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Middleton on the Wolds Parish Council – Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on **the 13th July 2026 at 19:30** in the Village Hall, Station Road, Middleton on the Wolds, YO25 9UQ.

Present

Cllr. Simon Hanna	SH	Chairman
Cllr. Kath Bentley	KB	Councillor
Cllr. Michelle Vane	MV	Vice Chair
Cllr. Julie Wilson	JW	Councillor
Cllr. Karen Rummens	MR	Councillor
Cllr. Stephen Burwood	SB	Councillor
Cllr. Linda Woodall	LW	Councillor
Cllr. Edward Keyes	EK	Councillor

Attended by

Officers

Catherine Simpson	CS	Clerk and RFO
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Others

3 members of the public

Action

WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and made them aware of the Recording Declaration.

26/27-36 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. Louise Newlove, Cllr. Rebecca Lawson-Prior and Ward Cllr. Jeremy Wilcock and the reasons approved.

26/27-37 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a. Cllr. Michelle Vane declared an interest as she is Treasurer to the Green Group.
- b. There were no dispensations.

26/27-38 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

RESOLVED: to adopt the minutes of the following meetings as a true record:

Ordinary Meeting of Council 1st June 2026

25/26-39 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ABOVE MEETING(S)

Clerk to circulate the Asset Register.

25/26-40 WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

In the absence of Cllr. Jeremy Wilcock no report was available.

26/27-41 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

RESOLVED: that the meeting be temporarily suspended for up to 15 minutes to allow for a period of public participation where members of the public may address Council on any issue affecting the parish:

One of the Church Warden's provided an update on the Church tower project. The topographical survey has now been done which involved mapping the ground, highlighting drainage etc). The next phase will be the ground survey.

A member of the public very kindly offered their help as and when required. Having not lived long enough in the village they unfortunately are not eligible to join the Council yet.

A member of the Green Group has submitted a Freedom of Information request regarding Beacon Field and explained the reasons for this.

26/27-42 CO-OPTION

There is currently one vacancy for a councillor.

26/27-43 FINANCE

- a. **RESOLVED:** to approve the accounts to the end of June and sign the bank reconciliation.
- b. **RESOLVED:** to approve the following payments:

Andrew Naylor	£105.00 £9.53	Oil & chippings Fuel
Dave Newlove	£6.99	Post Fix
W Thurlow	£312.00	Fence repairs
Mike Kelly	£36.00 £281.25	Newsletter deliveries Newsletter printing
Charlotte Walker	£611.66	Gardening services
PDF House	£39.00	Subscription
Buckton Pest Management	£62.24	Pest control
Adobe	£4.98	Subscription
Wordpress	£100.80	Subscription
Clerk	Redacted	Salary
HMRC	Redacted	PAYE
Business Stream	£377.28	Water
Reading Rooms		
Scottish Water	£29.95	Water
Starboard Systems	£22.80	Subscription

Cllr. Michelle Vane raised the issue of grass cutting costs. Nobody responded to the tender when it was published at the beginning of the year. It was agreed that she would post this on Facebook.

A request was made for the monthly report to combine the payments and receipts.

ACTION: Clerk to email grass cutting tender to Cllr. Vane.

CS

26/27-44 **PLANNING**

- a. EN0110018 – Clean Ari Solar Farm – EIA Scoping and Consultation and Regulation 1 Notification.

Council requested that it be noted that it will await the outcome with interest.

26/27-45 **HIGHWAYS**

- a. Station Road corner – in the absence of Cllr. Louise Newlove, Cllr. Michelle Vane advised that ERYC work will commence within 3 months. The pavement between Greenfield Road and the school will be done at the same time.

26/27-46 **MAINTENANCE**

- a. Grass cutting – area under the notice board.
Cllr. Karen Rummens advised that there is a missing panel on the fence near the pond which needs replacing. It was agreed that this could be done in house.

The area around the noticeboard gets churned up and a request made that either gravel or paving stones be laid.

RESOLVED: that Cllr. Simon Hanna acquires some gravel and the work will be done in house.

26/27-47 **READING ROOMS**

- a. The Clerk has chased the solicitor but no update has been received.
- b. Cllr. Simon Hanna has inspected the premises and the door / cupboard area needs to be removed.

26/27-48 **CEMETERY**

- a. Cllr. Karen Rummens and Cllr. Michelle Vane have inspected the headstones and there are no issues.

Cllr. Michelle Vane advised that the Memorial Policy needs to be updated and the Clerk will look into this.

The taps have been repaired by the Green Group.

- b. Scribe cemetery software – the Clerk advised that the cemetery records need properly sorting and centralising.

RESOLVED: that Council purchases a subscription for the Scribe cemetery software.

26/27-49 **ALLOTMENTS**

- a. The fencing has now been repaired.

26/27-50 GREEN GROUP

- a. Spring / Summer proposal - this was all agreed. Work to include:

Embankment – maintain

Village green - £60.00 budget for perennials

The strimmer has been serviced and the mower is due to be done also.
A new user agreement will be sent through.

The costs were agreed as outlined.

- b. Volunteer engagement event – ideas were collected from residents and a request made to add this item to the September agenda.

26/27-51 ADMINISTRATION

- a. Karbon Homes Development – the public meeting was reasonably well attended and was led by Cllr. Michelle Vane, who will summarise and circulate.
There is a safety event to be held in the school on the 16th July.
- b. The Clerk updated Council on the new website, which is in its final stages of development. New email addresses will be available shortly.

26.27-52 DEFIBRILLATORS

In the absence of Cllr. Louise Newlove, no update was available.

26/27-53 CHRISTMAS

Cllr. Karen Rummens advised that the electrical connection in the shed which the Christmas lights are plugged into needs looking at and it was agreed that the Clerk will contact the electrician who did the recent PAT testing.

Cllr. Louise Newlove has advised that the Christmas lights have been checked and a replacement cable is needed at a cost of around £25.00, which she will order.

26/27-54 EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Cllr. Michelle Vane attended the Parish Open Door Liaison meeting.

The Clerk has attended a training event on planning.

26/27-55 CORRESPONDENCE

All relevant emails have been circulated.

26/27-56 COUNCILLORS EXCHANGE & AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Beacon field – future use of
- Green Group volunteer proposal
- Reading Rooms – future use of

26/27-57 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on the 27th July and will be an extraordinary one to discuss planning. Apologies were received from Cllr. Jill Wilson.

The next ordinary meeting will be on the 7th September and apologies were received from Cllr. Linda Woodall, Cllr. Edward Keyes and Cllr. Stephen Burwood.

26/27-58 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):

- i. Warter Road pit lease – it was agreed that further information is required before this can be properly discussed.

Meeting closed at 21:18

Signature of Chairman: