#  Minutes to the Meeting of MIDDLETON-ON-THE-WOLDS PARISH COUNCIL

**Held on Monday 5th July 2021 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall on Station Road, Middleton on the Wolds**

**Present: Cllr L Jones (Vice Chair); Cllrs J Eastwood; N Jones; T Walker; A Wilson-Dodd;**

**P Roe; K Bentley; J Fisher; Sandra Morrison (Parish Clerk)**

**Guests: Ward Cllr K Beaumont and 10 members of the public**

**1403.Apologies –** Cllr Mike Kelly and Cllr J Pratt

**1404**. Due to Cllr Kelly’s absence the meeting was chaired by Cllr Linda Jones

**1405. Declarations of Interest (Code of Conduct 2012)**

1. Pecuniary - none
2. Non- Pecuniary Interests - none

(b) Dispensations issued -none

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**1406.** It was proposed by Cllr N Jones and seconded by Cllr T Walker that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th June 2021 be agreed as a true record. Passed

**1407**. There was no further update on unauthorised tree works and felling within the conservation area, both clerk and Ward Councillor Beaumont to progress.

**1408**. Recent heavy rains had seen further flooding along Front Street. Residents’ video of the issue is to be passed to ERYC and Cllr Beaumont. The issue has already been reported several times by both Cllr Walker and the clerk. I was noted that this recent episode caused water damage to the residents’ property.

Meeting closed at 7.45 and opened to the public

Several members of the public wished to address the council with their concerns regarding the disused railway embankment and in particular the recent signs that the Parish Council had installed. These signs were information signs and they have been stolen within days of being erected. The embankment is owned by ERYC and the Parish Council are in the discussion with ERYC to obtain a new lease to give us the authority to keep the embankment clean and tidy for the benefit of the public. It should be noted that this is not a public footpath. It is noted that members of the public attending the meeting objected to the way the Parish Council are handling the matter, and objected to the fact that the Council have written to a resident asking the resident to desist from further tree planting until negotiations with ERYC have been concluded. Members of the public also complained regarding the steps that were built on the edge of the embankment following removal of the old steps which had become unsafe.

Meeting reopened 8.30

**1409.** Installation of surveillance cameras as a means of monitoring and reporting traffic issues was discussed and it was agreed that further enquiries should be made to ERYC traffic management before taking the matter further.

**1410.Matters arising from the minutes**

* 1. The rec club playground refurbishment project is to start on the 12th July with a pre start meeting on the 8th. Work should cover approx. 3-4 weeks. As the proposed village Gala has been postponed to hopefully next year, an opening event still needs to be organised. Cllr Roe to progress.
	2. The clerk reported that she has been in touch with Valuation and Estates who are looking into the matter of the missing Railway Embankment Group lease.
	3. The leaking water meter at the allotments has now been repaired
	4. Residents outside the PC who volunteered to join the Community Speed watch group have all now dropped out. New volunteer now joined.
	5. The Hornsea Four webinar sessions were unfortunately missed due to connection problems, clerk to try and obtain slides.

**1411.The following Correspondence had been circulated for consideration and response**

* + 1. June Newsletter from MP G Stuart -no comment
		2. Police and Crime Commissioner update - no comments
		3. NHS Clinical update – June – no comments
		4. Proposed new housing development – consultation and plans – having contacted the planners the clerk has been advised that 200 notifications were circulated mainly to residents that would be directly impacted by the development. Due to covid restriction still in place holding of public consultation events are not taking place.
		5. A request to place a memorial bench in the village has been received, a suitable location was agreed at the corner of South St and Front St. Clerk to respond to request and follow up with ERYC
		6. Request to erect a headstone from Wrigglesworth Memorials. Proposed by Cllr A Wilson-Dodd and seconded by Cllr P Roe to approve. Passed
		7. Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations – no comments at this time defer until next meeting
		8. ERNLCCA Newsletter 19 – no comments
		9. Residents Email regarding embankment signs – clerk has responded
		10. Residents Email re Gray Garth this was read out to members, clerk has responded
		11. Community tree planting Fund – no suitable land

**1412. Finance**

1. It was proposed by Cllr N Jones and seconded by Cllr T Walker that the accounts to date be approved. Passed
2. It was proposed by Cllr J Fisher and seconded by Cllr N Jones to approve payment of accounts as per schedules 1 and 2. Passed

**1413. Cemetery**

1. A request to increase the waste collection from one bin to two at extra cost of £5.11 per every four weeks (£66.43 per year) was made by the PCC. It was proposed by Cllr N Jones and seconded by Cllr J Fisher that an additional 260L large bin should be requested mainly to be used for grass cuttings. Passed
2. A request from PCC for financial support to the cost of lychgate maintenance was considered and it was proposed by Cllr Wilson-Dodd and seconded by Cllr K Bentley to give financial support of £500. Passed. It is to be noted that had we been consulted before the work was authorised, we could have assisted by applying for a grant from the War Memorial Trust.
3. Following attendance to a 2-day training course the clerk has updated the cemetery rules and regulations to cover, funeral directors, stonemasons, plot holders etc. These regulations have been circulated and it was proposed by Cllr Roe and seconded by Cllr Walker that these be approved. Passed.
4. To consider offering varied period for grant of right to erect a headstone – deferred to next meeting.

**1414. Planning Application 21/0236/TCA**

**Proposals:** Crown Reduce 1 no Chestnut tree by 2.4mtrs in height and remove lower branches to prevent them growing over the fence line and to prevent the tree from damaging the house if it fell

**Location:** 8 Chapel Lane, Middleton on the Wolds, YO25 9UE

**Applicant:** Mr Beverley Paterson

**Application Type:** Tree Works in a conservation area.

After consideration and discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Eastwood and seconded by Cllr Walker that there should be no objections to this application. Passed

**1415.Planning Application 21/02337/TCA**

**Proposals:** Remove 1 no Elm tree due to close proximity to the property and is touching the roof and windows; side reduce 1 no sycamore tree back to the boundary due to the tree blocking light to the property, is dropping branches, sap, twigs and bird droppings onto the property, garden and washing

**Location:** 9 Front Street, Middleton on the Wolds, YO25 9UA

**Applicant:** Mr Stephen Skinner

**Application Type:** Tree Works in a conservation area

After consideration and discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Eastwood and seconded by Cllr Wilson-Dodd that no objections be raised to the elm tree work, but objections should be raised to the side reduction of the sycamore, as this would destabilise this veteran tree, this application should therefore be refused. Passed

**1416**. **Planning Application 21/02394/TCA**

**Proposals:** Crown lift 2no Sycamore trees due to the crowns surrounding BT lines, are coming into contact with passing vehicles with one of the trees leaning and is a potential hazard

**Location:** South Cottage,6 Chapel Lane. Middleton on the Wolds, YO25 9UE

**Applicant:** Mr Stephen Skinner

**Application Type:** Tree Works in a conservation area

After consideration and discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Eastwood and seconded by Cllr Wilson-Dodd that there should be no objections to this application. Passed

**1417.** The storage site for PC lawnmower which is currently kept by Cllr Wilson-Dodd to be deferred until the next meeting

Signed as a true record Date:

Chairman