

MIDDLETON-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the General Purposes Committee
Wednesday 16th February 2022

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

- 1. APOLOGIES (Noted)** –Mr Ball.
- 2. MINUTES** – The Minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on 17th November 2021 having been circulated were approved and signed.
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – There were none.
- 4. PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD** – No members of the public were present.
- 5. FORWARD PLAN** –No report at this time.

6. MATTERS ARISING

a) Update on actions from previous meeting

The Clerk having previously circulated a report to members was noted.

b) Update Impact Assessment – Infrastructure for Housing Developments.

Councillor Dr Hayes stated that a number of replies have been received in response to the letters sent out but NHS and WSCC Highways have not yet responded and need to be chased. The information received will provide the building blocks in understanding the parish requirements. Councillor Mrs Mills stated that water abstraction in Arun has been suspended at some locations. Councillor Dr Hayes stated that there is more work to do but we have more detailed information now than before. The committee then discussed the position with regard to a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the parish. Councillor Dr Hayes suggested that an initial assessment of the current situation be undertaken by a small group to provide a scoping report, this will require further dialogue with Arun DC. Councillor Newton proposed that a scoping report be prepared for presentation to the full Parish Council in respect of a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the parish. This was seconded by Councillor Mrs Johnson and approved unanimously. The Clerk was requested to put this on the agenda at the next Full Parish Council meeting.

c) Community Speed Watch

The Clerk stated that Councillor Knight has expressed an interest in being the Parish Council representative for Community Speed Watch. More volunteers are needed and the existing volunteers need to be contacted to see if they are still willing to be part of this group. The Clerk was requested to contact Councillor Knight and place article in Middleton News for volunteers.

d) Liaison with Residents Associations.

The Clerk stated that this is an area that needs to be reviewed so there is more contact and information between the Parish Council and local resident associations.

Councillor Ms Godfrey stated her willingness to help with this process and it was agreed that the Clerk place a suitable article in Middleton News.

e) Sea Water Quality

The Clerk confirmed that for 2021 the sea water quality in Middleton/Elmer reached the 'Excellent' quality again. Councillor Dr Hayes stated that the sea water quality would not be at this level throughout the year and is based on samples taken at various times during the year.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Memorial Garden – Councillor Ms Godfrey asked if the Memorial Garden could be combined within the village pond and green. Councillor Mrs Mills stated that the village pond and green has its own secluded place and cannot include the Memorial Garden. Councillor Mrs Mills reported that a meeting on Shrubbs Field has taken place to look at suitable locations and design so that a costing exercise can be undertaken. The Memorial Garden will be grant funded. Councillor Mrs Johnson stated that the Church will also be involved.

b) Provision of Internet at Jubilee Hall – Councillor Newton requested to know what the position was in providing internet into the rear hall of the Jubilee Hall. The Clerk stated that he has contacted Scanstation Computers to see if they are interested in working with the Parish Council on the 'paperless project' which includes internet provision, he has not yet received a response but will chase it up.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.54p.m. The next meeting will be on **20th April 2022** at 7.00 p.m. in the rear hall of the Jubilee Hall