

MIDGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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MEETING MINUTES

Annual Parish Council Meeting

held 6th May 2021 via video conferencing

Attendees:

Chair: Tony Markham	Vice Chair: Alex Bingley
Councillors: Anthony Fenn, Barbara Grey	Clerk: Christine Heath
Members of Public: 2	

Part I

- 1. Elect Chairman and Vice Chairman**
Chair – Cllr Fenn proposed Cllr Markham, seconded by Cllr Bingley
Vice Chair – Cllr Bingley proposed Cllr Fenn, seconded by Cllr Markham
The proposals were accepted and the new Chair and Vice Chair signed their acceptance forms accordingly, witnessed by the Clerk.
- 2. Apologies**
None
- 3. Welcome new Councillor**
The Chair welcomed Mrs Barbara Grey who has been co-opted onto the parish council. Cllr Grey signed her acceptance, form witnessed by the Clerk.
- 4. Declarations of interest**
There were none
- 5. Approve Minutes**
The minutes of the last annual parish council meeting 15th May 2019 and the minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd March 2021 were approved, signed and entered into the minute file. The 2020 annual parish meeting had been deferred because of COVID restrictions.
- 6. Actions arising from previous meeting**
All actions were completed
- 7. Adopt latest revisions of Standing orders, Financial Regulations, Complaints Procedure and Code of Conduct**
It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the above latest revisions of the parish policies.

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8. Approve the year end accounts, Risk assessment and Governance Accountability Report

The above documents were approved and signed by the Chair.

9. Correspondence

All correspondence was received by email and forwarded to the Councillors at the time of receipt.

10. District Councillors Report

The DC gave his apologies at the end of the APM, which preceded this meeting, as he had to leave to attend another PC meeting. He gave his annual report at the Annual Parish Assembly, (see minutes on parish website), his latest monthly report can also be seen on the parish website.

11. Clerks report

11.1 Financial update

CCB subscription for the coming year.

Balance as at 22nd March 2021

Treasurers

£ 1,000.09

Savings

£ 11,290.71

£ 12,290.80

Income

Interest received Jan/Feb/Mar

-

Payments

Salary Apr/May Salaries

468

Printer Ink

85

£553.00

-

Balance as at 6th May 2021

£ 11,737.80

Treasurers Account

Savings Account

12. Planning Applications

12.1 Decisions

- **21/00475/HOUSE** Keepers Cottage School Hill – WITHDRAWN
- **21/00507/FUL** Nightfreight GB Colthrop Lane, Single storey extension to existing commercial unit. This was **GRANTED** taking note of the PCs light pollution concerns.

12.2 Awaiting decision from West Berks Planning

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- **20/03028/OUTD/MAJ** - development Bath Road/New Road Hill 16 dwellings, including 6 affordable units. The PC has objected to the original application which was subsequently withdrawn. Following an update in the Local Plan the above application was submitted, which the PC have also strongly objected to.
 - **20/01920/OUTD** - Land adjacent to Hunts Cottage, new dwelling and garage. Appeal in place. The PC has objected to this application on the grounds it was development within the countryside.
 - **20/03068/FULD** Button Court Farm, Erection of a farm owner's dwelling and garage with associated access. Discussions took place between Councillors and the District Councillor. The DC provided clarification in respect of WB being able to resume site visits, but the difficulties in resuming planning committee meetings to discuss applications, due to COVID restrictions. The PC supports the application.

12.3 New applications – awaiting PC Decision

- **21/00661/FUL** The Nurseries, Bath Road - Demolition of existing portacabin office buildings and erection of two buildings to provide B2/B8 Storage and Distribution use. Discussions took place and it was **RESOLVED** to object to this application on the grounds it is development within the countryside.
- **21/00824/CERTE** change of use at Highcroft Boarding Kennels, use of the annex as a separate dwelling house (use class C3). Only factual comments are accepted as this is a change of use only. It was **RESOLVED** that the PC had no comments to add.
- **21/00875/FULMAJ** – Shooters Lodge - Single storey rear extension to existing Garage and conversion to Annexe. New single storey pool building It was **RESOLVED** that the PC do not object to this application.

13. Questions from the public

Mr and Mrs Norris (residents and outgoing Village Hall committee members) thanked the parish council for its financial support over the past year and the Clerk personally for her support.

14. The dates for the next meetings are:

26th July 2021 to take place at the Village Hall at 7pm
Annual Parish Council Meeting 16th May 2022

15. Part I of the meeting closed at 20:05

16. Part II – By virtue of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the public are excluded from Part II