

Middleton St George Parish Council

Date: Monday 8th June 2009 at 7pm

Present: Councillors: Councillors Doris Jones (Chair), Steve York (vice-chair), Brian Jones, Martin Walker, Maggie Beadle, Andy Hill, Rhys Maybrey

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Mark Miller, Clerk Joyce McBride

2. Absent: Councillors Ian Dodds, Jeff Quick

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th May were approved as a true record.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

5.a. Storage facility – pending item re MOR toilets. (See e below).

5.b. Traffic system – update. Cllr D Jones presented a ‘Talking Together’ document that had been produced following a positive residents’ sub group meeting and informed members of a meeting to be held on 11th July.

5.c. Middleton Rangers – request for donation. Cllr D Jones informed members that updated accounts would be available for the parish meeting on 13th July.

Resolved: Mr. D Watson to provide the Clerk with Middleton Rangers up to date audited accounts in advance of the 6th July Parish Council meeting.

5.d. Decorating of exterior of Parish meeting room. No progress had been made and members agreed to delay this item for further consultation.

5.e. Public toilets, Middleton One Row. Cllr D Jones informed members about the reasons for the closure of the toilets; decision taken by DBC to identify savings in budget, ongoing costs balanced against use. DBC would not consider re-opening the toilets. Members discussed a quote obtained by Mr McBride from a company to install an automatic toilet facility but considered it to be totally impractical for a small parish council to take on board. It was agreed that the situation be reviewed at the July meeting.

6. Planning Applications:

6.a. 09/00289/FUL Conversion of existing integral garage for habitable use at 8, Woolsington Drive. **No comment.**

6.b. 09/00311/FUL Erection of single storey breakfast room, Low Middleton Hall. **No comment.**

6.c. 09/00345/FUL Erection of conservatory at 21, Westacres. **No comment.**

6.d. 09/00339/FUL Erection of conservatory at 10, Thorntree Villas. **No comment.**

7. Playing Field

7.a. Cllr York signed the Health and Safety report.

7.b. The Minutes of the playing field sub-group from 5th May were accepted.

7.c. Cllr D Jones reported that the Space Net had been installed, although not without problems of vandalism to the protective fencing placed by the contractor. Cllr York commented on the suitability of the finished product.

8. Allotments.

Cllr D Jones reported on a meeting held between allotment members and land owners of the Belle Vue site where progress had been made towards agreeing security of tenure for

<p>at least 5 years. Conditions were attached regarding the removal of all external gates. An allotment sub-committee was agreed of Cllrs D Jones, M Beadle and M Walker.</p>
<p>9. Litter Picker. It was agreed to write to Cummins Engines to thank them for the donation of safety equipment for the litter picker. A letter was tabled from Low Dinsdale Parish Council requesting confirmation of the weekly rota of litter picking within Pounteys Close and Thorntree Avenue as part of the audit trail for the settlement of future accounts. Members discussed the future arrangements now that there was only one litter picker and decided that, because of the limited number of hours our litter picker could work, to withdraw the service previously offered to Low Dinsdale Parish Council.</p>
<p>10. Notice Board – Virginia Estate. Cllr Quick requested provision of a new notice board for the Virginia Estate because the existing board was unusable and beyond repair. It was agreed to purchase a freestanding outdoor display case size 6 A4 (750x750) for £366 + vat. A cost would need to be obtained for installation. (Quote from the supplier Whitehill Direct Limited of £150).</p>
<p>11. Financial 11.a. Payments approved; SEM Electrical Ltd. £265.65. It was proposed by Cllr York and agreed that a letter of appreciation should be sent to SEM to thank them for the additional work they had carried out and not charged to the parish. (Cllr York to write the letter). Stationery / postage to the parish clerk; £11.01 Wages – Litter Picker £486.59, Parish Clerk £429-33. 11.b. Cllrs Beadle and Maybrey volunteered to act as internal auditors for the parish council accounts. 11.c. Cllr D Jones informed members she had requested Zurich Insurance to reduce the parish premium in view of the addition of cctv into the water park and requested members to approve the new premium which was due before the next meeting. This was agreed.</p>
<p>12 Correspondence All correspondence was acknowledged without further actions.</p>
<p>13 Date of the next meeting – Monday 13th July 2009</p>

Signed.....(Chair)

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