

MIDDLETON-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the General Purposes Committee
Wednesday 17th November 2021

PRESENT – Councillors Mrs Mills (Chairman), Dr Hayes, Mrs Johnson, Ms Godfrey, Newton and the Clerk.

The Chairman welcomed two new committee members, Parish Councillor Ms Godfrey and Parish Councillor Dr Hayes

1. **APOLOGIES (Noted)** –Mr Ball.
2. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on 16th June 2021 having been circulated were approved and signed.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Dr Hayes declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of agenda item 6c being the Chairman of the action group opposed to Rampion 2
4. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD** – No members of the public were present.
5. **FORWARD PLAN** –The Clerk having previously circulated a report to members was noted. With regard to Main Goal 7 (Highways, Footpaths & Woodland) it was agreed that a representative for responsibility of this role does not necessarily have to be a Parish Councillor and the Clerk was requested to prepare an article for Middleton News.
Ms Godfrey stated that under Main Goal 8 Parking the road markings in Elmer have virtually disappeared and the white lines need to be repainted. The Clerk was requested to contact WSCC Highways.
6. **MATTERS ARISING**
 - a) **Update on actions from previous meeting**
The Clerk having previously circulated a report to members was noted. A Parish Council Facebook account has now been set up. The outstanding purchase of Emergency Equipment is to be completed.
 - b) **Update A259 Feasibility Study**
Mrs Johnson reported on the recent Zoom meeting and stated that the 8 week public consultation period is now completed and that the timeline still sees a start to the project in 2026. Ms Godfrey raised concerns over two queries that have not yet been addressed and why the long wait before the project can start. Members discussed the reasons for the timeline for the project which are mainly due to the Department of Transport and based on many years of trying to get the A259 Comet Corner junction issues resolved feel we are much further forward in resolving this issue.

c) Update Rampion 2

Dr Hayes stated that following the public meeting with regard to Rampion 2 he is now more involved and an action group has been set up. He is Chairman of the group and letters have been sent to a number of local authorities/agencies informing them that they are unhappy with the Rampion 2 consultation process. There are a number of stages that are being considered and also speaking with a number of other groups. A Local Impact report is being prepared and looking to get as many councils/resident groups linked into the action group. An invitation is to be made to the Parish Council to be affiliated into the action group.

d) Impact Assessment – Infrastructure for Housing Developments

Dr Hayes confirmed that letters requesting information so that the data received can form part of the above have been sent to WSCC, Arun DC, Environment Agency, Portsmouth and Southern Water and there are three more letters to go out.

e) Community Speed Watch

The Clerk was requested to do an article in Middleton News calling for volunteers. Members agreed that the responsibility for administering this group did not necessarily need to be a Parish Councillor.

f) Arun DC Joint Action Group

The Clerk informed the committee that the Parish Council have advised Arun DC that we wish to be part of the Joint Action Group.

g) Update to Website

The Clerk having previously circulated a report to members was noted. The Clerk stated that the upgrade to the Parish Council website will be commence on the 17th November 2021.

h) Review Middleton News

The Clerk having previously circulated a report to members was noted. The Clerk was requested to speak with the Parish Council Chairman in respect of approving the final draft of Middleton News editions.

i) Budget Bid 2022/2023

The Clerk having previously circulated a report to members was noted. The committee approved the figure of £6,550 for 2022/2023. An increase on the previous year of £550.

j) Comet Corner – Speed Cameras

The Clerk having previously circulated the report from Ms Godfrey was noted. Ms Godfrey informed the meeting that this was sent out for information purposes to the committee.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Ms Godfrey stated that under the Delegated Powers document it states Liaison with Resident Associations and enquired if this happens. The Clerk stated that he does send out information to these groups but received little information from Residents Associations and this did need to be reviewed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.22 p.m. The next meeting will be on **16th February 2022** at 7.00 p.m. in the rear hall of the Jubilee Hall