**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 6th of January at 19:30** in the Village Hall, Station Road, Middleton on the Wolds, YO25 9UQ.

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| Present | |  |  | |
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| Cllr. Peter Roe | | PR | Vice Chairman | |
| Cllr. Kath Bentley | | KB | Councillor | |
| Cllr. Michelle Vane | | MV | Councillor | |
| Cllr. Linda Woodall | | LW | Councillor | |
| Cllr. Jill Wilson | | JW | Councillor | |
| Cllr. Simon Hanna | | SH | Councillor | |
| Cllr. Louise Newlove | | LN | Councillor | |
| Cllr. Vanessa Windsor | | VW | Councillor | |
| Attended by | |  |  | |
| **Officers** | |  |  | |
| Catherine Simpson | | CS | Clerk and RFO | |
| Cllr. Jeremy Wilcock | | JW | Ward Councillor | |
| Maria Gillum | | MG | Green Group representative | |
| 2 members of the public | |  |  | |
|  |  | | | **Action** |
|  | CHAIRMAN’S WELCOME | | |  |
|  | The Vice Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and read the Recording Declaration. | | |  |
| **24/25-126** | APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE | | |  |
|  | Apologies were received from Cllr. Mike Kelly and Cllr. Steve Burwood and the reasons accepted. | | |  |
| **24/25-127** | **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS** | | |  |
|  | None.  A request was made for the Clerk to circulate some notes on what constitutes a declaration of interest. | | |  |
|  | **ACTION:** Clerk to circulate notes on declarations of interest. | | | **CS** |
| **24/25-128** | MINUTES OF LAST MEETING(S) | | |  |
|  | **RESOLVED:** to adopt the minutes as a true record of the following meeting(s) (SH/LW):  Ordinary Meeting 2nd December 2024 | | |  |
| **24/25-129** | MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THIS AGENDA | | |  |
|  | None. | | |  |

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| **24/25-130** | **WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE** |  |
|  | Ward Cllr. Jeremy Wilcock updated Council on the following issues:   1. Focus at ERYC is very much centred on budgets which are still tight. The initial deficit is down from £9m to £1m. 2. The road surface at The Paddocks is dreadful and has been reported to ERYC. 3. The overgrown hedges on Chapel Lane corner have been chased with ERYC. 4. Another pedestrian has tripped on the Beverley Road footpath and this has been reported. There have now been 3 such incidents and Cllr. Wilcox will continue to pester ERYC. It was suggested that the Clerk write to the legal department at ERYC. 5. Road markings at the bus stop at the green have disappeared and need repainting. Vehicles are being parked at the bus stop which is resulting in the school bus not stopping to pick up the children. Cllr. Wilcox will take this up with ERYC. |  |
| **24/25-131** | **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM** |  |
|  | 1. The issue of Beverley Road footpath was raised again with particular reference to the sinks, one of which is set too high for the path. 2. The road surface at The Paddocks was raised again with reference to the pot holes. It was suggested by a member of the public that councillors should set an example by reporting pot holes to ERYC themselves and not relying on members of the public to do this. 3. It was mentioned that something could be put into the next Messenger. 4. Greenfield Lane – this was repaired using slip seal which did not last. ERYC has still not revisited to re-do this. |  |
|  | **ACTION:** Clerk to write to ERYC legal department. | **CS** |
| **24/25-132** | **FINANCE** |  |
|  | 1. The accounts were approved and the bank reconciliations signed to the end of December (VW/SH).   It was noted that some of the budget figures in the reports are shown in red. The Clerk explained that this because the figures have not been entered into the system yet.   1. The payments were approved in respect of Schedule 1 & of Schedule 2 (listed below): |  |
|  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Parish Council** |  |  | | Middleton Rec Club | £1,000.00 | Grass cutting | | Mike Kelly | £36.00 | Newsletter deliveries | | Walkers Landscape | £411.66 | Cemetery maintenance | | Easily | £24.46 | Web hosting | | Microsoft | £5.99 | 365 subscription | | ERYC | 216.50 | Green Group planning application | | RFS Ripon Ltd | £94.79 | Strimmer maintenance | | Clear Councils | £1368.6 | Insurance | |  |
|  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Reading Rooms** |  |  | | SSE Energy | £443.89 | Electricity | | Business Stream | £143.53 | Water | | Starboard Systems | £22.80 | Subscription | |  |
| **24/25-133** | **PLANNING** |  |
|  | The following three planning applications were discussed and subsequent action agreed: |  |
|  | 1. **24/01884/PLF** – **30 South Street, Middleton on the Wolds**   Proposal: Erection of single storey extension to rear and construction of dormer to rear following demolition of existing element to rear  Location: 30 South Street Middleton on the Wolds, YO25 9UB  Applicant: Mrs Alison Thompson  Application Type: Full Planning Permission  **RESOLVED:** that there were no observations to make. |  |
|  | 1. **24/03519/REM – Land East of Sunnyside Barn**   Proposal: Erection of 40 dwellings with associated landscaping and infrastructure following outline planning permission 21/02765/STOUT(appearance, landscaping, layout and scale to be considered)  Location: Land East of Sunnyside Barn, Station Road, Middleton on the Wolds, YO25 9UQ Application Type: Approval of Reserved Matter  **RESOLVED:** to request an extension of time from ERYC so that public opinion may be gauged. It was also agreed that a site visit with ERYC officers would be beneficial.   1. **24/03388/REM – Land East & South of 49 Front Street**   Proposal: 24/03388/REM - Erection of 4 dwellings following outline planning permission 22/01034/OUT (landscaping to be considered)  Location: Land East and South of 49 Front Street, Middleton on The Wolds, YO25 9UA Application Type: Approval of Reserved Matter  **RESOLVED:** that the same concerns are present regarding pedestrians crossing the road and height of the hedges. |  |
|  | **ACTION:** Clerk to speak to ERYC. | **CS** |
| **24/25-134** | **HIGHWAYS** |  |
|  | 1. Beverley Road footpath as in 24/25-130 above. 2. Pot holes in general – these need to be reported. 3. Footpath on the corner of South Street has not been repaired. 4. The sign damaged by ERYC cutting equipment has not been repaired. |  |
|  | **ACTION:** Clerk to chase ERYC on items c &d. | **CS** |
| **24/25-135** | **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE** |  |
|  | 1. The Clerk has circulated a weekly inspection log. Cllr. Windsor will read through this and report back to the February meeting. The Clerk has checked the insurance policy and the equipment does need inspecting every week. 2. Rats have been sighted at the pond, however, it was agreed that no further action was required at this time. 3. The dog poo bag dispenser has not been removed yet. Clerk to email Cllr. Kelly. 4. The Laurel tree in the Church’s section of the cemetery has collapsed and needs to be removed. |  |
|  | **ACTION:** Cllr. Windsor to read through the weekly inspection log & Clerk to email. Cllr. Kelly & the Church warden(s). | **VW**  **CS** |

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| **24/25-136** | **GREEN GROUP** |  |
|  | 1. The monthly update was provided by Maria Gillum: 2. The Elf Hunt took place and was a success. 3. Guidance is being sought over the railway name sign. 4. Daffodil bulbs have been planted. 5. Planning permission for the hare sculptures is still ongoing. 6. Work on the village story is ongoing and the group has been speaking to residents. |  |
| **24/25-137** | **PROJECTS** |  |
|  | Provision of a bus shelter:  **RESOLVED:** that this project is not feasible. |  |
| **24/25-138** | **ADMINISTRATION** |  |
|  | 1. The 5-year plan is due to be reviewed.   **RESOLVED:** To form a working group consisting of: Cllr. Hanna, Cllr. Wilson, Cllr. Bentley & Cllr. Vane. Maria will source a volunteer from the Green Group.: |  |
| **24/25-139** | **INSURANCE** |  |
|  | The Clerk has circulated the insurance renewal documentation. Clerk to check that the Green Group is covered.  **RESOLVED:** to renew as per the current Schedule. |  |
|  | **ACTION:** Clerk to check that the Green Group is covered under the policy. | **CS** |
| **24/25-140** | **EVENTS** |  |
|  | **RESOLVED:** to purchase a megaphone for use in future outdoor events.  (VW/JW). |  |
| **24/25-141** | **PLAYGROUND** |  |
|  | The Clerk has received the quotation for the replacement playground signs and the cost has been agreed.  **ACTION:** Clerk to order signage. | **CS** |
| **24/25-142** | **CORRESPONDENCE** |  |
|  | Relevant emails have been circulated. |  |
| **24/25-143** | **COUNCILLORS EXCHANGE & AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING** |  |
|  | Future agendas to include feedback from each portfolio holder.   1. Traffic calming measures. 2. Succession/transition plan from May. 3. New councillor training. 4. Discussion on transfer of funds to the savings account. |  |
| **24/25-144** | **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** |  |
|  | The date of the next meeting will be the 3rd February 2025. |  |

Meeting closed at 21:30

Signature of Chairman: