

Minutes of a meeting of Middlezoy Parish held at the Village Hall on

Tuesday 18th February 2025, starting at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Paul Baker (Chairman); Ian Campbell; Barry Paffey; Becky Turner (acting Clerk); Sophie Boulton; Cllr Matt Martin and nine members of the public.

014/25 Public speaking on any agenda items

None of the parishioners had any questions on the agenda but Cllr Matt Martin asked if he could speak as he had to leave early. He mentioned that he had instigated the work on the A361 which had just been completed. There was a discussion about the dangers on the A372 at the junction of the village and the stretch to Othery. It was noted that we had tried to engage with the highways to move the 30mph sign from the junction at Othery, to before the bad bend at Middlezoy. He asked that an email could be sent to him to remind him to follow this up.

0015/25 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest and dispensations

There were no apologies and Cllr Turner declared that she had already commented on the planning application 34/24/00013/JMS as a neighbour.

0016/25 To approve the minutes from Tuesday January 21st 2025

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

Proposed by Cllr Paffey Seconded by Cllr Campbell

0017/25 Chairman's report

Cllr Baker updated councillors on the following matters:

- As SHAL has had problems with funding Sommerfield is now looking for a new social provider for the Affordable Housing. Neil Jillings has agreed to keep us informed.
- Cllr Baker and Cllr Campbell have attended a LCN regarding a masterplan and what we all want to keep. There was a consensus that this included footpaths, green areas, local activities and local businesses. There is going to be a Somerset wide meeting next week that Cllr Baker will attend.

018/25 PLANNING

34/24/00013/JMS – Location: 2 Nethermoor Road, Middlezoy, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7 0PG

Proposal: Erection of two storey side West and rear North extensions on site of existing single storey extensions to be demolished.

As the applicant was present, he was asked to outline his proposal. The Cllrs agreed that the house was in need of restructure but were concerned about the possible lack of parking and it was impossible to be certain unless they had detailed plans to scale.

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It was agreed that the clerk should write to the planning authority for an extension so that detailed plans could be drawn up before making a decision.

019/25 FINANCE

1 Cllr Baker outlined the fact that the Village Hall could only be paid the VAT on the cladding work if we agreed to pay them a grant of £8484.84. This was proposed by Cllr Turner and seconded by Cllr Paffey.

1. (a) Clerk's Salary (January 2025) £340.62
- (b) Clerk's PAYE (January 2025) £85.00
- (c) Clerk's expenses (January 2025) £48.80
- (d) Middlezoy Community Project– Hall Hire £24.00
- (e) Middlezoy Village Hall £8,484.84
- (f) Paul Baker – Land Registry search £14.00
- (g) Ecodeck – car park tiles £1400
- (h) G Wagen James – Parish Grounds Maintenance January £356.67

All invoices include VAT where applicable.

The Clerk was given permission to set up these payments on Unity Bank.

020/25 Middlezoy Community Project update

Cllr Baker gave an update on the Village Hall as follows:

- Crystal Bliss and Paul Matthews are playing on 8th March with funds being raised for the defibrillator
- It is hoped to have an event once a month, a casino and cocktail night, horse racing , music bingo, beers burgers and bop

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Date of next meeting – TUESDAY MARCH 11th, 2025, at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

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