



MIDDLETON CHENEY Parish Council

Parish Meeting Room
Main Road
Middleton Cheney
OX17 2LR

PARISH COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Venue: Parish Meeting Room
15th April, 7:15pm
Minutes

24/071 Apologies for absence

Apologies received: Cllr Washer

On the proposition of Cllr Allen it was **RESOLVED**: to approve apologies for absence,

24/072 OPEN MEETING

Non-agenda items.

A resident raised a question regarding the Annual Parish Meeting. A resident raised a question regarding a planned community event.

Open meeting closed 19:18PM

24/073 Members' declaration of interest in items on the agenda

None

24/074 Approval of minutes of full council meeting 18th March 2024

On the proposition of Cllr Solesbury-Timms it was **RESOLVED**: to approve the minutes of meeting 18th March 2024.

24/075 Receipt of committee minutes - attached

On the proposition of Cllr Mills it was **RESOLVED**: To receive the approved minutes of meetings 6th March 2024. Draft minutes of Finance and Policy Committee meeting 3rd April noted by members.

24/076 Planning – letters, decisions and applications - attached

To consider planning applications as outlined:

[2024/1619/FULL](#) Rectory Farm, Unit 5-6, Waters Lane, Middleton Cheney, OX17 2ND

On the proposition of Cllr Solesbury-Timms it was **RESOLVED**: to **object** on the following grounds: Outside village confines, encourages more development further in open countryside, contrary to the Local Plan. Potential loss of retail and commercial space.

[2024/1243/FULL](#) 12 The Moors Drive Middleton Cheney OX17 2PN No Comment

[2024/1556/TPO](#) 11 Chacombe Road Middleton Cheney OX17 2QS No Comment

24/077 Reports from Ward Councillors

Cllr Rosie Herring present:

Notec high volume of case work for Middleton Cheney, to include:

- Derelict bungalow.
- Highways – Phil Larrat and inspector – to complete a walk round of the village.
- Dands Drive disability parking.
- EV charge points near New Inn.
- Potholes, access down Waters Lane. Waters Lane construction agreements – blocked by works vehicles, mud on road etc.
- Footpath AU/015 along Chenderit. Lexton Wall.
- Consultations – flood risk on the website, Transport – Buses (Brackley and South Northants), Local Plan.
- Funding – start-up funds for businesses. Tesco better start bids – schools etc.

Cllr Solesbury-Timms present:

WNC have replaced a litter bin reported a significant time ago. Reminder to the community to report potholes on Fix My Street.

24/078 West Northamptonshire The Local Plan Regulation 18 Draft (2024)

Information to be published on the website / noticeboards, circulated on social media and newsletter. Highways and Planning Committee to meet and form a response to recommend to next meeting.

24/079 Community Governance Review Stage 1, Purston Proposal (attached)

On the proposition of Cllr Solebury-Timms it was **RESOLVED**: to support Review Stage 1 proposal for Purston to join Middleton Cheney Parish.

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24/080 Budget and Expenditure report Qtr 4 2023-24.

On the proposition of Cllr Allen it was **RESOLVED**: To receive budget and expenditure reports for Jan-Mar 2024.

24/081 Royal British Legion Events 2024

On the proposition of the Chairman it was **RESOLVED**: to spend £250 for Band accompaniment to 3 RBL and Council partnership events.

24/082 Remembrance Parade

Requirements to be agreed between Clerk, Cllr Cook and Cllr Solesbury-Timms to apply for a TTO and obtain quotes.

On the proposition of the Chairman it was **RESOLVED**: to approve use of a management company for traffic during Remembrance Parade.

24/083 Cemetery requirements

Clerk to liaise with WNC for support. Clerk to work with Cllrs Burgess, Truman, Cook, Solesbury-Timms and Youel to identify potential sites, to meet in May.

24/084 VAS new posts requests

Clerk to seek licences (or quotes for costs of-) and seek quotes for post installation.

24/085 Accessibility of the village

The Council did not proceed the Highways and Planning Committee's proposal to investigate way of public survey.

24/086 Village maintenance

On the proposition of the Chairman it was **RESOLVED**: to replace the street lamp column, pending decision of cover from Insurers. Further quotes to be sourced for the wall.

To consider village maintenance matters including replacement of damaged street lamp column at Arrow Close and stone wall at Parish Meeting Rooms.

24/087 Street naming consultation

William Morris Way to be put to Ward Councillors.

24/088 Induction of New Councillors

Deferred to next meeting.

24/089 Street lamp stress test

On the proposition of the Chairman it was **RESOLVED**: to approve the spend of £800 to stress test up to 10 columns as identified by the Clerk and Cllr Hoose.

24/090 Christmas Lights update

To receive updates regarding planning for Christmas Lights installation for December 2024.

24/091 Authorisation of Payments – (attached)

On the proposition of Cllr Burgess it was **RESOLVED**: To approve and provide dual signatory on payments scheduled March 2024 – April 2024.

24/092 Matters for information

Damage to Carousel play equipment, reported to police and made safe.

24/093 Exclusion of press and public

On the proposition of the Chairman it was **RESOLVED**: To exclude Press and Public from the meeting for agenda items 24/094, 24/095, 24/096 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.

24/094 Appraisal feedback

HR to review questions raised and scrutinise details highlighted by Council.

24/095 Employment hours

On the proposition of the Chairman it was **RESOLVED**: to increase Clerk's contracted hours to 30/week, review in September.

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24/096 Representation to resolution process.

On the proposition of Cllr Burgess it was **RESOLVED**: Pursue resolution process within agreed parameters.

Meeting reopened to Press and Public 22:14PM.

24/097 Next meeting

2nd May 2024 – Finance and Policy Committee.

6th May 2024 – Annual Parish Council Meeting.

20th May 2024 – Full Council Meeting.

Meeting closed 22:14PM.

Signed: