



MIDDLETON CHENEY Parish Council

Parish Meeting Room
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PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING Venue: Parish Meeting Room 9th May 2023 MINUTES

Present: Cllr. Solesbury-Timms
Cllr. Allen Cllr. Stevens
Cllr. Burgess Cllr. Truman
Cllr. Hoose Cllr. Washer

23/115 Election of Chairman for the Year 2023/2024

On the proposition of Cllr. Solesbury-Timms it was **RESOLVED**: to elect Cllr. Youel as Chairman of the Parish Council 2023/24. Signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office received by the clerk.

23/114 Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr. Mills Early departures: Cllr. Burgess and Cllr. Solesbury-Timms, work commitments. Resignation of Alison Knight. Absent without apology: Cllr. Jerrams-Coughtrey. On the proposition of Cllr. Allen it was **RESOLVED**: to approve the apologies for absence.

23/116 Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr. Truman proposed by Cllr. Solesbury-Timms, seconded by Cllr. Youel.

Cllr. Burgess proposed by Cllr. Allen, no second.

Cllr. Solesbury-Timms proposed by Cllr. Truman, seconded Cllr. Stevens.

On the proposition of Cllr Solesbury-Timms it was **RESOLVED**: to elect Cllr. Truman as the Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council 2023/24. Signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office received by the clerk.

23/117 OPEN MEETING

A member of the public asked regarding the dog warden role.

Cllr. Rosie Herring covered responsibilities as unitary councillor:

Involvement in Scrutiny committee.

Chair of the adult social care scrutiny committee.

Open day Saturday 13th in Brackley medical centre from 2pm.

Local Area Partnership, integrated care services, NHS working with council, subdivided areas for more local input. Police forms available to fill in for "soft intel", held in confidence.

County lines.

Chairman invited Cllr Herring to continue at item 22/123.

On the proposition of Cllr Solesbury-Timms it was **RESOLVED**: to move item 22/123 to the next item of discussion.

Chairman closed the meeting 19:38.

23/123 Receive reports from Unitary Council - attached

Cllr Herring continued the report to include:

Challenging the NHS to make improvements for children's mental health, highlighted the pressure of getting "into the system" of a 2 year waiting list that was "effectively closed".

Cllr Burgess asked if this was CAMHS, Cllr Herring confirmed. Cllr. Solesbury-Timms commented this was a national issue not district-specific.

Cllr. Solesbury-Timms highlighted concerns regarding quality of transition from cut-off point at 18 with CAMHS.

Cllr. Hoose confirmed who Cllr Herring was for those who had not been introduced

Cllr Rebecca Breese introduced herself and her priority focus on planning. Her verbal report included: Brief description of West Northants plan and single local plan in the evidence-gathering process. From October, the village should be consulted on the planning process.

Reduced additional housing requirements from 30,000 to 6,000 and additional employment land. Steering away from logistics as introduces lower value employment.



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Assessing what has and has not worked in local plan – exemplified less successful aspects in Towcester. Highlighted importance of communities engaging. Consultation does work, “issues and options” paper distributed, 3000 responses.

Local policies under South Northants Local Plan, moving to larger strategic document.

Cherwell described as being “closely monitored”, WNC planners to engage more pro-actively with Cherwell planning.

Cherwell local plan – “call for sites”, technical process that identifies land that could be available.

Huscote Farm has not been identified, nor Nethercote or sites at Junction 10 under Cherwell local plans.

WNC planning has not been optimal, modernising process.

Transparency with smaller authorities to understand outstanding S106 monies, etc.

Cllr Hoose asked what the consultation with Middleton Cheney will look like regarding the WNC strategic plan.

Cllr Breese identified the question of whether it is fair for Middleton Cheney to be subject to further development. Do some local areas need targeted development to balance the population.

Cllr. Solesbury-Timms identified 3 “failed” attempts to put together Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Breese identified that villages with a NP receive 25% CIL rather than the standard 15%.

Cllr. Stevens spoke on the Waters Lane development and the agreement that Middleton Cheney had been developed enough, but developers won in court, questioning what protection can Middleton Cheney have.

Cllr Breese stated robust policies with evidence. No route for challenge except judicial review, expensive and not challenging the decision but the decision-making process. Waters Lane affordable housing suddenly “not viable”, removal of starter homes to balance the population. Middleton Cheney welcoming affordable housing.

Cllr. Burgess asked regarding how the LGBC boundary changes challenges will be faced. Cllr Breese commented councillors are being spread more thinly and Middleton Cheney will see councillors once or twice a year.

The Chairman asked regarding West Northants 5 year land supply, Cllr Breese confirmed talks regarding removing land supply figures.

Infrastructure plan being published with next round of consultations.

Cllr Solesbury-Timms asked how do village schools achieve Net 0 without building new schools.

Cllr Burgess indicated green initiatives to be enforced on new developments. This is currently being considered, including EV points and infrastructure.

The Chairman thanked the Unitary councillors for their attendance and participation.

23/118 Members’ declaration of interest in items on the agenda

None declared.

Cllr. Solesbury-Timms and Cllr. Burgess departed 20:06

23/119 Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Parish Council of 9th May 2022

On the proposition of Cllr. Hoose it was **RESOLVED**: To ratify the approval minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 2022.

23/120 To confirm Standing Committees of the council

On the proposition of the Chairman it was **RESOLVED**: to confirm the Standing Committees as: Finance and Policy, Human Resources, Amenities, Highways & Planning for year 2023/24.

23/121 Appointment of members to existing committees

Amenities: Cllrs Stevens, Burgess, Washer, Truman.

On the proposition of the Chairman it was **RESOLVED**: to appoint the above councillors to the committee.

Finance & Policy: Cllrs Hoose, Allen, Youel, Mills, Solesbury-Timms, Burgess.

On the proposition of the Chairman it was **RESOLVED**: to appoint the above councillors to the committee.

Highways & Planning: Cllrs Burgess, Solesbury-Timms, Mills, Washer.

On the proposition of the Chairman it was **RESOLVED**: to appoint the above councillors to the committee.

Human Resources: Cllrs Youel, Allen, Hoose, Truman, Jerrams-Coughtrey, Solesbury-Timms.

On the proposition of the Chairman it was **RESOLVED**: to appoint the above councillors to the committee.

23/122 Review of Terms of Reference and Scheme of Delegation

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Cllr Allen identified the clerk as an ex-officio member of the committees, clerk is a member present for discussion but not a voting member. Human Resources committee (section 1) and Finance committee. Wording to be changed to the clerk is non-voting member of the committee.

On the proposition of the Chairman it was **RESOLVED**: to adopt the Terms of Reference subject to changing the wording identified by Cllr Allen.

On the proposition of Cllr Allen it was **RESOLVED**: to adopt the Scheme of Delegation for year 2023/24.

23/124 Review and adoption of Standing Orders - attached

Changes identified by the clerk. On the proposition of Cllr. Allen it was **RESOLVED**: to confirm or change the Standing Orders for year 2023/24.

23/125 Review and adoption of Financial Regulations - attached

Changes identified to include debit card payments and possibility of holding a Paypal account.

On the proposition of Cllr. Allen it was **RESOLVED**: to confirm or change the Financial Regulations for year 2023/24.

23/126 Review of arrangements (including legal agreements) with other local authorities, not-for-profit bodies and businesses

On the proposition of the Chairman it was **RESOLVED**: to move the item to the next meeting.

23/127 Review of Code of Conduct - attached

On the proposition of Cllr. Allen it was **RESOLVED**: to adopt the Code of Conduct with no changes.

23/128 Review Effectiveness of Internal Audit - attached

On the proposition of Cllr. Allen it was **RESOLVED**: to approve the effectiveness of Internal Audit with no changes, included only to align with Annual Meeting of the Council.

23/129 Review Financial Risk Assessment - attached

On the proposition of Cllr. Allen it was **RESOLVED**: to approve the Financial Risk Assessment with no changes, included only to align with Annual Meeting of the Council.

23/130 Determine the time and place of ordinary meetings of the council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council.

Cllr. Hoose requested Standing Committees schedule in regular meetings (with a view to cancel if not needed), council agreed.

On the proposition of Cllr. Allen it was **RESOLVED**: to adopt the schedule of meetings of the council and annual parish meeting.

23/131 Next meeting 15th May 2023 - Full Council Meeting.

Meeting closed: 20:41pm.

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CHAIR
15/5/23