# MIDDLETON-ON-THE-WOLDS PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes to the meeting of the above Council held on Monday 6th March 2023 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall,**

**Station Road, Middleton on the Wolds**

**Present: Cllr M Kelly (Chairman); Cllr L Jones (Vice Chair); Cllrs T Walker; John Fisher; P Roe; N Jones; K Bentley, V Windsor and Sandra Morrison (Parish Clerk)**

**Guests: 2 members of the public**

**1698.** Apologies were received from Ward Councillor Beaumont

**1699**. Declarations of Interest (Code of Conduct 2012) were received as follows

1. Pecuniary - none
2. Non- Pecuniary Interests - Cllr L Jones agenda item 11 e Middleton on the Wolds Produce Show: Cllr V Windsor agenda item 11 c Middleton on the Wolds School Association; Cllr J Fisher agenda item 11 k electrical work at the Reading Rooms

(b) Dispensations issued - none

**1700**. It was proposed by Cllr L Jones and seconded by Cllr N Jones that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th February 2023 be accepted as a true record. Resolved

**1701. ERYC Matters** – No Ward Councillors were present but the clerk advised the Council that she had attended the ERYC open evening at Withernsea on the 28th Feb and had spoken to traffic management and could confirm that a ticket had now been issued for the road lining in the village. Notification has been received that the A614 through the village is to be surfaced dressed and that the new 40mph buffer zone restriction is to be brought in as you approach the village from Driffield**.** The footpath at the bend on Station Road has again been reported to ERYC.

**1702. T**here were no residents who wished to address the Council.

**1703. A member of the Green Group addressed the Council advising that**

* 1. tree planting in the village was not now going ahead
	2. the new planters are due for delivery on the 7th and a request was put forward for a member of the PC to agree positioning before they are filled. Cllr Kelly to action
	3. The end of project date for the Do It for East Yorkshire Project has again been extended and permission has been given for part of the fund to be used to thank the volunteers who have been working with the group by means of a small event at the Robin Hood Pub.
	4. Cllr Walker is exploring costs for cutting beacon park field twice per year. To bring back to the next meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Kelly and seconded by Cllr Walker to put the idea of a wildflower meadow on hold due to costs involved. Resolved

**1704**. Following an affective meeting at the Recreation Ground on the 25th February it was agreed that approved fencing would be installed around the play equipment subject to the clerk being able to secure funding. The PC representative is to raise the serious concerns of cars on the field when cricket matches are being held and the issue of safety for children playing and running around the field.

**1705.** It was proposed by Cllr L Jones and seconded by Cllr J Fisher that a further pack of disposable dog poo bags be purchased. However, if further acts of vandalism persist then no more bags would be purchased. Resolved

**1706. Matters arising**

1. The planning application for the village shield installation has now been validated
2. The water levels at the pond remain relatively low, but investigation work at the village hall has shown no signs of broken pipes or leakage. No evidence of interceptors being cleaned out as advised by ERYC, clerk to pursue.
3. Although an open meeting was held in the village hall there was no response from residents to organise celebrations for the Kings Coronation. The school is organising a tea party on Friday 5th May. Cllr L Jones proposed offering coronation stationery packs for the children. Cllr Fisher proposed new street planters. Cllr Fisher proposed and Cllr Walker seconded purchasing an additional string of lights. Resolved

Cllr L Jones proposed and Cllr Bentley seconded the purchase of stationery packs for the school children. Resolved. Funding to be applied for by the clerk.

**1707. Correspondence for consideration and response**

1. Street Trading and Collections Licensing Policy Review was circulated and discussed – no comments to add
2. The clerk advised that Northern Power had been I touch advising that they would cut back the trees in the power lines along Market Weighton Road
3. ERNLLCA February Newsletter and training dates was circulated
4. NALC chief executives bulletin 24.02.2023 was circulated

**1708.Finance**

1. It was proposed by Cllr L Jones and seconded by Cllr N Jones that the accounts and bank reconciliations to date be approved. Resolved
2. It was proposed by Cllr L Jones and seconded by Cllr N Jones to approve payment of accounts as per schedules 1 and 2. Resolved
3. It was proposed by Cllr Kelly and seconded by Cllr N Jones that it was not appropriate to spend public money on fundraising activities that did not benefit the community in general, and also as no financial information had been submitted with the application, this application should be refused. Resolved
4. It was proposed by Cllr Fisher and seconded by Cllr Walker to approve payment for electricity usage in respect of Christmas Lights 59 units @ 34p. Resolved
5. It was proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr Bentley to approve the small grant funding application for £300 in support of the Middleton on the Wolds Produce Show.Resolved
6. It was proposed by Cllr Bentley and seconded by Cllr N Jones that as the business model of the recreation Club has changed and they no longer have several user groups and in order to protect and support the amenity for the village that a five-year financial support package be given of £1000 in the first 2 years and then £1500 for the remaining 3 years, payable each year in March commencing March 2023. Resolved.
7. It was proposed by Cllr L Jones and seconded by Cllr M Kelly that excess funds from current account be transferred into the premium reserve account at the close of the financial year. Resolved
8. Following discussion it was agreed to installation of public access gates into Beacon Park, subject to costs. Cllr Walker to obtain costings and bring back to next meeting
9. It was proposed by Cllr Roe and seconded by Cllr N Jones that due to restricted storage facilities the clerk’s laptop be upgraded to Microsoft 365. Resolved
10. The Reading Rooms accounts and bank reconciliation to date were approved and signed.
11. It was proposed by Cllr Walkers and seconded by Cllr L Jones that in the absence of further written quotes the Hull electrical quote for electrical work at the Reading Rooms be approved. Resolved

**1709**. It was agreed that the Emergency Plan would be updated by the clerk and brought back to the next meeting.

**1710.The following Planning Applications were discussed**

1. **23/000002/PLF**

Proposal: change of use from community hall and parish office (Use Class F2) to art studio and professional service office (Use Class E)

Location: The Reading Rooms. 7 Front Street, Middleton on the Wolds YO25 9UA

Applicant: Russell Studios Ltd

Application Type: Full Planning Permission

It was proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr Fisher that no objections be raised. Resolved

1. **23/0404/TCA**

Proposal: Fell 1no (T1) sycamore tree outside boundary fence, crown thin Sycamore Tree T2 by 15% inside the boundary fence

Location: South Cottage, 6 Chapel Lane, Middleton on the olds, YO25 9UE

Applicant: Mr Stephen Skinner

Application Type: Tree Works in a Conservation Area

It was proposed by Cllr N Jones and seconded by Cllr Walker that no objections be raised. Resolved

* 1. **23/00421/TCA**

Proposal: Remove 1 no. Sycamore tree (T1) due to tree being self-seeded, growing on an unstable bank that has weakened due to angle of the tree’s growth, signs of bark damage at the first lateral limb, and the boundary fence and neighbouring land beyond at risk of serious damage if the tree falls.

Location: 58 South St., Middleton on the Wolds, YO25 9UB

Applicant: Dr Cat Fergusson

Application Type: Tree Works in a Conservation Area

It was proposed by Cllr Roe and seconded by Cllr L Jones that no objections be raised. Resolved

* 1. **23/00499/TCA**

Proposal: Remove 3no conifer trees (A); 2 no Laburnum Trees (B); 10no Tamarisk tree (C) and 1 no Pine Tree (D); Crown reduce 1 no Pine Tree € by removing 1 no low, long overhanging branch: Crown reduce 1 no Cherry tree (G) by approximately 1 meter and crown thin by 25% to improve shape; Crown reduce 1 no Copper beech tree (H) by reducing 5 no low hanging branches by 1 meter and reduce vertical branches by 25% to improve shape; Crown lift 1 no Pine tree (I) by removing 2 no lowest hanging branches

Location: 49 Front Street, Middleton on the Wolds, YO25 9UA

Applicant: Andrew Philips

Application Type: Tree Works in a Conservation area

It was proposed by Cllr Roe and seconded by Cllr L Jones that no objections be raised. Resolved

* 1. **23/00192/PLF**

Proposal: Installation of a village shield on a telegraph pole

Location: Middleton Pond and gardens, Station Road, Middleton on the Wolds

Applicant: Middleton on the Wolds Parish Council

Application Type: Full Planning Permission

It was proposed by Cllr Walker to submit a further drawing to show that the shield will be at right angles to the footpath, following objections and concerns from highways

**1711.** It was proposed by Cllr N Jones and seconded by Cllr J Fisher that Cllr L Jones should provide temporary cover for the burial clerk during holiday periods. Resolved

**1712**. The local election procedure was discussed, and further information to be sent to members.

**1713**. It was agreed that the 17th May would be the preferred date for the AGM. As the village hall is unavailable clerk to contact school as a venue.

Signed Date:

Chairman