

Minutes of a meeting of Middlezoy Parish Meeting held at the village Hall on

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024, starting at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Paul Baker (Chairman); Ian Campbell; Barry Paffey; Becky Turner; Mr D.Gliddon (Clerk) and two members of the public.

1. Public speaking on any agenda items

None

2. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest and dispensations

Cllr Sophie Boulton – apologies accepted.

3. To approve the minutes from Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

Proposed Cllr Turner; Seconded Cllr Paffey.

4. Chairman's report

Cllr Baker reported that there would be a fund-raising General Knowledge Quiz on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of January in aid of the new defibrillators.

In respect of the recently notified "Flood Action Fund" it was felt that there was nothing the Parish Council could apply for.

Somerset Council were unifying their charges across the county for emptying dog waste and litter bins. Those on PC land would be charged to the Parish whereas those on Somerset Council land would not be. The Clerk has approached Clean Surroundings for a list of bins and who is responsible.

The next LCN Highways Working Group meeting will be held on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and Cllr Turner has agreed to attend.

The Community Health and Wellbeing meeting is on 18/12/24 at 5 p.m. online.

A hedgerow has been ripped out at a parish location which will be notified to the clerk, who will report this to Planning Enforcement.

5. To receive reports from Police/County Cllrs

None

## 6. PLANNING

None

## 7. FINANCE

- a) Clerk's Salary (JM) November 2024 £332.80
- b) Clerk's PAYE (JM) November 2024 £83.20
- c) Clerk's expenses (JM) November £20.00
- d) Clerk's Salary (DG) November £340.62
- e) Clerk's PAYE (DG) November £85.00
- f) Clerk's Expenses (DG) November £48.80
- g) Middlezoy Community – Hall Hire £24.00
- h) G Wagen James – (Inv 3557) Grounds maintenance Sept £698.00
- i) G Wagen James – (Inv 3558) Grounds maintenance Oct £428.00
- j) Maxwells – Payroll (Oct/Nov) - £60.00
- k) Paul Baker -Xmas Tree - £85.00

All invoices include VAT where applicable.

The Clerk was given permission to make the above payments online. Unity Bank had yet to set up the Clerk with authority to access the account, but it was hoped that this would happen very soon.

## 8. Computer & Website support from January 2025

“Parish Council Websites” provide excellent support in all IT support at a very reasonable rate. Cost is £15.00 p/m payable annually in advance plus an annual sum to register the PC's domain name. Total cost approximately £250 p/a payable in a lump sum.

## 9. Middlezoy Community Project update

Cllr Baker reported that new heaters were to be installed in January and some spotlights would be replaced.

One monthly Saturday event would be held for the general upkeep of the Hall.

An energy audit would take place. Consideration would be given to solar panels, but this could be problematic with cricket ball damage likely.

Electric Car chargers for the car park could be considered on a paid meter basis.

## **10. Cllrs Matters of report**

Cllr Paffey reported that the bar improvement work would take place in the New Year.

Cllr Baker will obtain quotes for the overflow Car Park spaces.

Cllr Campbell reported that support was needed from residents for the Somerset Bus Improvement plan. He will send the Clerk a more personalised message for posting on the Facebook and Parish pages.

Discussion took place regarding the replacement of the defibrillators in the Village. It was agreed that Cllr Campbell should go ahead with the grant application and money would be included in next years budget to cover some of the cost. Fund-raising will hopefully cover much of the outlay.

- 11.** Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Sec 1 (2) It was resolved, by resolution, to exclude the public from the meeting as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

- Precept discussion by councillors.

The meeting closed at 8.28 p.m.

Date of next meeting – TUESDAY JANUARY 21st, 2025, at 7.00pm in the Village Hall