

# MIDGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

Meeting held 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at Midgham Village Hall

### Attendees:

<b>Chair:</b> Tony Markham	<b>Clerk:</b> Christine Heath, Alice Owens
<b>Councillors:</b> Francis Long, Barbara Grey	<b>Members of Public:</b> 2

**This meeting was conducted strictly in accordance with Standing Orders as adopted by Council in May 2021. All Councillors are reminded to acquaint themselves with these Standing Orders.**

### Public Session

The Village Hall Committee advised of an event Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 10am-4pm at the Village Hall, which includes a plant sale, guess the weight of the Christmas Cake and raffle. They also reminded those who participate in the Village Hall Lottery, that renewal is November.

### 1. Apologies

District Councillor Pask sent his apologies – he is on vacation  
Cllr Anthony Fenn sent apologies

### 2. Welcome new Clerk

The Chairman introduced and welcomed the new Clerk Alice Owens, who will take over from Christine Heath from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

### 3. Declarations of interest

There were none

### 4. Approve the minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022

The minutes were approved and entered into the minute file.

### 5. Correspondence received

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

### 6. District Councillors Report

The latest report can be viewed on the parish website

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## 7. Clerks report

### 7.1 Financial update

**Balance as at 27th July 2022** £ 15,256.66

#### Income

Interest received Aug Sep	£	1.00
		<u>1.00</u>

#### Payments

Salary July August September	714.30
Printer/Laptop/ink	746.78
Midgham Village Hall	300.00
Swings & Smiles	100.00
Foxes Tree Services & Son Ltd	2,280.00
	<u>£4,141.08</u>
	1.00

**Balance as at Sept 2022** **£ 11,116.58**

<b>Treasurers Account</b>	£	482.43
<b>Savings Account</b>	£	<u>10,634.15</u>
	£	<u>11,116.58</u>

#### Payments Due September

Clerks Expenses May/July/Sep £ 31.20

#### Income Due Soon

PRECEPT October £ 4,750.00

### 7.2 External Auditor

The Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments (SAAA) is responsible for appointing external auditors to all smaller authorities and has advised that the next round of 5-year appointments is about to take place. All smaller authorities must have an external auditor even if they declare themselves exempt as the certificate of exemption must still be submitted. All PCs must decide whether to remain as part of the SAAA or opt out and appoint their own external auditor. It was **RESOLVED** to remain with the SAAA.

## 8. Planning Applications

### 8.1 Decisions

- **22/01635/HOUSE** – Midgham Court - Single storey extension with associated works. **GRANTED**
- **20/03028/OUTD/MAJ** - development Bath Road/New Road Hill 16 dwellings, including 6 affordable units. **REJECTED**

## 8.2 Awaiting Planning Decision

- **22/00153/FULD** – Hall Court Farm – Change of use to C3 – **PC have no objections**

## 8.3 Awaiting PC Decision

- **22/02418/FUL** - Berkshire Arms Hotel, Bath Road - New oak framed pergola with a polycarb roof **PC have no objections. ACTION – Clerk: Inform WB Planning**

## 9. Other matters the Chairman feels necessary

*Cllr Grey*

The Thatcham Development group and requested that other Councillors might like to join the Zoom calls from time to time. Cllr Long offered to attend.

*Chairman*

The chair stated that he was still receiving complaints about barking dogs and had advised the complainants to keep a log. The parish council expressed a view that this issue might self- resolve in time."

The Register of Interest for Councillors, which should be available on the WB website are still not available. The Clerk reported that apologies had been received by WB Legal Team who are responsible for this, advising that they are updating their website.

The Chairman wished the Clerk Christine Heath a happy retirement and thanked her for support and the work she had performed during her 4 years with the PC and most recently for ensuring that the PC responded quickly to the announcement regarding Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, ensuring the website was changed immediately and ensuring Councillors were kept informed.

## 10. The next meeting will be held Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022

## 11. To record the meeting closed 7.30pm