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Middleton on the Wolds Parish Council – Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on **the 1st June 2026 at 19:30** in the Village Hall, Station Road, Middleton on the Wolds, YO25 9UQ.

Present

Cllr. Simon Hanna	SH	Chairman
Cllr. Louise Newlove	LN	Councillor
Cllr. Kath Bentley	KB	Councillor
Cllr. Michelle Vane	MV	Vice Chair
Cllr. Julie Wilson	JW	Councillor
Cllr. Karen Rummen	MR	Councillor
Cllr. Stephen Burwood	SB	Councillor
Cllr. Linda Woodall	LW	Councillor

Attended by

Officers

Catherine Simpson	CS	Clerk and RFO
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Others

Cllr. Jeremy Wilcock	JW	Ward Councillor
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Action

WELCOME

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

26/27-17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. Edward Keyes and the reason approved.

26/27-18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

26/27-19 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

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

Annual Parish Meeting 11th May 2026
Annual Meeting of Council 11th May 2026
Ordinary Meeting of Council 11th May 2026

25/26-20 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ABOVE MEETING(S)

Clerk to circulate the Asset Register.

25/26-21 WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr. Jeremy Wilcock advised of the following:

A recent site meeting took place at the Church which was attended by himself, the Clerk, representatives from the PCC, ERYC, the Diocese of York and MP Graham Stuart to discuss the work required on the wall and tower.

Cllr. Wilcock then met with Cllr. Louise Newlove to discuss the dangerous Station Road bend. As nothing has been heard since this meeting, a request was made that this be raised with ERYC as a safeguarding issue with reference made to the Equality Act. This will be raised as a formal complaint.

The state of the pavements on Greenfield Road, near the school, The Paddocks and Front Street was raised as a concern.

The road outside Soanes has two dips in it and is giving way.

The hedge at 77 Greenfield Road needs cutting back and has been reported previously.

Bins are still being left on pavements by ERYC and this will be raised again.

Planning for a large egg farm in Lund has been approved by ERYC.

There is concern at the number of applications for solar farms in the area and action groups are being set up in villages.

ERYC has held its Annual Meeting and its new Chairman is Linda Johnson

Cllr. Wilcock was asked to chase for updates on the request to upgrade the pedestrian crossing to a pelican and on the 20 mph speed limit along Station Road.

26/27-22

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:

No issues were raised.

26/27-23

CO-OPTION

RESOLVED: to co-opt Rebecca Lawson-Prior as Councillor.

26/27-24

FINANCE

- a. **RESOLVED:** to approve the accounts for March and April and sign the bank reconciliations.
- b. **RESOLVED:** to approve the following payments:

Mike Kelly - £319.99 – newsletter printing
Richard Dixon - £890.00 – internal audit

Reading Rooms:

Business Stream - £23.35 - water
Starboard Systems - £22.80 – subscription

- c. **RESOLVED:** to elect Cllr. Simon Hanna and Cllr. Edward Keyes as bank signatories following the resignations of Cllr. Mike Kelly and Cllr. Peter Roe.
- d. The internal audit report was reviewed and an action plan will be prepared from this.
- e. **RESOLVED:** to approve Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return.

- f. **RESOLVED:** to approve Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return.

26/27-25 READING ROOMS

- a. The letter of engagement has been returned to the solicitor.
- b. Cllr. Simon Hanna will speak to the tenant regarding a Memorandum of Understanding.

26/27-26 CEMETERY

- a. No report has been received following the inspection of the headstones therefore Cllr. Karen Rummen and Cllr. Michelle Vane offered to undertake this task.
- b. **RESOLVED:** to approve the memorial for Thomas Smith.

26/27-27 ALLOTMENTS

- a. Cllr. Louise Newlove will chase the contractor for a quotation to repair the fencing.

26/27-28 ADMINISTRATION

- a. Karbon Homes Development – directional signage has been improved so that HGV traffic is now entering the village via the correct route.
A drain has accidentally been filled in but this has since been rectified and a new enclosed drain created.
The groundworks team will be there for several more weeks before Lovells take over.
It was agreed to hold a public meeting on the 9th July. Clerk to invite Cllr. Jeremy Wilcock.

26.27-29 DEFIBRILLATORS

Cllr. Louise Newlove is the new Guardian.

26/27-30 COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Cllr. Michelle Vane is the co-ordinator.

26/27-31 EXTERNAL MEETINGS

The Clerk attended a site meeting at the Church as mentioned in Ward Councillor's Report above. She will chase the report from the Church Warden.
Cllr. Michelle Vane attended a webinar on 20 is Plenty and had a meeting with North Dalton Parish Council Clerk at the school about safety awareness.

26/27-32 CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk to circulate ERNLLA training schedule.

Email from resident requesting that the water supply be independently tested.

26/27-33 COUNCILLORS EXCHANGE & AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- The grass under the noticeboard needs some attention and the fence has a broken slat.
- Memorial bench – a discussion took place as to whether the bench on South Street should be repaired and the plaque from the memorial bench be transferred there. Cllr Michelle Vane will ask the Green Group if they can assist with this.
- Grass cutting – Cllr. Simon Hanna will speak to the current contractor about the areas which should be maintained.
- Website – the Clerk would like some local photos of the village for the new website and it was suggested that she speak with Mike Kelly.

26/27-34 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on the 6th July and apologies were received from Cllr. Linda Woodall and Cllr. Rebecca Lawson-Prior.

26/27-35 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 – no further update at present

Meeting closed at 21:20

Signature of Chairman: