

MIDDLE CLAYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Middle Claydon Parish Council meeting held on 10th December 2018
Claydon Estate Office at 7.15 p.m.

Present: Cllr Sir Edmund Verney, Cllr. Mrs. Susan Cooper-Evans, Cllr John Riches, Cllr. Marc Linton, Cllr. Cllr Mrs. Pauline Claridge,

Parish Clerk Mr. Vic Welch

12/10/1: Apologies Cllr Michael Jackson

12/10/2: Declarations of Interest: Declarations of interest by Sir Edmund were recorded under in item 5.6

12/10/3: Minutes of the meeting held on 17th September 2018 were approved and signed as a true record.

12/10/4: Matters arising: The agenda items all cover the current issues

12/10/5: Current reports

5.1 TfB /LAF application. The options were discussed and it was agreed that there was sufficient funding for the pillar and kerbing option but the preferred option would require further funding and this would be discussed by the Council.

5.2 Cemetery update: The administration of the Cemetery continues and work to identify Grave spaces and Register entries will be completed.

A fence contractor has provided a quotation for the renewal of the fence and it was resolved to award the work to the contractor JM Fencing. The estimate of £265 was accepted.

A tree safety survey was discussed with Bicester Tree Services and an estimate of £250 plus VAT was accepted.

A quotation from Claydon Estate for a grass cutting service to the Cemetery was discussed and it was resolved to accept the grass cutting proposal of £350.00 A payment schedule would be negotiated to provide a 2 stage payment. The 3rd element of the proposal, maintenance of the cemetery, should be reconsidered in the light of the costs.

5.3 Unitary Authority: There was little to report and John Riches was to attend a BALC meeting on 14th December, where an Agenda item is the discussion about the Unitary Council proposal. It was emphasized that we would be pushing hard

on the representation of Parish Councils in any decisions on the structures and committees going forward.

5.4 Ox - Mk - Cam Expressway: The route has not been finalised but a general corridor is being proposed. We will be watching the development of Public Consultation events and also taking interest in the various 'No Expressway Alliance' meetings. Mention was made about planning application for a large solar farm on Tuckey Farm, near Winslow the impact of which was not really known at this point.

5.5 Parish Liaison Meeting: The last meeting held was 28th November 2018 and John Riches attended. John gave a short report of the meeting and said that further meetings will be held emphasizing the importance of Parish Council representation at all meetings associated with the new Authority structures

5.6 Estate discussion: A meeting was held to explore the opportunity to improve various aspects and appearance of the village. Mr N Verney explained how the Estate landscape team are considering various improvements to the visual aspects of the hedges and fences through the village. It was resolved to work with the Estate landscape team to deliver the plan.

12/10/6: Finance:

The proposed budget for the next financial year was approved. The precept we were putting forward was for £2,470 and John Riches was preparing this via the given model.

The following payments were approved

AVALC £25.00

Mr Carter Cemetery maintenance £200.00

Norton Security for Parish PC £19.99

SLCC Membership £46.00

SLCC Training for Clerk £118.00

Current Account Balance as at 10/12/2018 - £5,759.26

Clarification of the setting up of TSB direct electronic funds transfers was raised again and Pauline will be providing support to fixing this.

12/10/7: Correspondence:

Winslow Community Bus has written to ask if Middle Claydon Parish Council would like to make a donation to support continuation of the service for a further year – it was agreed we would discuss further at the next meeting

Vic to help Sue in understanding the details of Gmail symbols

AOB: There was no other business

Date and venue of next meeting: Wednesday 13th March 2019 at 7:00pm at the Claydon Estate Office.

Meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

Signed by Chairman

Dated