**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 1st of September at 19:30** in the Village Hall, Station Road, Middleton on the Wolds, YO25 9UQ.

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| Present | |  |  | |
| Cllr. Simon Hanna | | SH | Chairman | |
| Cllr. Mike Kelly | | MK | Vice Chairman | |
| Cllr. Louise Newlove | | LN | Councillor | |
| Cllr. Kath Bentley | | KB | Councillor | |
| Cllr. Michelle Vane | | MV | Councillor | |
| Cllr. Vanessa Windsor | | VW | Councillor | |
| Cllr. Jill Wilson | | JW | Councillor | |
| Attended by | |  |  | |
| **Officers** | |  |  | |
| Catherine Simpson | | CS | Clerk and RFO | |
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| Maria Gillum | | MG | Green Group representative | |
| Cllr. Jeremy Wilcock | | JW | Ward Councillor | |
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|  |  | | | **Action** |
| **25/26-69** | APOLOGIES | | |  |
|  | Apologies were received from Cllr. Peter Roe, Cllr. Linda Woodall and Cllr. Stephen Burwood and the reasons accepted. | | |  |
| **25/26-70** | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST | | |  |
|  | None. | | |  |
| **25/26-71** | TRAFFIC ISSUES | | |  |
|  | The Clerk from North Dalton Parish Council attended the meeting to propose a joint initiative to tackle the various traffic issues affecting both villages. This was received well and Cllr. Michelle Vane volunteered to have an active role in this. | | |  |
| **25/26-72** | ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) | | |  |
|  | **RESOLVED:** to adopt the minutes of the following meeting as a true record (  2nd June 2025 (MK/MV)  7th July 2025 (MK/LN) | | |  |
| **25/26-73** | MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ABOVE MEETING(S) NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA | | |  |
|  | There is only one direction sign for the Village Hall, on the Market Weighton side. Clerk to request one for the other direction. | | |  |

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| **25/26-74** | **WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE** |  |
|  | Cllr. Jeremy Wilcock briefed Council on the following:   1. Some councillors have been switching political alliance. 2. The new Mayoral Authority is not going well. 3. A local petition for 4 disabled parking spaces for the bungalows on Station Road has been raised. This is to be covered under 11b. 4. The masts on Greenfield Lane are part of Project Gigabit, the purpose of which is to improve the broadband service in East Yorkshire. 5. The faded white lines on the roundabout will be repainted in due course. 6. The 30 mph signs on the approach from Market Weighton cannot be moved. 7. Drainage issue at the Bowls Club entrance – no reply has been received as yet. 8. The Paddocks – the road surface has been inspected and no defects found. There is no budget available for patching this up. 9. South Street is in a poor condition due to worsening pot holes. This has been assigned to Highway Maintenance. 10. Withdrawal of the village circular walking route – details have been passed to ERYC and also the Local Access Forum. 11. A bollard on the roundabout has been damaged by a vehicle and has been reported.   Cllr. Hanna advised that Council would still like an onsite meeting arranged with ERYC officers. |  |
| **25/26-75** | **OPEN FORUM** |  |
|  | No issues were raised. |  |
| **25/26-76** | **CO-OPTION** |  |
|  | Cllr. Hanna advised that there has been interest shown. |  |
| **25/26-77** | **FINANCE** |  |
|  | 1. **RESOLVED:** to adopt the accounts to the end of July and sign the bank reconciliation. 2. **RESOLVED:** to approve the following payments and those on Schedule 2 (circulated): |  |
|  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Parish Council** |  |  | | Microsoft | £8.49 | Subscription | | Alexandra Summers | £284.54 | Newsletter printing | | Charlotte Walker | £305.83 | Grass cutting | | Andrew Naylor | £124.80 | Green group exp | | Geoff Cox | £130.07 | Green group exp | | Middleton Country Women | £133.20 | Grant | | Middleton Village Hall | £133.20 | Grant | | Middleton Recreation Club | £133.20 | Grant | | Middleton PCC | £133.20 | Grant | | ERYC | £298.00 | Planning fees | | MOWSA | £50.00 | Grant | | James Brailsford | £90.00 | Grass cutting | | **Reading Rooms** |  |  | | Starboard Systems | £22.80 | Subscription | | SSE Energy | £554.73 | Electricity | | Scottish Water | £22.35 | Water | |  |
|  | Cllr. Hanna stressed that Council is going to have to assess where money is being spent and whether any cost savings can be made. The Clerk advised that the budget needs to be set in November/December this will be a useful pre-budget exercise. |  |
| **25/26-78** | **READING ROOMS** |  |
|  | Cllr. Hanna has made contact with a solicitor in Leeds who is able to take on the work.  **RESOLVED:** that the solicitor be appointed. |  |
| **25/26-79** | **HIGHWAYS** |  |
|  | 1. Beverley Road footpath: no update. 2. Disabled access – a discussion took place over a petition raised by residents for 4 disabled parking bays in front of 18-24 Station Road.   **RESOLVED:** to support this request.   1. South Street – there have been complaints from residents over required resurfacing work on this road. |  |
| **25/26-80** | **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE** |  |
|  | 1. Cllr. Newlove has arranged for the gate post at the Recreation Club to be fixed. The invoice will follow. |  |

