

Middlezoy Parish Council

Minutes of the Middlezoy Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 8th October 2024 where the following business was transacted.

Present: Chairman Cllr Baker, Cllr Turner, Cllr Paffey, Cllr Campbell, Cllr Boulton. In attendance 3 Parishioners and the Clerk.

- 1. Apologies for absence and any declarations of interest in items on this agenda and dispensations granted** - County Cllr Martin sent his apologies
- 2. Minutes of the meeting of 17th September 2024** – were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Paffey and seconded by Cllr Campbell. All in favour
- 3. Chairman’s Report** – stated that no progress has been made with SC re the possible purchase of the playing field. He asked if Cllr Paffey would look at the drainage strips on the field, as quite a few were damaged. Mr & Mrs Harris then addressed the Council with their concerns over the amount of mud/slurry on the road near their house. They explained that it is very dangerous underfoot to even walk to the shop. They had reported this to Somerset Council and have an incident report number. They are to send photographs to the Clerk so he can contact Highways to show them the extent of the problem
- 4. To receive any reports – Police – None. Somerset Council – None**

5 a/b) Defibrillators and Blood Pack – Cllr Campbell informed the meeting that he is to apply for a possible free defibrillator & running cost, from the British Heart Foundation. He will report back at the next meeting. He is investigating possible grants for the other two defibrillators in the Village as they are due for renewal soon. He had attended a Blood Pack seminar and explained of how the system works. The PC were very impressed and asked Cllr Campbell to place an order for 2 units and report back at the next meeting. At his LCN flood meeting he attended, due to financial cut backs, the Environment Agency will be scaling back the maintenance of some gulley/rhynes/culverts

c/d Authorising payments/New Clerk see notes below in the finance section re authorising payments. Adverts have been placed re the Clerk’s vacancy

- 6. Planning – 34/24/00006** – retrospective application for the change of use of hard surface areas and new access – **LOCATED** at land to the North of Olivers Road, Middlezoy

The Parish Council agreed not to support this application (one abstention)

34/24/0007 – conversion and extension of existing barns to a 3-bedroom bungalow, following part demolition and removal of open sided storage building – **LOCATED** 38 Main Road, Middlezoy TA7 0NJ

The Parish Council agreed unanimously to support this application

7. FINANCE

a) Clerk's Salary September 2024	£332.80
b) Clerk's PAYE September 2024	£83.20
c) Clerk's expenses September	£20.00
d) PKF Littlejohn – external audit	£378.00
e) Middlezoy Community – hire of Hall	

All invoices include VAT where applicable.

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

The above items will be paid by the Clerk through the Parish Council's internet banking

As the Clerk is responsible for payments made through the Unity Trust Bank on behalf of the Council, as he is leaving, it was agreed unanimously that he will still set up the payments required by the Council until a successor is found, then the paperwork will be set up to change over this responsibility to the new Clerk

8. **Middlezoy Community Project update** – the Chairman informed the meeting of all the various events to take place in the Hall, music quiz/Xmas Bingo to name a few
9. **Cllrs matter of reports – NONE**

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm

**Date and Time of Next Meeting – Tuesday 19th NOVEMBER 2024 starting at 7pm
In the Village Hall**