

MIDGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

22nd April 2024 at 7pm

Councillors: Tony Markham (Chair), Anthony Fenn, Francis Long

Members of the Public: 3

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.

1. To receive apologies

There were none

2. To receive any declarations of interest

There were none

3. To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2024.

Councillors agreed the minutes were a full and accurate record; the Chair signed and these will be filed.

4. Correspondence received

- Complaint from parishioner regarding precept– acknowledged and responded according to complaints procedure.

5. To receive the District Councillors Report

Once this is received, the Clerk will post on the Parish Council website and circulate to Councillors.

6. To receive the Clerks Report

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- **24/00633/FUL** - Little Roses, Bath Road, Midgham, Reading RG7 5XB - Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling and associated works – Cllr Long spoke with the owner of the house and felt that there wasn't an issue in terms of intrusion for other residents or in terms of noise issues. Chair Markham and Cllr Fenn agreed that the Parish Council was happy to support the application. **ACTION** – Clerk to respond to application.
- **22/02912/FORMB** – Land at Church View Farm - Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 to install or keep installed an electric line above ground. It is proposed that 2 spans of existing HV overhead line are to be upgraded to 3 phase with the addition of a third wire. – **PC have no objections**
- **23/01981/FUL**- Former Ryders Yard, Colthrop Lane - Change of use of existing truck and trailer hire fleet, maintenance and storage depot to provide flexible uses within Class E(g)(i), (ii) and (iii), B2 and B8 of the Use Classes Order. **PC Objected due to lighting levels**
- **23/02096/LBC** - Part two-storey part, single-storey replacement extension to existing dwelling. Terrace doors in existing modified window opening -**NO OBJECTIONS**
- **23/02573/FULMAJ** - Land South Of School Hill and West Of, Midgham Green, Midgham, Reading - Change of use of land to dog walking facility. **Application withdrawn**
- **23/02634/HOUSE** – 10 Midgham Green – First floor extension. **PC have no objections**
- **23/02965/FULMAJ** - Land East Of Goddards Road and 2, Gables Way, Thatcham – **new plans have been submitted stating that the roof would be lowered however this does not seem sufficient - PC continues to object**

8. Village Hall

- At the last meeting of the council there was an agreement made to increase the precept in order to support the village hall. It is anticipated that this money and rise in precept will be a 'one off'. This money is to support the village hall in

repairing the roof, and making safe the path up to the hall with a rail. The Village Hall Committee representatives are seeking quotes. It has been a complicated process as the asbestos tiles need to be safely disposed of, scaffolding needs to be put in place, and the weight of new tiles must be considered due to potential poor structure of the building. The new tiles are 95% recycled plastic (though a slate-look) and with a 50 year guarantee; in order to qualify for the guarantee a recommended builder should be used.

- The electrical wires need to be re-sheathed as they are high voltage – this could cause a delay in roof works as the electricity board has a longer waiting list.
- The Chair enquired about the Greenham Trust’s matched funding; there is some hope that more than 50% might be gained; there is also a question about applying for money from the National Lottery which will allow the floor to be repaired.
- The Chair asked the Village Hall Committee for a formal document asking for details of the expected contribution from the Parish Council, the amount the Village Hall Committee intend to provide, and the amount they believe that will be gained from charitable funding.
- The Chair asked if the Village Hall Committee could also look in to the possibility of making the hall more accessible to the elderly and those with mobility issues.
- The Village Hall Committee advised the PC that at 10am-3pm on 4th May there will be a plant sale, jewellery and bric-a-brac sale for the Donkey Sanctuary and the Village Hall Fund.

9. Other matters the Chairman feels necessary

- In May there will be the Annual Meeting; Chair Markham informed councillors that he will not be standing for Chair again.
- Cllr Fenn suggested the trustee representative for Midgham Parish Council on the Thatcham Charities board could attend the Annual Meeting to update Councillors on the work of Thatcham Charities **ACTION** – Cllr Fenn to invite Mr Waters to attend.

10. To determine dates for the next meeting

Annual Meeting – 23rd May 2024 at 7pm

11. To record the meeting closed

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