**Middleton on the Wolds Parish Council**

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Middleton on the Wolds Parish Council – Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council held on **the 9th May at 19:10** in the Village Hall, Station Road, Middleton on the Wolds, YO25 9UQ.

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| Present | |  |  | |
| Cllr. Simon Hanna | | SH | Chairman | |
| Cllr. Louise Newlove | | LN | Councillor | |
| Cllr. Kath Bentley | | KB | Councillor | |
| Cllr. Michelle Vane | | MV | Councillor | |
| Cllr. Julie Wilson | | JW | Councillor | |
| Attended by | |  |  | |
| **Officers** | |  |  | |
| Catherine Simpson | | CS | Clerk and RFO | |
| Cllr. Jeremy Wilcock | | JW | Ward Councillor | |
|  | |  | Green Group representative | |
|  | | 3 | Members of the public | |
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|  |  | | | **Action** |
| **25/26-12** | APOLOGIES | | |  |
|  | Apologies were received from Cllr. Vanessa Windsor, Cllr. Mike Kelly, Cllr. Peter Roe, Cllr. Steve Burwood and Cllr. Linda Woodall and the reasons approved. | | |  |
| **25/26-13** | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST | | |  |
|  | Cllr. Julie Wilson declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 8C. | | |  |
| **25/26-14** | ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) | | |  |
|  | **RESOLVED:** to adopt the minutes of the following meeting as a true record (MV/JW):  7th April 2025 | | |  |
| **25/26-15** | MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ABOVE MEETING(S) | | |  |
|  | * Benches – the Clerk as asked to chase Men in Sheds for an update. * Village sign – this was damaged by hedge cutting equipment and needs sorting * Dedication of tree – this is work in progress | | |  |
| **25/26-16** | **WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE** | | |  |
|  | Cllr. Jeremy Wilcock updated Council on the following issues:   * The new mayor has been sworn in and has taken up office * The deadline for responses to the proposed boundary changes is the 12th May * ERYC has its Annual Meeting next week * The gullies on Church Lane have been checked by ERYC and are not blocked. | | |  |
|  | * Front Street sewer – this has capacity issues and Yorkshire Water are aware of this. * There are still traffic concerns over the 40 house Station Road development. * Ragwort has been spotted and Cllr. Wilcock will report this to ERYC. | | |  |
| **25/26-17** | **OPEN FORUM** | | |  |
|  | The following issues were raised:  Ragwort in Beacon Field  Concerns over increased speeding on Front Street | | |  |
| **25/26-18** | **CO-OPTION** | | |  |
|  | Nothing to report. | | |  |
| **25/26-19** | **FINANCE** | | |  |
|  | 1. **RESOLVED:** to adopt the year and accounts and sign the bank reconciliation to the end of March (JW/LN). 2. **RESOLVED:** to approve the following payments and those on Schedule 2 (circulated) (JW/LN): | | |  |
|  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Parish Council** |  |  | | ERYC | £163.02 | Waste collection | | ERYC | £1.00 | Rent (embankment) | | Starboard Systems | £70.80 | Year end health check | | Gear4Music | £42.98 | Megaphone | | Microsoft | £8.49 | Subscription | | Alexandra Summers | £276.56 | Newsletter printing | | Mike Kelly | £36.00 | Newsletter deliveries | | | |  |
|  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Reading Rooms** |  |  | | Starboard Systems | £22.80 | Subscription | | Amazon | £329.00 | Oven | | Fire Protection Supplies | £48.00 | Inspection | | SSE | £741.75 | Electricity | | SSE | £192.81 | Electrcity | | Scottish Water | £23.35 | Water | | | |  |
|  | 1. **RESOLVED:** to give a grant to the organisers of the annual village show. The group has requested £250.00, however, it was agreed that receipts should be provided after the event and anything spend over this amount should be brought back to the Council for consideration (MV/LN). | | |  |
| **25/26-20** | **HIGHWAYS** | | |  |
|  | Beverley Road footpath - this item will be carried forward to the next meeting. | | |  |
| **25/26-21** | **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE** | | |  |
|  | Defibrillator consumables – this item will be carried forward to the next meeting. | | |  |
| **25/26-22** | **CEMETERY** | | |  |
|  | Discussion on Cemetery Regulations – this item will be carried forward to the next meeting. | | |  |
| **25/26-23** | **GREEN GROUP** | | |  |
|  | 1. A discussion took place over whether the Green Group ought to be a separate entity to the Council to give it the freedom to do its own thing. This is something that needs to be discussed further but for the time being the committee must remain as it is at least until the Heritage Project is complete.   The Clerk will sort out the website which the group requires to be able to comply with the terms of the grant received.   1. **RESOLVED:** to approve the quotation in respect of the arborist consultancy report required as part of the pre-planning process for the Heritage Trail. | | |  |
| **25/26-24** | **REPORTS** | | |  |
|  | This item will be carried forward to the next meeting. | | |  |
| **25/26-25** | **5-YEAR PLAN** | | |  |
|  | Cllr. Hanna requested a meeting with those who volunteered to be part of the working group and asked that they email him with potential dates for a meeting. | | |  |
| **25/26-26** | **ADMINISTRATION** | | |  |
|  | **RESOLVED:** to adopt the following:  General Risk Assessment (MV/JW)  Management Risk Assessment (MV/LN)  The following will be carried forward to the next meeting:   * Scheme of Publication * Member & Officer Protocol * Data Protection Policy | | |  |
| **25/26-27** | **CORRESPONDENCE** | | |  |
|  | Relevant emails have been circulated. | | |  |
| **25/26-28** | **COUNCILLORS EXCHANGE & AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING** | | |  |
|  | Cllr. Michelle Vane advised that 9-metre-high masts are being erected on Greenfield Road and Orchard Drive. | | |  |
|  | Items for the next agenda:   * Possible move to .gov.uk domain * Bottery bush on Greenfield Lane (interfering with BT lines) * Wooden handrail and post on the public right of way off Front Street needs attention by ERYC. * Creation of a Communication Policy * VJ Day plan – beacon etc. * Use of Beacon Field | | |  |
| **25/26-29** | **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** | | |  |
|  | The next meeting will take place on the 2nd June 2025. | | |  |
| **25/26-30** | **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):  **RESOLVED**: in principle to lease the Warter Road pit (MV/LN). The next stage will be to arrange for the required paperwork to be drawn up. | | |  |

Meeting closed at 20:55

Signature of Chairman: