**Minutes to the meeting of Middleton-on-the-Wolds Parish Council held in**

**The Reading Rooms, Front Street, Middleton on the Wolds**

**Monday 2nd December 2019 at 7.00pm.**

**Present:**  Cllr J Eastwood (Chair); Cllr M Kelly (Vice Chair) Cllrs K Bentley; T Walker; J Pratt; A Wilson-Dodd; Dave Carlin; N Jones; J Fisher; J Lund; and Sandra Morrison (Clerk to the Parish)

**Guests:** Ward Cllr K Beaumont

**1083. Apologies –** Cllr A Lowsley

**1084. Declarations of Interest (Code of Conduct 2012)**

(a) Pecuniary – Cllr J Eastwood Item 13 (b) on the agenda; Cllr Walker Item 11 and 13(b) on the agenda Reading Rooms

(b) Non- Pecuniary Interests - Cllr Fisher Item 4;9;11 on the agenda – Cllr Wilson-Dodd 4;9;11 on the agenda

(b) Dispensations issued – none

**1068**. It was proposed by Cllr Wilson-Dodd and seconded by Cllr Carlin, that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th November 2019 be accepted as a true record. All agreed.

**Meeting opened to Cllr Beaumont**

**1069. ERYC**.

Correspondence received from ERYC, which covered wide loads going through the village was discussed along with letters from residents. In light of the legislation being now clarified it was agreed that the situation would continue to be monitored and the police and ER advised of any incidents accordingly. It was agreed to progress with the Community Speedwatch campaign for other areas within the village, with Cllr Walker taking the lead co-ordinator role. A letter from a resident covering parking issues and lack of visibility in the Pickering Park area is to be shared with both Ward Councillors and ER in an endeavour to find a solution.

**1070**. **Correspondence:**

An email letter from local resident re use of Parish Council land and planting of trees was received. 30 saplings were planted last year in the corner of the recreation ground. Further planting is to be considered for next year, when saplings may be available from the Woodland Trust. The idea will be included in the community plan and councillors will access suitable sites for further discussion.

**Circulated:**

* + 1. Annual Report from the Joint Local Access Forum
    2. NALC Strengthening Police Powers to tackle unauthorised encampments
    3. NALC Smaller Councils Committee

**1071.**Design of a PC logo has previously been discussed and a request for ideas published in the messenger. To be re advertised in the next addition

**1072.** It was proposed by Cllr Pratt and seconded by Cllr Jones that the council will fund a large sack of peanuts as support for wildlife along disused railway footpath. Passed. Clerk to procure.

**1073.**Finalisation of the Emergency Plan and resolve to purchasing of contents and location for emergency boxes. Identify pickup points, hard standing/parking for emergency vehicles; identify any areas for flooding and snow clearing team to be determined. It was agreed that what has been done so far should be circulated for councillor’s input and then readdressed at the next meeting.

**1074.** The allotments fencing to the back and side needs repairing. Clerk to contact allotment holders and Cllr Eastwood to pursue with contractor.

**1075.** It was proposed by Cllr Fisher and seconded by Cllr Wilson-Dodd that the Council will apply for the NALC Foundation award accreditation. Clerk to progress

**1076. Reading Rooms**

The last committee meeting was held on the 26/11/19. A light has now been installed outside the front door. The rear door lock needs replacing to ensure safe evacuation in an emergency. Painting outside to be delayed until weather is dry. Emergency lighting is to be tested at each PC meeting due to needing 2 people. Clerk to contact community payback team re plaster repairs near back door.

**1077.** Following a meeting between the Clerk, Cllr Bentley and one of the church wardens it was agreed that the PCC will be informed of any future maintenance work that is required that affects both parts of the cemetery. The overhanging trees near the entrance to the cemetery are to be cut back. PCC to action. The ash trees in the PC area need attention. Clerk to action. The lych gate needs treatment and repair and the PCC are obtaining quotes.

**1078.Finance**

1. It was proposed by Cllr Kelly and seconded by Cllr Fisher that the accounts to date

and payment of accounts as per appendix 1 & 2 be approved. Passed

1. The budget for 2020/21 was reviewed. It was proposed by Cllr Bentley and seconded by Cllr Kelly that a December payment should be made to the children who deliver the newsletter as means of a Christmas Bonus, this amount already being set in the budget for the year. A further £500 is to be allocated to the reading rooms and the precept is to be set at £16,000

**1079. Village updates and outstanding issues**

1. A survey on the proposals for new/refurbishment of play areas at the recreation Ground was approved and is to be distributed to all residents, via the next newsletter. A response from the recreational club committee has been requested. Further quote to be obtained, from Streetscape. Valuations of the two plots of land in the potential exchange are being sought.
2. The footpath leading to the Orchard Drive playarea, has been approved and the clerk has requested a start date from the contractors.

Approved as a true record.

Signed Date:.

Chairman