Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14 December 2020
At Middleton Village Hall

Attendance - Parish Councillors : Mrs N Steele, Mr N Velzeboer Mr M Place and Mr A Yarham

In attendance – Mr Sam Adkin, Mr Andy Bellehouse and Mr R Pannell (Clerk)

01 The Chair opened the meeting at 7.32 pm and welcomed all those in attendance.

02 There were no declarations of interest from members present.

03 Co-option of Councillors
The Chair, having advised members of the Council that both Mr Adkin and Mr Bellehouse were candidates for co-option to Council. (Both had answered questions previously) asked if they accepted both candidates for co-option. Council agreed unanimously and Mr Adkin and Mr Bellehouse were offered the position of Co-opted Councillors which they accepted.

04 Council approved Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 2 March, and 30 July 2020 and Notes to Minutes 14 April, 5/July, 13 August, 14 September and 2 November 2020
They were duly approved and Council agreed to have them signed at a later date

05 Village Hall
The Chair reported that she thought that Village Hall was available to book for a meeting but they had no Chair, Secretary or Treasurer.for the committee. She was advised by Mr Yarham that Mr Harrod was still acting as Treasurer until someone could be found to take over from him.
Council agreed that we should try and make a booking for the 11 January 2021 meeting.
The chair agreed to find out who was taking bookings and let the Clerk know

06 Risk Assessment.
Mr Yarham had agreed to undertake this work and gave his first report September/October.
For the record reports are undertaken in :- January/February and reported at the March Meeting; May/June and reported at the July Meetin; September/October and reported at the November Meeting
Mr Yarham reported that all was in order apart from a salt bin at Station House required a top up.
(Clerk to arrange), lights not working at the post office corner (electricity supply fault which has been rerported) and one in Church Lane (Clerk had reported and was waiting for the engineer to visit) and the Notice Board on the A47 at West Bilney was in a poor state of repair. The Chair advised that Council had agreed not to use it some months back as always dirty due to passing traffic. After discussion council agreed it should be taken down and disposed of and Mr Yarham agreed to do this.

07 Planning

Council shared information about the Wellness Resort project. The general concerns were with the current road structures being able to accommodate resort users traffic levels. Concerns were also expressed about the noise levels, once the site was fully operational, if some restriction on the type of equioment being used on the water was not set out in planning conditions. It was also felt that a full ecology report should be undertaken as part of the planning process. As current meetings were as part of the consultation process and this was being co-ordinated by the Leziate and Ashwicken Parish Council we should hold back full comments until the planning application was issued.

Planning Application 19/01929/F- The Old Forge, Lynn Road – whelping room
Borough Planners are still debating this application wirh the owners.

08 Street Lighting
Street lights on A47 were still not working and a notice has been setup informing road users. of the situation.

09 Finance
Financial position report was issued to councillors. (A copy of the report is attached to the minute book) At the end of November 2020 the bank account was £23,091.69.
Appreoval was given to issue cheques for the following :-
Chq No 100323 – Clerks salary and expenses (Nov 20) £247.33
Chq No 100324 – Middleton Village Hall Hire £22.00
Precept
Council discussed the possible future projects which could have an effect on the Precept.
Street Lights in Common Road from the A47 through the wooded stretch of the road (Appro half a mile down) The Clerk agreed to try an establish an estimated cost.
The purchase of a second mobile speed sign (SAM 2)
Footpath from Station Road to the post office
The impact of the Precept level and the effect on Council Tax
The Precept will be agreed and set at the next Council Meeting.

10 Any Other Business
The meeting dates for 2021 were agreed with Council. They will be :-
Monday 11 January 2021; Monday 1 March 2021; Monday 10 May 2021
Monday 5 July 2021; Monday 6 September 2021;Monday 1 November 2021

11 Date of next meeting – Monday 11 January 2011 commencing at 7.30pm; venue to be announced later.

There being no other business the Chair thanked all for attendance and closed the meeting at 8.50 pm