**MIDDLETON STONEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 2ND JULY 2018 AT 7PM.**

**PRESENT**

Mr. A J Fulljames Chairman

Mrs. D. Pay

Mr. P. Brown

Mr. Champion

Mr. S. Moore

Miss. R. Makari

Mr. M. Keighery Clerk

**1] APOLOGISES:**

Mr. Vadivale was absent.

**2] DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:**

There were no interests declared.

**3] MINUTES:**

The minutes of the meeting of 8 May 2018 were approved.

**4] MATTERS ARISING:**

**Recording of External Meetings**

The Chairman proposed that the parish council must ensure that external meetings are recorded more effectively than they are hitherto.

Members agreed that such external meetings should be an agenda item from now. It was also agreed that the item should be directly after the ‘finance’ item on the agenda.

**Heyford Masterplan**

There was considerable debate in relation to the further planning application for Upper Heyford. In particular, members stressed the poor presentation of the application, the lack of focus in relation to Middleton Stoney and the general information overload that has occurred analysing the Masterplan.

Members also highlighted the significant increases in traffic without any effective solutions to deal with it. In particular, the Chairman queried what mitigation is being proposed, the insufficient detail in the plan and thus more clarity is required. There was confusion over the ‘ghost island’ and the new right turn proposed which it was felt would only encourage more Bicester-bound traffic.

Ms. Makari also reiterated the ‘information overload’ and highlighted the Rousham and Middleton Stoney ‘Parklands’. She also agreed that there was little provision into traffic mitigation which should have been a key part of the plan and fundamental to the residents of Middleton Stoney. She also suggested a link road to Bicester would be her preferred option.

Mr. Brown also expressed concern that the local sewage plant had been diffusing waste inefficiently since the development at Upper Heyford.

Mr. Champion agreed that the information provided was poor and insisted that both Oxfordshire County Council and The Dorchester Group be called to a meeting with the parish council to explain in full the planning proposal and its effects on Middleton Stoney. Hence, as of now, he felt the parish council could not approve the traffic element.

**Oxford- Cambridge Expressway**

The Clerk updated the members with regard to his attendance at two recent meetings with regard to -the Oxford-Cambridge Expressway. A decision on the preferred route is expected to be made on July 14, with Option 1 – the A34 upgrade – the most likely to be favoured, especially as the local MP is endorsing this option. It was agreed by the members that we should continue to support Weston-on-the Green’s stance on the expressway.

**Code of Conduct Training;**

The clerk signposted the Code of Conduct Training in July and September. Currently, the chairman and the clerk are due to go to the July 17th training.

**5] FINANCE:**

Since the last meeting in May, receipts and payments were:

**General Fund:**

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| **Income** |  | **Expenditure** |  |
| **Grant from OCC[grass cutting]**  **Interest earned**  **Transfer from VHM Fund**  **Transfer from VHM Fund** | **£408.97**  **£ 5.34**  **£113.80**  **£324.00** | **Transfer to VHMF**  **Chair purchase [Village Hall]** | **£ 670.84**  **£ 388.80** |

**Village Hall Maintenance Fund:**

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| **Income** |  | **Expenditure** |  |
| **Transfer from Gen Fund Dividend from HMT 8 – 2021** | **£670.84**  **£113.80** | **Transfer to General Fund**  **Transfer to General Fund** | **£ 324.00**  **£ 113.80** |

**Playground Fund**:

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| **Income** |  | **Expenditure** |  |
| **Credit from CDC Gen Pay**  **Transfer from Gen Fund** | **£ 130.00**  **£171.60** | **Transfer to Gen Fund [CDC]**  **Mrs O’Dywer [Maintenance]** | **£ 130.00**  **£171.60** |

The Chairman wondered what the £130.00 credit from Cherwell District Council. The clerk will investigate this.

**6] PLAYGROUND:**

**ROSPA playground inspection:**

The parish council was aware of the proposed ROSPA playground inspection in July.

**Spring Clean:**

It was felt that the Spring Clean, carried out over the weekend of May 19/20, was a success. Thanks to all who took part.

**7] VILLAGE HALL:**

**New Equipment:**

Mrs. Pay informed members that 20 new chairs had been purchased for the hall.

Furthermore, the village hall now has a new water heater installed.

**Village Barbeque**:

The village barbeque was very well attended on July 1st, especially as the weather had been excellent. It was also agreed that it was placed on record appreciation of all those who had been involved in organising and ensuring the event was a great success.

**8] CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Annual Fire Service:**

MCFP have informed the council that they have completed the annual fire inspection and have enclosed the certificate.

Their charge is £54.94 and this cost will feature in the next accounts.

**9] PLANNING MATTERS:**

**Under urgent business arrangements we have responded to:**

18/00970/LB – Ms. Macrae – Hollyhock Cottage, School Lane. No objections.

It was agreed that the new system of circulating planning matters via email and scan should be continued with.

**10] OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:**

**OCC meeting:**

Ms. Makari updated fellow members with regard to recent meetings with OCC and problems with the roads in our parish. Jackie Cox, from OCC, was due to update on progress with general problems. Ms.Makari stressed that she felt OCC was reasonably committed to the problems of Bicester Road especially and a possible weight HGV restriction.

Mr. Brown queried whether such a restriction would actually be enforceable or effective, but Ms. Makari insisted that it was important to note the progress already made in shifting Middleton Stoney’s problems up the OCC agenda.

The chairman also agreed and stressed that three gullies on the Ardley Road were unacceptable and with it the subsequent traffic noise. He determined that it was up to OCC to fix the road or impose a weight limit on it.

**OCC Briefings:**

Members noted:

Oxfordshire Matters May 2018, June 2018.

Briefing from June

Update on Councillor’s Priority Fund

**11] CHERWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL:**

**Parish Liaison Meeting:**

Mrs Pay attended the meeting on 20 June and reported back of Councillor Wood’s overview.

**Proposed Shared Services with OCC:**

There was a brief discussion to the probable transition from the now terminated shared services with South Northants Council to a new arrangement with OCC.

**12] TRAFFIC:**

Members agreed that we had covered this in our previous discussions with relation to Upper Heyford and the OCC meeting.

**13] ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

It was noted that Mr.Turney had dealt with the hedge problems at the corner of Ardley Road.

**14] NEXT MEETING:**

The next parish council meeting will be on September 3rd at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm