

MIDGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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MEETING MINUTES

held 25th October 2021, at 7pm in Midgham Parish Village Hall

Attendees:

Chair: Tony Markham	Vice Chair: Anthony Fenn
Councillors: Barbara Grey, Derek Lombardo, Francis Long	Clerk: Christine Heath
District Councillor: Graham Pask	Members of Public: 5

1. Apologies

There were none

2. Welcome new Councillor

The Chairman welcomed Mr Francis Long to the Parish Council

3. Declarations of interest

There were none

4. Approve the minutes from the meetings held on the 6th May and 2nd August 2021

There was discussion in respect of the minutes for the 6th May Part II, whereby it was agreed that item (16.6) may be re-addressed after 6th November 2021 as per Standing Orders. Both sets of minutes were approved and signed.

5. Public Session

There were no questions from the public

6. District Councillors Report

6.1 Update on Thatcham development

District Councillor Pask advised that on the 22nd July the Government published revisions to the National Planning Policy, the framework for Local plans Neighbourhood plans etc.

Within the policy there was reference that all new development or extensions to existing developments would be subject to a 30 years vision. The vision is how an area is perceived in 30 years e.g., a university city, a commuting town, market town etc. The plan would need to adapt accordingly to achieve this vision. Currently it is unclear who sets the vision.

At this time developments are on hold pending guidance and clarification on the policy. During this time DC Pask and other officers are working to source alternative sites, some compromise is expected. No updates are expected until the new year.

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6.2 Pothole Birds Lane

DC Pask confirmed he had reported the pothole in Birds Lane to Thames Valley Water

7. Correspondence

Correspondence received was via email and forwarded to Councillors

8. Clerks report

8.1 Financial Update

	Payments	Receipts	Balance
Balance as at 2nd August 2021			£ 14,146.05
Income			
PRECPT		£ 4,750.00	
Interest received Aug/Sep/Oct		£ 0.36	
		<u>4,750.36</u>	
Payments			
Salary Aug/Sep Salaries	468		
Village Hall Rental (6 months)	90		
	<u>£558.00</u>	<u>4,750.36</u>	
Balance as at 19 Oct 2021			<u><u>£ 18,338.41</u></u>
Payments due			
Salary October	£234.00		
Expenses	£140.80		
Printer Ink	£79.52		
	<u>£454.32</u>		

8.2 Renew website and email services

- The 3 years domain renewal is due November 10th for the £44.39
- SMTP Authentication 2 years renewal 13th December £39.99
- 10 Email addresses 2 years renewal 13th December £236.39

It **RESOLVED** to renew the above services

8.3 Payment for use of village hall

The VH usually invoice the PC in January for the coming year £180. Due to COVID the PC was unable to use the hall and have only been invoiced for 6 months, received and paid. In January 2022 the PC can expect an invoice for that year for £180.

8.4 Overhanging shrubs New Lane Hill will be cut back by WB during the next 5-6 weeks.

8.5 Spam Emails

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Emails purported to be from the Chairman asking for money have re-appeared. The Chairman has taken steps to block these. The Clerk advised how to block such emails.

9. Village Hall Matters

9.1 Notice Boards

The VH committee reported that some of the boards required maintenance. It was agreed to review the boards.

9.2 Notices on play area fence

It was **RESOLVED** that in the short term the VH could post notices on the play area fence

10. 2022-2023 Budget

The budget had been reviewed prior to the meeting by Councillors, after some clarification it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the budget prepared by the Clerk for 2022-2023.

11. Planning matters

11.1 Decisions

- **21/00875/FULMAJ** – Shooters Lodge – pool extension **REFUSED 25 August**
- **21/01964/CERTP** – Shooters Lodge - decision on the 6th October that it was permitted development
- **21/00661/FUL** - The Nurseries, Bath Road erection of two buildings to provide B2/B8 Storage and Distribution use. **GRANTED**
- **21/01489/HOUSE** Woodside Barn – Garden Store and porch canopy **GRANTED**
- **21/01616/HOUSE** and 21/01617/LBC2 – Hall Court Midgham Green -Construction of swimming pool and associated works **GRANTED**
- **21/01730/HOUSE** – Grange Lodge Midgham Park - Construction of a new sitting room of similar size, with connecting walkway to the existing building **GRANTED**
- **21/01561/MINMAJ** (Adjacent o Midgham Parish) – Kennetholme Quarry Colthrop Extraction of sand and gravel **GRANTED**

11.2 Awaiting decision from West Berks Planning

- **20/03028/OUTD/MAJ** - development Bath Road/New Road Hill 16 dwellings, including 6 affordable units. PC have strongly objected. DC advised it is still under consideration and is under local plan and on hold
- **21/02130/OUTMAJ** - Land Adjacent To 1 Gables Way Bath Road Colthrop Thatcham. Outline Application for commercial B2 (general industrial) and/or B8 (storage and distribution) development together with ancillary office space and associated landscaping, car parking, service yards and access. Matters to be considered: Access. PC have objected. DC advised Was under local plan so currently on hold.

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11.3 Awaiting PC Decision

- **21/02379/HOUSE** - Hambledown School Hill Midgham. New first floor extension over existing bungalow and new single storey front extension to create new hallway.

The applicant provided clarification on the reason for the application and that the extension above the main property had been approved and completed. This application was in respect of a change to the materials for the part of the extension that goes across the garage. The roof line above the garage will be lower than the extension over the main building. The elevations and a sample of the proposed cladding was reviewed by the Councillors.

The Chairman proposed that the PC take a few days to review the elevations before providing our feedback to WB Planning.

12. Discuss any other matters the Chairman believes necessary

There were none.

13. The date of the next meeting will be 24th January 2022

14. The meeting closed at 8pm