

Middlezoy Parish Council

Minutes of the Middlezoy Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 17th September 2024 where the following business was transacted.

Present: Chairman Cllr Campbell, Cllr Turner, Cllr Paffey, Cllr Boulton. In attendance 2 Parishioners and the Clerk.

- 1. Apologies for absence and any declarations of interest in items on this agenda and dispensations granted** – Cllr Grisman & Baker sent their apologies. County Cllr Martin sent his apologies
- 2. Minutes of the meeting of 16th July 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** – at this juncture, the Vice Chair informed the meeting that Cllr Grisman had resigned with immediate effect, due to family commitments. Also, she stated that the Clerk had informed her of his resignation due to work constraints. Both resignations were accepted by the Council.

There then followed much discussion regarding the recent standards complaint to Somerset Council (Deputy Monitoring Officer) made by a parishioner against a Cllr. The Council listened to the parishioners concerns of the way his case was dealt with – the Clerk stated that as the case is now closed, he should make his concerns known to the Deputy Monitoring Office at Somerset Council. On behalf of the PC, the Clerk thanked the parishioner for his comments and attending the meeting

- 4. To receive any reports – Police – None. Somerset Council – None**

5 a) New bin for the playground – the Clerk had been in touch with other Clerk’s in the area, asking which bins they have which are “seagull proof”. The Clerk had distributed to the Cllrs a picture and costs of a new bin. It was agreed unanimously that the Clerk to order the new bin

b) Defibrillator update – Cllr Campbell updated the meeting of how, with the help of Mike Birks, had established the true costings of what it costs the PC in running/upkeep of the defibrillators. The PC agreed unanimously to ask them to proceed and make an application for a possible grant from the Council at the next meeting

c) Church Bells restoration possible grant – the Clerk had been in touch with SALC and NALC to ask for clarification that the PC can make a small grant towards this project. It was agreed by the PC that they would discuss a possible grant towards the Church once the application had been received by the PC

d) Middlezoy School – Cllrs Turner & Campbell had attended a meeting with the Diocese of the school. Ongoing discussions will continue between both parties to see how best to utilise the building

6. **Planning – 34/24/00005 - variation of Condition 2 of planning permission 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 the approved plans list in schedule A to permit the amendment of the consented height of the stockpile. LOCATED at land to the north of Olivers Road, Middlezoy**

The Parish Council agreed a no comment be placed on the planning portal

7. Finance

a) Clerk's Salary July/August 2024	£665.60
b) Clerk's PAYE July/August 2024	£166.40
c) Clerk's expenses July/August 2024	£20.00
d) Hire of hall – July – inv 692	£24.00
e) G Wagen James – village maintenance inv for March (3375)	£324.01
f) G Wagen James – village maintenance inv for June (3454)	£428.00
g) G Wagen James – village maintenance inv for July (3455)	£428.00
h) G Wagen James – village maintenance inv for August 3489	£428.00
i) G Wagen James – village maintenance inv for September(3491)	£428.00
j) SALC Annual Fee – inv 0895	£224.41
k) New Welcome booklets x 20 inc. amends	£85.00
l) External Audit fee (PKF Littlejohn)	£378.00
m) Somerset Playing Fields – inspection fee	£160.00
n) Grant re Community Christmas Concert	£500.00

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 Unity Trust banking facility

8. **Middlezoy Community Project update** – Cllr Boulton informed the meeting of two events taking place – September 28th 60's night and on October 12th a Mouse Racing Night which will be raising funds for the Church Bells. Nothing else to report as the Chairman was away

9. Cllrs matter of reports –

Cllr Campbell – stated that the new welcome booklet had been well received and will now be sold in the shop

Cllr Turner – asked for the important road closures should be placed on the web site and notice boards, and along with social media

Clerk – as he is away on the next scheduled PC meeting, he asked permission to bring forward the meeting till Tuesday 8th October. This was granted by the Council – pending the Village Hall secretary confirming the change in dates

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm

**Date and Time of Next Meeting – Tuesday 8th OCTOBER 2024 starting at 7pm
In the Village Hall**