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| **25/26-81** | **OUTDOOR SPACES** |  |
|  | 1. Cllr. Michelle Vane has ordered the two benches which have been dispatched. She has also taken down all but the one on South Street and removed the dedication plaques. 2. Grass cutting – the draft tender document was revisited and amended. |  |
| **25/26-82** | **PLANNING** |  |
|  | 1. 25/02449/TCA – Newburn House, 12A Station Road – fell 1 Goat Willow tree due to there being a large included union at the base, with one side being heavily weight bearing, increased danger to property and residents and associated Brown Spot disease.   **RESOLVED:** that Council had no observations to make on this application.   1. Pre-application Consultation – Wold Dyke Farm   **RESOLVED:** that Council had no observations to make on this. |  |
| **25/26-83** | **GREEN GROUP** |  |
|  | An update was received from Maria Gillum:   1. The Heritage website has had 3091 hits and good feedback has been received. 2. The sculpture at the Greem has warped, probably weather related. The sculptor is to to inspect it. 3. The raised beds have been tidied. 4. Embankment Thursdays are continuing. 5. A maintenance plan is currently in progress. |  |
| **25/26-84** | **ADMINISTRATION** |  |
|  | 1. The Task & Priorities spreadsheet was discussed and further updated. 2. HR Committee – item withdrawn. 3. Printer/scanner:   **RESOLVED:** to approve a 5th of the payment towards a printer/scanner to be used by the Clerk for the 5 councils which she works for. Consumables t be purchased on a rotation basis. |  |
| **25/26-85** | **CORRESPONDENCE** |  |
|  | Relevant emails have been circulated. |  |
| **25/26-86** | **COUNCILLORS EXCHANGE & AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING** |  |
|  | The following items have been requested for the next agenda:  Review of the Embankment lease  Dogs roaming free & fouling green spaces, possible signage required |  |
| **25/26-87** | **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** |  |
|  | The next meeting will take place on the 22nd September. |  |
| **25/26-88** | **CONFIDENTIAL** |  |
|  | **RESOLVED:** that due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting (Section 1(2)), Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings Act 1960):   1. **RESOLVED:** to acknowledge the national pay award in respect of the Clerk’s salary with effect from the 1st April 2025.   An HR meeting will be arranged to discuss additional aspects of the Clerk’s contract.   1. Employment of children in respect of newsletter deliveries. Cllr. Kelly is sourcing a young person to fill the current vacancy for approximately 2 hours per month. |  |

Meeting closed at 21:28

Signature of Chairman: