

# Middleton St George Parish Council

Date: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at 6.30pm

**Present:** Councillors: Doris Jones (Chair), Steve York(Vice-Chair), Martin Walker, Mark Miller, Rhys Maybrey, Jeff Quick, Brian Jones, Maggie Beadle, Ian Dodds  
Joyce McBride - Clerk

## 1. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Andy Hill

## 2. Declarations of Interest

None

## 3. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June were approved as a true record

## 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

## 5. Playing Field

**5.a.** Cllr. York signed the Health and Safety report.

**5.b.** Cllr. D. Jones reported that DBC have donated two new baby swings to us.

## 6. Allotments

**6.a.** Cllr. Walker discussed the allotment correspondence which contained mainly the return of allotment rent and termination of contract for K.Coatsworth. He informed the meeting that there would be an inspection very soon.

**6.b.** Cllr. D. Jones informed members that she had received a letter from the Allotment Association Secretary requesting a donation towards the annual show and prizes for the show. It was agreed that we should donate the same as last year.

**Resolved:** The Clerk to send a donation of £100 towards the Annual show and prepare prize money of £90 being made up of £15 for 1<sup>st</sup>, £10 for 2<sup>nd</sup> and £5 for 3<sup>rd</sup> prize for each of the three allotments.

**6.c.** Cllr. Miller suggested that we should ask Wilkinson garden centre to judge the allotments this year.

**Resolved:** The Clerk to write to Wilkinson's asking them to judge the allotments before 21Aug10 show.

## 7. Water Park

Cllr. D. Jones informed that she had received correspondence from Lisa Kwok regarding the Stage 2 application which indicated that the panel would meet shortly and that their decision will be known 10 days after that meeting. Lisa also informed that the £9K donation from CDENT must be spent by mid-September regardless of the outcome of the application.

**Resolved:** Cllr. D.Jones to discuss the CDENT money with Lisa Kwok.

## 8. Tree Inspection

The Clerk reported on correspondence with Phil Haynes, DBC, indicating the costs of a tree inspection for The Front, Middleton-One-Row.

**Resolved:** Cllr. D. Jones to clarify with Phil Haynes exact work to be done and costs.

## 9. Proposed Christmas Tree, The Front, MOR

The Clerk informed that in response to the 25 letters sent out, only one letter of objection

had been received. After discussion it was decided that we should go ahead with plans for installing a Christmas Tree on The Front.

**Resolved:** The Clerk to inform the objector of this decision, ask local businesses for sponsorship and pull together figures for last year's tree, including electrics, for the next meeting.

**10. Photocopier Maintenance**

The Clerk informed that an engineer called out to fix the photocopier had advised that it was best left switched on. Cllr. D. Jones informed that electric usage was minimal as it quickly goes into hibernation mode when switched on and not used.

**11. Planning Applications –**

**11.a. 10/00373/FUL** Erection of two storey extension to north elevation at 1 Tower Hill, Church Lane, MSG – **no comment.**

**11.b. 10/00343/FUL** Erection of single storey rear garden room extension at 222 Woolsington Drive, MSG – **no comment.**

**12. Financial**

**12.a.** The June quarter end statement of accounts were accepted.

**12.b.** The following **payments** were approved:

- K. Coatsworth returned allotment rent - £26.00
- J. McBride printer cartridges, stamps, recorded delivery (BDO) - £27.57
- Northumbrian Water, Sadberge Road allotment - £22.18
- J. Storey, 6 monthly allotment rent, Belle Vue allotments - £100.00
- Wages – Litter Picker £489.93, Cleaner £168.00, Parish Clerk £425.55

**12.c. Payments** coming in:

- Allotment rent - £39.00

**12.d. Quarter Internal Audit due by Parish Councillor end June** – Cllr. Miller will carry out this internal audit before the next meeting.

**13. Correspondence**

**13.a.** Tree and Woodland Strategy document received from Phil Haynes was discussed. As it is such a large document it was decided that we should invite Phil to our next meeting to go through it.

**Resolved:** Clerk to write to Phil Haynes, DBC, inviting him to the next meeting to go through the document.

**13.b.** All other correspondence was acknowledged without further actions.

**14. Any Other Business**

Cllr. D. Jones informed the meeting of two quotations she had received for the Parish meeting room. As they were both from local businesses and were more competitive than those received over a year ago from other businesses it was decided to accept them provided they can complete before the end of the summer.

**Resolved:** The Clerk to write to Steve Paton Joinery and Andy Graves Painter and Decorator asking them to go ahead providing they can be completed by the end of the summer.

**15. Date of the next meeting** – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2010.

Signed..... (Chair) Date.....