

**Minutes to the Meeting of Middleton-On-The-Wolds Parish Council
held on Monday 4th December 2023 at 7.00pm, at Middleton on the Wolds
Village Hall, Station Road, Middleton on the Wolds**

Present: Cllr M Kelly (Chairman); Cllr L Jones (Vice Chair); Cllrs P Roe; J Wilson; V Windsor; K Bentley and Sandra Morrison (Parish Clerk)

Guests: Ward Cllr J Wilcock and 4 members of the public

1860. Apologies were received from Cllr Fisher and Headley

1861. To receive Declarations of Interest (Code of Conduct 2012)

- (a) Pecuniary - none
- (b) Non- Pecuniary Interests - none
- (b) Dispensations issued - none

1862. To confirm as a true record Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 6th November 2023 and extra ordinary meeting 23rd November 2023. Proposed Cllr Jones seconded Cllr Roe.
Resolved

1863. To receive Ward Councillors report on outstanding issues with ERYC – Cllr Wilcock submitted a detailed report and update on current issues

- The water leakage at the junction of Greenfield Road and Front Street appears to have been repaired
- ERYC will inspect and monitor reported issue of flooding in the layby on Churchill
- The 'No Entry' road markings on Beverly northwards towards the pub, have been inspected and although there is some minor wear, they are still fully legible. There are also 2 No externally illuminated 'No Entry' signs and at the junction with Beverley Road and there are 2 No reflectorised 'No Through Road' signs. No immediate action will be taken.
- The laurel hedge on Chapel Lane/South Street is the property owners' responsibility.
- Flooding on Front Street with corresponding pollution risks for the pond. In June 2022 work showed that the interceptors were possibly fitted incorrectly. Response -Council owned interceptors (Highways, Building, schools) do not have a maintenance regime. ERYC offered to maintain them a few years ago, with a 3-phase approach 1. find them all because lots are not recorded, 2. appoint a contractor to do a one off clean / survey of all of them, 3. set up a term service contract for regular maintenance. ERYC were recently mandated by Asset Strategy to commence stage 1, but not started yet because of resource pressures.
- The camber on the Station Road footpath -as highway maintenance revenue budget for the remainder of this financial year is extremely stretched, currently funding is only available to treat safety critical repairs. A request to accelerate priority to achieve capital funding to have the footway resurfaced and any necessary re-profiling works currently sits outside of the 5-year capital works programme.
- Millfield Garth is to be inspected and any necessary repairs that meet investigatory levels to be actioned.

- South Street and inappropriate parking is causing access issues. Traffic management to investigate and advise. Cllr Wilcock to follow up.
- Recent flooding at the bottom end of Station Road was caused by a pump failure. New pump now installed by Yorkshire Water
- Footpath on Beverley Road, a request has been made to street cleansing to have the mud removed. Soakaway is ineffective as higher than the footpath. Cllr Wilcock to follow up.
- Greenfield Road and Greenfield Lane yellow lining now on the agenda, however this is likely to cause further parking issues around the school area.
- Further damage has occurred at the roundabout when a Tesco lorry collided with a lamp post. Emergency repairs have been carried out.
- The railings adjacent to the roundabout have again been knocked down. ERYC is aware.
- The illuminated roundabout warning sign requires replacement parts.

1864. Open Forum for residents and guests who wish to address the Council

a) A resident addressed the council with suggestions that, if implemented, could ease traffic issues. Cllr Wilcock asked for this to be put in writing and to be submitted to ERYC.

- The creation of new parking spaces along Warter Road, traffic lights at the bend on Station Road, a mini roundabout at the end of Greenfield Road, and 20mph outside the school were all suggested.
- A pilot parking scheme for South Street, similar to other areas with either restricted, controlled or residential parking areas marked out.

b) Could ERYC land at the school be developed into a parking area.
Discuss parking issues with the school.

c) The bench at the small playground needs replacing. Cllr Kelly has new bench ready to install

d) The grass at the tennis courts needs cutting – deferred to January meeting.

1965. Correspondence for consideration and response

Devolution update circulated

1966. Finance

- To approve accounts and bank reconciliations to date- proposed by Cllr Roe and seconded by Cllr Jones. Resolved
- To discuss and agree implementation of NALC pay award 2023. Proposed by Cllr Windsor and seconded by Cllr Roe, accepted and resolved.
- To approve payment of accounts as per schedules 1 and 2- proposed by Cllr Roe and seconded by Cllr Windsor, to include the late invoice 90/23 from the village hall for £54.00 in respect of Novembers rent. Resolved
- To sign off precept demand for financial year 2024/25- actioned

1967. To discuss and agree format and frequency of playground inspections. Cllr Kelly to obtain inspection sheet template and inspections to be done monthly by Cllr Kelly and Windsor.

1968. To agree action of control of rabbits at the recreation ground and bowls club. Cllr Kelly attended 2 site visits from proposed contractors. Both would prefer to have access to neighbouring field, and the landowner to be approached. Resolved that Andrew Chidwick will do a cull.

1969. To discuss and agree arrangements and times for erection and switch on of the festive lights – still awaiting electrical certificate.

1970. Rental agreements for Pit tenancies for financial year 2024/25 onward, are due for review in April 2024. A 10% increase was proposed by Cllr Kelly and seconded by Cllr Windsor. Resolved

1971. The dates of meetings for the year 2025 agreed to be the first Monday of the month with the exception of the bank holidays in January and May.

1972. Green Group

- 1.To discuss and agree request for £100 per annum contribution for the village planters – confirmed covered in the 2024/25 budget
2. To discuss full application to UKSPF for Heritage Trail project – expression of interest for trail now passed to full application.
3. To discuss Wind turbine feasibility plan application status – proposal submitted but still in early stages, to put out a call for land.
4. There has been an increase in rubbish around the village as 2 of the litter pickers are unable to volunteer their services at the moment. Call to be put out for more help.
5. The Green Group have asked to stay as a committee under the Parish Council.
6. The Draft terms of reference to be circulated for approval at the January meeting.

1973.To approve installation of a memorial stone plot 140. Proposed by Cllr Jones seconded by Cllr Windsor. Resolved.

Meeting closed 8.35pm

Signed as a true record

Chairman

Date