**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 3rd of March at 19:30** in the Village Hall, Station Road, Middleton on the Wolds, YO25 9UQ.

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| Present | | |  |  | |
| Cllr. Mike Kelly | | | MK | Chairman | |
| Cllr. Kath Bentley | | | KB | Councillor | |
| Cllr. Stephen Burwood | | | SB | Councillor | |
| Cllr. Linda Woodall | | | LW | Councillor | |
| Cllr. Jill Wilson | | | JW | Councillor | |
| Cllr. Louise Newlove | | | LN | Councillor | |
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| Attended by | | |  |  | |
| **Officers** | | |  |  | |
| Catherine Simpson | | | CS | Clerk and RFO | |
| Cllr. Jeremy Wilcock | | | JW | Ward Councillor | |
| Maria Gillum | | | MG | Green Group representative | |
| PC Jason Trotter | | | JS | Humberside Police | |
| 3 members of the public | | |  |  | |
|  | |  | | | **Action** |
|  | | CHAIRMAN’S WELCOME | | |  |
|  | | The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. | | |  |
| **24/25-162** | | APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE | | |  |
|  | | Apologies were received from Cllr. Vanessa Windsor, Cllr. Michelle Vane, Cllr. Simon Hanna and Cllr. Peter Roe and the reasons accepted. | | |  |
| **24/25-163** | | **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS** | | |  |
|  | | Declarations of Pecuniary interest were received from Cllr. Louise Newlove & Cllr. Mike Kelly in respect of agenda items 10a & 8b & 8b respectively. | | |  |
| **24/25-164** | | MINUTES OF LAST MEETING(S) | | |  |
|  | | **RESOLVED:** to adopt the minutes as a true record of the following meeting(s) (LW/JW):  Ordinary Meeting 3rd February 2025 | | |  |
| **24/25-165** | | MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THIS AGENDA | | |  |
|  | | None. | | |  |
| **24/25-166** | | **WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE** | | |  |
|  | | Ward Cllr. Jeremy Wilcock updated Council on the following issues:   1. The school bus has been instructed to stop at the pond and the bus stop enforcement officer has been asked to attend on site to keep a check on this. | | |  |
|  | | 1. Nothing further has been received from ERYC on the Beverley Road footpath. 2. Flooding on Church Hill – ERYC are to clean the gullies. 3. There is no update on the Paddocks. 4. A broken manhole cover, outside the old school house has been reported as this is causing a lot of noise when traffic passes over it. 5. The volume of traffic passing through the village on Front Street is an ongoing concern. | | |  |
| **24/25-167** | | **REPORTS** | | |  |
|  | | It was agreed to bring this item forward:  PC Jason Scotter addressed Council following the recent site meeting to address the speeding issue in the village. What is required is solid evidence of this speeding together with traffic volumes. It is important to get the whole community onboard in collecting this evidence.  It may be possible to install Golden Rivers which can record the speed of the traffic and the times that this is happening.  Another option would be to install speed bumps such as near the school and a 20mph restriction.  More volunteers are need to take part in the Community Speed Watch initiative. This can be included in the next village newsletter.  PC Trotter also advised that he would be undertaking bike marking in the village on the 13th March between 14:00 & 16:00.  Residents can sign up to My Community Alerts. | | |  |
| **24/25-168** | | **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM** | | |  |
|  | | The following issues were raised:   1. The various powers of a parish council were raised with particular reference to the Beverley Road footpath drainage issue and the provision of parking in the village. | | |  |
| **24/25-169** | | **CO-OPTION** | | |  |
|  | | Nothing to report. | | |  |
| **24/25-170** | | **FINANCE** | | |  |
|  | | 1. The accounts were approved and the bank reconciliations signed to the end of February (LW/JW). 2. The payments were approved in respect of Schedule 1 & of Schedule 2 (listed below): | | |  |
|  | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Parish Council** |  |  | | David Newlove | £100.00 | Hedge cutting (allot) | | Starboard Systems | £489.60 | Subscription | | | |  |
|  | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Reading Rooms** |  |  | | Business Stream | £28.71 | Water | | Starboard Systems | £22.80 | Subscription | | | |  |
| **24/25-171** | | **HIGHWAYS** | | |  |
|  | | 1. Covered in Ward Councillor update above. | | |  |
| **24/25-172** | | **PLANNING** | | |  |
|  | | 1. **24/03519/REM** – Station Road, Middleton on the Wolds – 40 house development   **RESOLVED:** that Council objects to this application for the following reasons:   * Untenable site construction traffic plan * Additional vehicles which the development will bring to the village * Clarification needed on the type of heat pumps being installed * Potential provision of a relief road from the site to the A614   Cllr. Wilcock kindly offered to submit a letter on behalf of the Council outlining the above points. | | |  |
|  | | **ACTION:** JW to write letter to ERYC. | | | **JW** |
| **24/25-173** | | **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE** | | |  |
|  | | 1. Play equipment inspection risk assessment – in the absence of Cllr. Windsor this item will be carried forward to the next meeting. 2. In the absence of Cllr. Peter Roe this item will be carried forward to the next meeting. 3. The Clerk, together with Cllr. Linda Woodall & Cllr. Peter Roe met with a representative from Men in Sheds to discuss possible refurbishment of the benches.   There are 3 which can be restored and photos of these have been circulated. The others simply need cleaning.  Men in Sheds are in the middle of a large project at the moment so this work will not be done imminently.  In the meantime, Cllr. Peter Roe has put red tape around the ones which are to be repaired. | | |  |
| **24/25-174** | | **GREEN GROUP** | | |  |
|  | | 1. The monthly update was provided by Maria Gillum: | | |  |
|  | | * The bank account will be closed and the money transferred to the Council to be ring fenced for the Green Group. * Work has been done at the pond in conjunction with the school. * Copies of historical minutes will be passed to the Clerk. * Work is ongoing with the Heritage Trail planning applications. * The railway sign has been approved by ERYC and the Green Group will pay for this. | | |  |
|  | | 1. The Clerk has re-drafted the Terms of Reference for the Green Group which have been circulated to Council.   **RESOLVED:** to approve the revised Terms of Reference. | | |  |
|  | | **ACTION:** Clerk to circulate approved TOR. | | | **CS** |
| **24/25-175** | | **REPORTS** | | |  |
|  | | The following reports were received:  **Allotments** – plots 1,3 & 6 need some attention. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the holders reminding them of their responsibilities.  **NOTE:** Cllr. Stephen Burwood left the meeting at 21:10.  **Cemetery** – report has been circulated from Cllr. Linda Woodall. A survey needs to be undertaken to check the headstones.  Clerk to check the details in respect of waste collections.  **Highways** – complaints have been received that quarry lorries are destroying the grass verges and edges of the tarmac on Dalton Road. The construction company has imposed several restrictions on the lorry drivers including a 30mph speed restriction, wheel washing, sweeping/cleaning the road etc. A request has been made to this Council for a speed limit of 30mph for all traffic on the road between Middleton and North Dalton as a permanent measure.  **Recreation Club** – there is a problem with bunnies. It was agreed that these would need to be dealt with.  The Clerk requested and was provided with insurance details in respect of the contractor undertaking the work.  **Messenger** – the delivery was 100 newsletters short but this is being remedied.  Clerk needs digital copies for the website and Cllr. Linda Woodall has requested these. | | |  |
|  | | **ACTION:** Clerk to check on waste deliveries. | | | **CS** |
| **24/25-176** | | **5-YEAR PLAN** | | |  |
|  | | In the absence of Cllr. Simon Hanna this item will be carried forward to the next meeting. | | |  |
| **24/25-177** | | **ADMINISTRATION** | | |  |
|  | | **RESOLVED:** to adopt the following policies/procedures:   * Member & Officer Protocol * Data Protection Policy | | |  |
| **24/25-178** | | **CORRESPONDENCE** | | |  |
|  | | Relevant emails have been circulated. | | |  |
| **24/25-179** | **COUNCILLORS EXCHANGE & AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING** | | | |  |
|  | The tree on Greenfield Lane still needs the working doing on it. Cllr. Mike Kelly is going to sort this. | | | |  |
|  | **ACTION:** MK to sort out Greenfield Lane tree. | | | | **MK** |
| **24/25-180** | **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** | | | |  |
|  | The date of the next meeting will be the 7th April 2025. | | | |  |

Meeting closed at 21:25

Signature of Chairman: