had been in touch with SC to ask for the cost of a new bin, with a lid on. Basically, he was told to buy your own as there is no budget to buy any new bins. The Clerk to find out costings inclusive of installation.
c) Grant application – Community Christmas Concert – Mrs Campbell informed the meeting of their proposal of music for the whole community incorporating all ages and abilities. Their grant application for £500 was agreed unanimously by the PC
d) Defibrillator at Broadfield Park – Cllr Campbell had made enquiries about having a new defibrillator at the park. After much discussion, it was agreed that the PC would make a grant towards the purchasing of a new defibrillator, subject to discussions with Park
e) Welcome Pack update – the booklet had been very well received and another 20 will be printed, once a couple of contact numbers have been updated. It was agreed that copies could be purchased from the Post Office
f) Traffic management due to the Back Lane development – Cllr Campbell had been able with some help, produce a plan of the route that all construction vehicles will use for the time of the development. A finalised copy will be also sent to the developers

6. **Planning – 34/24/00004** – erection of a building for use as storage and tourist information – located at Windmill Retreat, Main Road Middlezoy.
The Parish Council agreed unanimously to support this application

7. **Finance**

a) Clerk's Salary June 2024	£332.80
b) Clerk's PAYE June 2024	£83.20
c) Clerk's expenses June 2024	£25.75
d) Hire of hall – May x 2- inv 681	£72.00
e) Hire of hall – June – inv 685	£24.00
f) Somerset Council – emptying of dog loo bins	£535.39

All invoices include VAT where applicable.

Proposed by Cllr Turner and 2nd by Cllr 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 stated that the AGM will be taking place at the end of the month. Plans are moving forward with the new modular staging for the Hall. The initial report from the Village Fete, is that a loss was made overall, but local village organisations did brisk profitable business
9. **Cllrs matter of reports – Cllr Paffey** – stated that work had started on the revamping of the bar at the hall, and it is anticipated to be complete in early August
- Cllr Boulton** – had been looking into the application for any community asset. There were quite a few boxes she needed help with, the Clerk to ask if other local Parish Councils had recently completed the form
- Cllr Campbell** – had completed investigations of how many listed buildings there are in Middlezoy (9). As the administration for a listed building is less bureaucratic – it was discussed that Cllr Boulton would investigate this avenue
- He is to liaise with the school re the future of the Middlezoy School and report back at the September meeting
- Cllr Turner** – asked for updates for moving the post box to the shop and the moving of the 30mph sign. Cllr Boulton to let the clerk have the manager of Bridgwater details to ask about the post box. County Cllr Martin to be sent the email trail from the Clerk about the road sign repositioning

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Date and Time of Next Meeting – Tuesday 17th SEPTEMBER starting at 7pm In the Village Hall