**Middleton on the Wolds Parish Council**

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Middleton on the Wolds Parish Council – Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on **the 13th May at 19:15** in the Village Hall, Station Road, Middleton on the Wolds, YO25 9UQ.

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| Present |  |  |
| Cllr. Mike Kelly | MK | Chairman |
| Cllr. Peter Roe | PR |  |
| Cllr. Kath Bentley | KB |  |
| Cllr. John Fisher | JF |  |
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| Attended by |  |  |
| **Officers** |  |  |
| Catherine Simpson | CS | Clerk and RFO |
| Cllr. Jeremy Wilcock | JW | Ward Councillor  |
| Elizabeth Naylor | EN | Green Group representative |
| 1 member of the public |  |  |
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|  |  | **Action** |
|  | CHAIRMAN’S WELCOME |  |
|  | The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. |  |
| **24/25-12** | APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE |  |
|  | Apologies were received from Cllr. Vanessa Windsor and Cllr. Jill Wilson and the reasons approved. |  |
| **24/25-13** | **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS** |  |
|  | Cllr. Mike Kelly declared a pecuniary interest in item 7(b) – Finance and Cllr. John Fisher declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 8(a) – Allotments. |  |
| **24/25-14** | MINUTES OF LAST MEETING(S) |  |
|  | **RESOLVED:** to adopt the minutes as a true record of the following meeting(s):Meeting of the 8th April 2024 (PJ/JS). |  |
| **24/25-15** | MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THIS AGENDA |  |
|  | None. |  |
| **24/25-16** | **WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE** |  |
|  | Cllr. Jeremy Wilcock updated Council on the following issues:* Proposed by-pass – it is hoped that a public consultation will take place at a date to be arranged.
* The issue with the flooding along Beverley Road has been logged with ERYC.
* The village walkabout with ERYC is scheduled for the 23rd May at 09:45.
* The fly tipping on Kilnwick Lane has been removed.
* The damaged 40mph speed signs have not been replaced as yet.
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|  | * The yellow lines have not been painted yet either – Clerk will chase.
* The Do It For East Yorkshire grant fund is open once again for applications.
* Devolution – there is to be an extraordinary general meeting before this goes to the Government.
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|  | **ACTION:** Clerk to chase ERYC regarding yellow lines. | **CS** |
| **24/25-17** | **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM** |  |
|  | A request to fill the dog poo bin bag holders was received. |  |
| **24/25-18** | **FINANCE** |  |
|  | 1. In view of the ongoing technical issues with Scribe it has not been possible to produce the end of month reports. This item will therefore be carried forward to the June meeting.
2. **RESOLVED:** to approve payments as per Schedule 1 below:

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| D Newlove | £100.00 | Allotment hedge cutting |
| M Kelly | £30.00 | Newsletter deliveries |
| MOTW PCC | £150.00 | Village clock maintenance |
| A & E Naylor | £25.60 | Plants |
| ERYC  | £155.22 | Waste collection (cemetery) |

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| **24/25-19** | **ALLOTMENTS** |  |
|  | As there is currently no portfolio holder for allotments no report was available. However, it was agreed that Plot 1 is in a fit state to re-let. The Clerk has written to the people who are at places 1 and 2 on the waiting list and is waiting to hear back. Half plots have been offered if desired. |  |
| **24/25-20** | **READING ROOMS** |  |
|  | The Clerk confirmed that a separate system on Scribe has been set up and the transactions need to be copied across. Once this is done the Reading Rooms can be deleted from the main system. |  |
| **24/25-21** | **HIGHWAYS** |  |
|  | 1. Community Speed Watch – an update was provided by Cllr. Peter Roe. Following the advertisement, two volunteers have come forward, been trained and are now active. There are now 6 volunteers in total and an additional two sites have been identified. Following the most recent checks a total of 3 people have been caught speeding and will receive letters. The checks have revealed a high number of vehicles passing through the village per hour, up to 330 on one occasion.
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| **24/25-22** | **ADMINISTRATION** |  |
|  | 1. **RESOLVED:** to adopt the Sustainability Policy (JF/PR).
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| **24/25-23** | **GREEN GROUP** |  |
|  | The monthly update was provided:* The proposed plan for the year has been circulated.
* The Heritage Trail is ongoing.
* The bench on Top Street needs some attention.
* Oak Trees have been planted at Beacon Park
* Retrospective permission was applied for and granted in respect of the bench which has been placed on the railway line. A plaque is being sorted for this.
* DD posters have been displayed and the Clerk has applied for a grant from ERYC.
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| **24/25-24** | **CORRESPONDENCE** |  |
|  | Relevant emails have been circulated. A letter from ERYC detailing the crime statistics has been received and was circulated during the meeting.The portrait of HM King Charles III has been received. |  |
| **24/25-25** | **COUNCILLORS EXCHANGE & AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING** |  |
|  | * Cllr. Kath Bentley has been approached by a member of the public over some overgrown Laurel just through the lychgate to the cemetery. This is encroaching on two graves. The Chairman will relay this information to the Church Warden.
* The website needs updating and the village Welcome Pack has been revised which the Clerk will also upload.
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|  | **ACTION:** Cllr. Kelly to speak with Church Warden. | **MK** |
| **24/25-26** | **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** |  |
|  | The date of the next meeting has been changed to the 10th June to allow for the internal audit to be completed. |  |

Meeting closed at 20:10

Signature of Chairman: