**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 7th July 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. Peter Roe | | PR | Councillor | |
| Attended by | |  |  | |
| **Officers** | |  |  | |
| Catherine Simpson | | CS | Clerk and RFO | |
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| Maria Gillum | |  | Green Group representative | |
| Cllr. Jeremy Wilcock | | JW | Ward Councillor | |
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| **25/26-51** | APOLOGIES | | |  |
|  | Apologies were received from Cllr. Jill Wilson and Cllr. Stephen Burwood and the reasons accepted. | | |  |
| **25/26-52** | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST | | |  |
|  | Cllr. Mike Kelly declared an interest in item 8, finance, as one of the payments was a reimbursement for newsletter delivery costs. | | |  |
| **25/26-53** | ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) | | |  |
|  | **RESOLVED:** to adopt the minutes of the following meeting as a true record (LN/PR):  Extraordinary Meeting 26th June  The minutes of the meeting of the 2nd June were not received by everyone therefore approval will be carried forward to the next meeting. | | |  |
| **25/26-54** | MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ABOVE MEETING(S) NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA | | |  |
|  | Routes were arranged for the delivery of the August newsletters which are going to be distributed by council members. The aim is to enable councillors to introduce themselves to the residents of the village. | | |  |
| **25/26-55** | **WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE** | | |  |
|  | Cllr. Jeremy Wilcock gave his apologies for the June meeting and updated Council on the following issues: | | |  |
|  | 1. Paul Berlotti is the new CEO of ERYC. 2. The budget for highways has been increased to £22m. 3. New initiative to try and get more activities for young people in an attempt to reduce anti-social behaviour.  * Cllr. Michelle Vane mentioned the two masts which have been erected on Greenfield Road by Quickline. * Cllr. Linda Woodall requested more white lines on the roundabout as these have worn off. A new stop sign was also requested. * There is a blockage in the drain on the main road on the way to Market Weighton. * Cllr. Hannah asked if a village walkabout be arranged between Council and officers from ERYC. | | |  |
| **25/26-56** | **OPEN FORUM** | | |  |
|  | There were no members of the public present. | | |  |
| **25/26-57** | **CO-OPTION** | | |  |
|  | There has been no recent interest. | | |  |
| **25/26-58** | **FINANCE** | | |  |
|  | 1. **RESOLVED:** to adopt the accounts to the end of June and sign the bank reconciliation (MK/PR) 2. **RESOLVED:** to approve the following payments and those on Schedule 2 (circulated) (PR/VW): | | |  |
|  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Parish Council** |  |  | | Business Stream | Water (Rec Club/allotments) | £138.39 | | Richard Dixon | Internal audit | £820.00 | | Alexandra Summers | Newsletter printing | £258.71 | | Buckton Pest Management | Pest control | £59.28 | | Middleton Village Hall | Room hire | £132.00 | | James Brailsford | Cemetery grass cutting | £90.00 | | **Reading Rooms** |  |  | | Starboard Systems | £22.80 | Subscription | | Hornseys | £216.00 | Insurance valuation | | SLR Electrical | £60.30 | Installation of cooker | | | |  |
|  | 1. Internal audit – the Clerk went through the points raised by the auditor and will create a plan to address these. | | |  |

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| **25/26-59** | **READING ROOMS** |  |
|  | The Clerk has contacted three different solicitors, none of which have bothered to phone back. Cllr. Hanna has provided details of another two based in Leeds and these have also been contacted.  If no response is received Cllr. Hanna will arrange a Teams call. |  |
| **25/26-60** | **HIGHWAYS** |  |
|  | 1. Beverley Road footpath: it is thought that the encroachment of trees from the adjacent land may be causing some of the flooding problem. 2. Zebra crossing – the street sign is blocking the beacon for cars approaching from Market Weighton. |  |
| **25/26-61** | **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE** |  |
|  | 1. There is a fence post at the Recreation Club which has become loose. The Clerk will arrange for someone to fix it. |  |
|  | **ACTION:** Clerk to contact Nick Bentley. | **CS** |
| **25/26-62** | **OUTDOOR SPACES** |  |
|  | 1. Cllr. Michelle Vane has obtained quotations for replacement benches.   **RESOLVED**: to purchase 2 benches at £370.00 each plus VAT with free delivery.  It was also agreed that wood to the value of £100 could be purchased to mend the seat on South Street.   1. Village Hall direction sign – one has already appeared! 2. Beacon Field – it is hoped to plant more trees with a view to making a community orchard. The Clerk was asked to locate the paperwork in respect of the last DIFEY grant from ERYC in 2022. 3. The Clerk has circulated a draft tender document in respect of grass cutting. It was agreed that this be tweaked and recirculated for the next meeting. |  |
|  | **ACTION:** Clerk to look for paperwork for previous grant. | **CS** |
| **25/26-63** | **GREEN GROUP** |  |
|  | * The committee needs a copy of the signed Terms of Reference. * Clerk to update the committee with what funds it has available. * The committee would like a meeting to discuss the various concerns which have been raised. This was tentatively agreed as the 22nd September. * The Heritage Trail website is in draft form. * The committee is organising an event for VJ Day in August. * The 4 statues need to be added to the insurance policy. |  |
| **25/26-64** | **5-YEAR PLAN** |  |
|  | The working group held its first meeting when it reviewed the last village plan and noted what had been achieved and what had not. Discussions took place on how to engage with the community, for example teenagers and recognise what they may like for example a skateboard park. |  |
| **25/26-65** | **ADMINISTRATION** |  |
|  | 1. The Task & Priorities spreadsheet was discussed and further updated. |  |

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| **25/26-66** | **CORRESPONDENCE** |  |
|  | Relevant emails have been circulated.  Cllr. Mike Kelly has received the final two employment forms in respect of the newsletter delivery children. |  |
| **25/26-67** | **COUNCILLORS EXCHANGE & AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING** |  |
|  | The following items have been requested for the next agenda:   * Cemetery maintenance * Potential move to a .gov.uk domain * Overhanging bushes are encroaching into the footpaths in places. A note will be placed in Messenger on this. |  |
| **25/26-68** | **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** |  |
|  | The next meeting will take place on the 1st September. Cllr. Linda Woodall gave her apologies. |  |

Meeting closed at 21:30

Signature of Chairman: