MIDDLETON CHENEY

Parish Council



Parish Meeting Room

Main Road

Middleton Cheney

Banbury

Oxon

OX17 2LR

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Venue: Parish Meeting Room

21st March 2022

Minutes

22/1002 Resolution to approve apologies for absence

To receive any apologies for absence for the meeting. Members who cannot attend a meeting shall tender their apologies in writing to the Parish Clerk prior to the meeting –Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Present were:

- Cllr. Alan Youel (Vice Chairman)
- Cllr. John Coatsworth
- Cllr. Edward Coughtrey
- Cllr. Peter Gliwitzki
- Cllr. Richard Solesbury-Timms
- Cllr. Ruth Hoose

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mark Allan and Cllr. Nina Truman, who were unable to due to illness, and Cllr. Cllr. Kristina Burgess.

The Parish Council resolved to approve the apologies for absence.

Proposed: Cllr. Coatworth Seconded: Cllr. Solesbury-Timms

22/1003 Members' declaration of interest in terms on the agenda

Members are asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.

No declarations of interest were declared.

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22/1004 Open Meeting

An opportunity for members of the public to raise any items concerning the Parish.

A member of the public asked how they would get access to the Parish Councils 'public footpath map' and expressed that the council should provide the village with more regular updates, information and details.

Questions were also raised about the upcoming annual parish meeting and the amounts of invites which were sent out to Community Groups within the parish.

Members of the public also raised concerns with public engagement and recommended that to interact effectively with the Middleton Cheney community the parish should reinstate 'Cheney Chatter' and bolster the email/online presence of the council.

22/1005 Electric vehicle charging stations

Council received a presentation by Mark Wood of EZ-Charge about ways to provide electric vehicle charging points within the Parish.

Cllr. Gliwitzki asked how many charging points would be recommended for a village with the size and population of Middleton Cheney. Mark Wood responded, recommending 1/2 dual charging stations.

Cllr. Hoose raised a question with regards to the duration that the EZ Charging Stations take to fully charge an average vehicle. Mark Wood confirmed that this would take 4-5 hours.

Council discussed many different areas and car parks where this initiative could begin, outlining that the project would have to be on council land.

Actions: Council explores the potential implementation of EZ Chargers within Middleton Cheney, asking Mark Wood to forward further information to the Clerk.

22/1006 Co-option

The Parish Council will consider applications for co-option to the three open vacancies.

Stuart Allan contacted the Parish Council and ask to be considered.

Mr Allan recently moved to the village in September and has had 30 years' experience as a Lawyer, concluding that he will be able to bring useful skills to the council.

Members unanimously supported Mr Allan's co-option.

Proposed: Cllr. Gliwitzki Seconded: Cllr. Coughtrey

No other candidates attended the meeting or contacted the Parish Council to ask to be considered. This item will be carried over to the next meeting.

22/1007 Resolution to approve Minutes of the previous meeting

Cllr. Gliwitzki mentioned that Cllr. Trumans arrival time of 7:30pm was not being reflected, as well as the minutes not including the 'Thanks' to Sally-Ann Dod for her work in the Jubilee Committee.

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Subject to the amendments above, the Parish Council resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of 21st February 2022.

Proposed: Cllr. Coatsworth Seconded: Cllr Coughtrey

22/1008 Resolution to approve Authorisation of Payments

Cllr. Gliwitzki highlighted that some of the Payments were listed as estimates, explaining that this is to ensure payments are paid on time.

The Parish Council resolved to approve the authorisation of payments.

Proposed: Cllr. Coatsworth Seconded: Cllr. Hoose

22/1009 Finance Working Party report

To receive a report and consider recommendations from the Finance Working Party.

The Parish Council received and noted the report of the Finance Working Party, given by the Chair of the Finance Working Party, Cllr. Gliwitzki.

22/1010 Resolution to change the Parish Council bank account

Resolution to transfer the Parish Council bank account from Barclays to Unity Trust Bank.

Cllr. Coughtrey stressed the importance of the bank issues and lack of communication, supporting the notion that council commits to further research into alternate parish banks.

Cllr. Coatsworth supported further research into alternate bank accounts, suggesting that now council has employed a Clerk further research should be conducted.

Actions: Council conducts further research into alternative banks, and report back to council at a later date

22/1011 Planning - Letters, Decisions and Applications

•WNS/2022/0317/FUL

https://snc.planningregister.co.uk/Planning/Display/WNS/2022/0317/FUL

8 Kings Stile Middleton Cheney

Detached 4 bay carport & store. (retrospective)

The Parish Council had no comments on this application.

•WNS/2022/0378/FUL

https://snc.planningregister.co.uk/Planning/Display/WNS/2022/0378/FUL

61 Horton Drive Middleton Cheney

Proposed motorcycle storage shed

The Parish Council objected to the planning application on the basis that the application does not maintain the look/appearance of the village, using materials which are inappropriate and which do not reflect the rest of the Middleton Cheney.

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22/1012 Request for traffic restrictions on Millers Way

A resident has raised concerns about parking on the blind bend on Millers Way, and the potential this has to contribute to an accident. They would like to discuss options that could increase the safety of the corner with the Parish Council.

Cllr. Coughtrey suggested that the road is yet to be adopted by the local authority, and thus the council can only make a recommendation.

Cllr. Solesbury-Timms highlighted concerns around the danger of the bend, alongside the speed in which vehicles had been travelling on the road.

Council concluded that West Northants Council (WNC) Highways will have the final decision on this development.

Action: The parish council will forward concerned residents to WNC Highways to raise objections.

22/1013 Public Spaces Protection Order Consultation

West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) is considering whether to make a new Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to promote responsible dog ownership and prohibit smoking in certain public spaces across the former administrative council areas of Daventry District and South Northants. The deadline for the Parish Council to respond to this consultation is 4th April 2022.

Cllr. Hoose and Cllr. Gliwitzki questioned how WNC would enforce this policy, as current legislation prohibits the actions which local authorities can take.

Council concluded that they would support WNC, and welcome the increase fines for dog fowling.

22/1014 Next Meeting

19th April 2022 – Parish council general meeting

Signed:

M. Allen - Chairman

Queries Regarding the Agenda

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