



MIDDLETON CHENEY Parish Council

Parish Meeting Room
Main Road
Middleton Cheney
OX17 2LR

PARISH COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Venue: Parish Meeting Room

18th March, 7:15pm

MINUTES

Present:

Cllr Mark Allen (Chair of meeting)
Cllr Kristian Burgess
Cllr Peter Cook

Cllr Nigel Mills
Cllr Richard Solesbury-Timms
Pip Davis, Clerk and RFO

Meeting commenced 19:20PM

On the proposition of Cllr Burgess it was **RESOLVED**: Cllr Allen to Chair the meeting of the Council.

24/047 Apologies for absence

Apologies received Cllr Youel, Cllr Washer, Cllr Hoose.

On the proposition of Cllr Burgess it was **RESOLVED**: to approve apologies for absence.

24/048 OPEN MEETING

A resident: 24/052 Planning for 22a Queens Street. Claimed various disputes open regarding access. No public notification has been made – more time needed. Access that has been in place for over 35 years will be lost. Chairman advised contact be made to Planning authority.

A resident: 24/056 Footpath between Queens street and High street has historic use by public. No safe alternative to walk North junction for pedestrians.

A resident: 24/052 Planning for 22a Queens Street. Owners and intended residents of applications available to answer questions.

A resident: 24/060 Remembrance parade road closure, volunteers could be trained as proposed last year.

On the proposition of the Chairman of the meeting it was **RESOLVED**: to move items 24/054 and 56 to after Declarations of interest.

24/049 Members' declaration of interest in items on the agenda

None

24/052 Planning – letters, decisions and applications - attached

[2024/0457/FULL](#) 40 Horton Road Middleton Cheney OX17 2LG No Comments

[2024/1057/FULL](#) School Room 22A Queen Street Middleton Cheney OX17 2NP Parish Council has no objections for the redevelopment of the site and change of use. Concerns around parking – tandem parking evidenced within the village as unsuccessful. Parking on Queens Street is an existing issue. Concerns regarding loss of resident's access. Conflict regarding public petitions to preserve the footpath. Submit comment regarding inappropriate parking proposal.

[2024/1058/FULL](#) Middleton Cheney Baptist Church 22A Queen Street Middleton Cheney OX17 2NP Concerns regarding trees and subterranean graves, site access and storage of building materials. Access to the graveyard. Gates prohibit free access to the graves.

The Chairman invited a resident to speak: Access to graves is a legal matter, there are covenants within the contract that the graveyard must be maintained and access permitted.

Council to comment: 1) Concerns regarding storage of building materials and maintaining access for graves.

2) Concerns regarding digging to landscape.

Cllr Solesbury-Timms left 20:13PM

[2024/1229/FULL](#) 8 Washle Drive, Middleton Cheney, OX17 2PX No comments

[2024/0733/S73](#) Coldharbour Farm, Thenford Road, Middleton Cheney No comments

[2024/0476/FULL](#) 38 Archery Road Middleton Cheney OX17 2QR No comments, write in support for selfbuild

[2024/0438/RM](#) Appletree Farm, Thenford Road, Middleton Cheney No comments

24/056 Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) request

Requests have been submitted to have the footpath between the Baptist Church and 24 Queens Street formalised as a public right of way.

Clerk: 01295 713500 - Email: clerk@middletoncheney.org.uk

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20:27PM Disruption from members of the public.

Difficulty posed to change of use by introducing a right of way.

On the proposition of Cllr Burgess it was **RESOLVED**: to support an application for DMMO as and when requested by the applicant or as part of the application process.

24/050 Approval of minutes of full council meeting 19th February 2024

To receive and approve the minutes of meeting of the Council on 19th February 2024.

On the proposition of Cllr Burgess it was **RESOLVED**: to approve the minutes of meeting 19th February 2024.

24/051 Receipt of committee minutes - attached

(i) To receive the approved minutes of Finance and Policy Committee meeting 7th February 2024 and Human Resources Committee meeting 5th December 2023.

On the proposition of the Chairman it was **RESOLVED**: To receive the approved minutes of meetings 7th February 2024 and 5th December 2023.

(ii) To receive the draft minutes of Highways and Planning Committee 5th March, Finance and Policy Committee meeting 6th March and Human Resources Committee 14th March.

Members to note.

24/053 Reports from Ward Councillors

Cllr Solesbury-Timms surgery to resume from 21st March 2024.

24/054 Co-option of new member to Committee

On the proposition of Cllr Cook it was **RESOLVED**: to appoint Tom Edwards as member of the Highways and Planning Committee.

24/055 New Earmarked Reserve

To make available £20,000 per year for the next 5 years (£100,000 total) under "cost of living" EMR should Council decide to use this to offset precept demands.

On the proposition of the Chairman it was **RESOLVED**: to transfer £100,000 from general reserves into new EMR.

24/057 London Oxford Airport Airspace Change Proposal (attached)

Cllr Cook provided summary. Council to confirm its position as a stakeholder but no comment to make at this stage.

24/058 Portrait of the King

Council agreed to apply for a free portrait of King Charles III.

24/059 Royal British Legion Events 2024

On the proposition of Cllr Cook it was **RESOLVED**: to approve the 3 events as RBL/Parish Council partnerships.

24/060 Remembrance Parade

To consider arrangements and associated costs for Remembrance Parade, November 2024.

DEFERRED: Clerk to confirm details of arrangements with the traffic management company. Draft contract of expectations to be drawn up between Cllr Cook and Cllr Burgess.

24/061 Grant application – Chenderit School Association - attached

On the proposition of Cllr Mills it was **RESOLVED**: to approve the application received from Chenderit School Association for event items.

24/062 Village maintenance

DEFERRED due to lack of comparable quotes.

24/063 Street naming consultation

Council to canvas Ward Councillors and the Parish before next meeting of the full Council.

Two suggestions: Arthur Mold Lane, William Morris Way.

24/064 Easter Break

On the proposition of the Chairman it was **RESOLVED**: to define Easter Break as 29th March – 1st April 2024.

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24/065 Insurance cover 2024-25

On the proposition of the Chairman it was **RESOLVED**: to continue cover with existing provider while outstanding insurance questions/valuations are resolved.

24/066 Authorisation of Payments – (attached)

On the proposition of Cllr Cook it was **RESOLVED**: to approve schedule of payments.

24/067 Matters for information

None

24/068 Exclusion of press and public

On the proposition of Cllr Burgess it was **RESOLVED**: Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, and having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted to consider that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for agenda items 24/069.

24/069 Matters arising from Human Resources Committee meeting

On the proposition of the Chairman it was **RESOLVED**: to Authorise expenditure from general reserves up to £5000 over the next calendar month to obtain legal assessment, Clerk to approve spends on the request of Councillors until the next authorisation of payments.

On the proposition of the Chairman it was **RESOLVED**: to approach the appropriate body regarding opportunities for resolution.

Meeting re-opened to the public 22:12PM.

24/070 Next meeting

3rd April 2024 – Finance and Policy Committee

15th April 2024 – Full Council Meeting.

4th June Highways and Planning Committee

Meeting closed 22:12PM

Signed: