



MIDDLETON CHENEY

Parish Council

Parish Meeting Room
Main Road
Middleton Cheney
OX17 2LR

PARISH COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Venue: Parish Meeting Room
17th June 2024, 7:15pm

Present:
Cllr Alan Youel, Chairman
Cllr Mark Allen
Cllr Ruth Hoose
Cllr Stuart Howard

Cllr Nina Truman,
Cllr Richard Solesbury-Timms
Pip Davis
Cllr Rebecca Breese
6 Members of the public

Meeting commenced 19:15PM.

Moment of reflection for Professor Goodey until 19:17PM.

24/145 Apologies for absence

Apologies received: Cllr Peter Cook, Cllr Rachel Washer
On the proposition of Cllr Allen it was **RESOLVED**: to approve the apologies for absence.
Absent without apologies: Cllr Kristian Burgess

24/146 OPEN MEETING

24/158 – A resident said the PFA welcome discussion.
24/165 – Grass-cutting. A resident enquired regarding scope of works.
Open session closed 19:22PM

24/147 Members' declaration of interest in items on the agenda

None

24/148 Co-option of candidate to fill casual vacancy

Rachel Markham was co-opted to the Council, declaration signed.

24/149 Approval of minutes of full council meeting 20th May 2024 - attached

Slight amendment to wording at Apologies for absence.
On the proposition of Cllr Allen it was **RESOLVED**: To receive and approve the minutes of meeting of the Council on 20th May 2024.

24/150 Receipt of committee minutes - attached

On the proposition of Cllr Hoose it was **RESOLVED**: To receive the approved minutes of meeting 1st May 2024.
Members received the draft minutes of Finance and Policy Committee meeting 5th June 2024.

24/151 Planning – letters, decisions and applications - attached

To consider planning applications as outlined:

- [2024/2579/TCA](#) Rosebank 57 Main Road Middleton Cheney OX17 2LU, No comment
[2024/2347/OUT](#) Land off Queen Street Middleton Cheney Banbury OX17 2NP, Comment: The proposed building is the transition between the East side newer buildings and the Conservation zone, the Council would like the planning authority to consider whether the details are appropriately manage that transition from a conservation/heritage sense.
[2024/2753/FULL](#) 27 & 29 High Street Middleton Cheney OX17 2PA, No comment
[2024/2831/PNHPD](#) 8 Washle Drive Middleton Cheney OX17 2PX
[2024/2833/FULL](#) 8 Washle Drive Middleton Cheney OX17 2PX, No comment.

24/152 Reports from Ward Councillors

Cllr Rebecca Breese present:

Portfolio holder for climate change responsibilities, sustainability etc. Previously held portfolio for Planning. WNC Net zero aims 2030, all other Councils 2045. Electrifying networks “zebra project” – 51 new electric buses. Cllr Rosie Herring, Housing portfolio – social housing. Continuing to balance budget, slight underspend of £200,000. Need to meet funds for Childrens' Services. Spending on new schools such as Tiffield. Consultations coming up for transport plan – infrastructure, road network, cycleways. Parks strategy. Aim to keep Middleton Cheney in the eye of the cabinet. Cllr Ruth Hoose asked: Where do we scale in terms of priority for expenditure? Response: Middleton Cheney is not seen as a deprived area so fewer funding opportunities.

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24/153 Hearing Loop installation

Representation made by Rachel Markham regarding needs of village for hearing support.

On the proposition of the Chairman it was **RESOLVED**: to proceed with expenditure for installation of a hearing loop at the Parish Meeting Rooms for quote 42930.

Cllr Solesbury-Timms arrived 20:13PM

23/154 Residents and Tenants Association – Cllr Solesbury-Timms

Cllr Solesbury-Timms described history of a similar committee orchestrated by a local church. Seeking funds from the Parish Council to support a non-Council committee. Aims of the association: fundraising, exploring common issues addressing lack of common voice. Aim to establish a first meeting so the committee can establish its own constitution and remit.

Cllr Allen advised the request should come through the grants funding procedure as an outside organisation.

23/155 Hire and Lettings Policy - attached

On the proposition of the Chairman it was **RESOLVED**: that, subject to amendments as suggested by Cllr Howard, to approve the Lettings and Hire Policy for users of the Parish Meeting Rooms.

23/156 Induction of New Councillors - attached

On the proposition of Cllr Solesbury-Timms it was **RESOLVED**: To consider and approve the finalised document for the induction of new Middleton Cheney Parish Councillors.

Cllr Hoose, Cllr Truman willing to act as mentors to new Councillors.

24/157 Police Liaison Representative - attached

On the proposition of Cllr Solesbury-Timms it was **RESOLVED**: To appoint Cllr Hoose to the role of Police Liaison Representative.

24/158 Green Space nominations, Local Plan draft

On the proposition the Chairman it was **RESOLVED**: to nominate green spaces as outlined by the Highways and Planning Committee.

24/159 Contracts tender – Christmas lights

On the proposition of Cllr Hoose it was **RESOLVED**: to proceed with tender documents for the design, supply and management of Christmas lights. Value £15,000-£20,000

24/160 Contracts tender – Village maintenance

On the proposition of Cllr Truman it was **RESOLVED**: to proceed with tender documents for village maintenance, addition of annual War Shrine area assessment. Value £15,000-£20,000

24/161 Village maintenance

Pending comparison quotes.

24/162 Adoption of Lights, Thenford Road - attached

Council to confirm potential to adoption of street lighting at Thenford Road development in receipt of an appropriate offer of commuted sum.

24/163 Approval of Lighting plan, Waters Lane - attached

Councillors identified potential dark area South East row leading to turning space. Query: does this only cover lighting only public highways?

24/164 Energy supply contract

On the proposition of the Chairman it was **RESOLVED**: To continue to appoint to YU Energy as the new supplier for energy.

24/165 Parish Grass-cutting

A Councillor confirmed the Council has no duty to maintain WNC highways' Rights of Ways. Cllr Allen recommended a weekly review of the Cemetery. Discussion with contractor regarding prioritisation of cemetery to maintain high standards.

Interruption from members of the public who were advised by the Chairman not to continue to interrupt.

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24/166 Direct debit approval

On the proposition of Cllr Solesbury-Timms it was **RESOLVED**: that SGW to be authorised to take direct debit payments directly.

24/167 Authorisation of Payments – (attached)

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

24/168 Matters for information

Cheney Chatter distribution matters.

PCSO will set up surgery dates in the village, police have circulated information on protecting vehicles from theft.

24/169 Exclusion of press and public

On the proposition of the Chairman, 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, the Press and Public were excluded from the meeting for agenda items 24/170, 24/171.

24/170 Staffing Requirements

Updates received

24/171 Resolution process.

Updates received

Meeting reopened to the public 22:08PM.

24/172 Next meeting

15th July 2024 – Full Council Meeting.

Meeting closed 22:09PM.