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

**held on Monday 5th December 2022 at 7.00pm**

**at the Village Hall, Station Road, Middleton on the Wolds**

**Present: Cllr M Kelly (Chairman); Cllrs T Walker; P Roe; John Fisher; K Bentley; N Jones and Sandra Morrison (Parish Clerk)**

**Guests: 2 members of the public**

**1658**. Apologies were received from Cllrs L Jones and V Windsor and Ward Cllr K Beaumont

**1659. Declarations of Interest (Code of Conduct 2012) were received**

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

(b) Dispensations issued - none

**1660**. It was proposed by Cllr Roe and seconded by Cllr Walker that the minutes to the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th November 2022 be confirmed as a true record. Resolved.

**1661. ERYC Matters – Ward Councillors Report**

1. The latest update on the tactile crossing at Pigeon Cote Farm is that there has been no breach of planning and that the matter has been referred to highways. As the repositioning was a condition of the original planning approval, clerk to query this.
2. ERYC traffic management plan has now been updated, leaving just a few outstanding issues. Clerk to pursue

**1662. None of the residents present wished to address the Council.**

**1663. Matters arising**

* 1. The repositioning of gate at Beacon Park is now imminent with all materials to hand. Soanes have ordered a memorial bench which they intend to donate to the village. The bench will be installed at Beacon Park.
  2. The village shield has now been installed at Beacon Park.
  3. Cllr Roe has an initial template for Councillors ID badges ready for approval. Cllr Kelly has the lanyards.
  4. The clerk has sourced signs for display at the Recreation Ground, when groundwork is in progress or matches are being played, as discussed at the November meeting. The information is with the Rec Club committee awaiting their agreement and approval.
  5. The clerk is to contact Humber Forest to discuss the potential of installing a small hedge around the new play area at the Recreation Ground as a green alternative to fencing.

**1664. Green Group**

1. Following a request from the Green Group for the PC to cover the cost of room hire for their monthly meetings it was proposed by Cllr N Jones and seconded by Cllr J Fisher that the PC fund 1 hr per month. An amendment to the proposal was made by Cllr Kelly that, as the original agreement was that the Green Group could use the Reading Rooms free of charge, that the cost of the room hire be met from the Reading Room account, seconded by Cllr Fisher. Resolved. Cllr Bentley abstained.
2. Following a report from ERYC that cyclists were using the embankment it was agreed that the exit route down to Warter Road be closed by either planting, or a small amount of fencing.
3. The PC were advised that 28,000 snow drops had been planted around the village
4. School children have been involved with the tree planting at Beacon Park.

**1665. Correspondence for consideration and response**

1. ERYC Invitation to put forward a topic for Scrutiny was circulated Cllr Fisher put forward the topic of the benefits of wildflower grass verges. Clerk to submit
2. ERYC response to submission to Local Plan Update deadline 5th December was circulated
3. Boundary Commission for England 2023 Review was circulated
4. ERYC Local Co-ordination Service was discussed
5. NALC Chief Executives Bulletin 18th Nov was circulated.
6. To consider latest Pest Control report was circulated and passed for action
7. NALC Chief Executives Bulletin 25th Nov was circulated, clerk drew the members attention to the article on planning.

**1666. Finance**

1. It was proposed by Cllr Roe and seconded by Cllr Fisher that the accounts and bank reconciliations to date be approved. Resolved
2. It was proposed by Cllr Roe and seconded by Cllr Fisher that the payment of accounts as per schedules 1 and 2 be approved subject to a query being raised on the invoice for the cutting of the allotment hedge.
3. Following debate regarding the budget for financial year ending 31st March 2024 it was proposed by Cllr J Fisher and seconded by Cllr P Roe that the budget be agreed and a precept demand of £18,000 be issued in order to cover the increased running cost of services provided. Resolved. Cllr Bentley abstained
4. It was proposed by Cllr Roe and seconded by Cllr N Jones that a resolution be passed in acceptance and implementation of NALC 2022 pay awards. Resolved

**1667.** It was proposed by Cllr Fisher and seconded by Cllr Roe to agree, by resolution, an amendment to this Councils Standing Orders in regard to section 18 and amendment to legislation on Financial Controls and Procurements. Resolved

**1668. Reading Rooms**

1. It was confirmed that the clerk could engaging professional services, to progress the Reading Rooms being registered with The Land Registry, up to a limit of £500.
2. There has been no further update on the relocation of the defibrillator- clerk to pursue.

**1669. Pond**

1. Following a report that the fence around the pond is showing signs of decay the clerk is gathering quotes to be considered at the January meeting.
2. New signage re feeding of ducks needs to be obtained – clerk to seek quotes.
3. Cllr Walker circulated designs for the positioning and installation of village shield on the village green. Clerk to check if we need planning, and to contact ERYC for assistance with the installation.

**1670**. Cllr N Jones and Cllr T Walker having attended a very informative and useful training course advised that whilst there is no legal requirement for inspections it is recommended good practise for annual inspections and monthly written inspections to be done by competent persons. Monthly inspections are therefore to commence this week. The clerk advised that she had received an email complaint regarding holes in the fence near the play area at the recreation ground, and it was agreed that this would be checked and reported back.

**1671. Community Matters**

1. Following a site visit from the supervisor of the Community Payback Team, work has been completed on clearing the footpath along Beverley Road. The team have done an excellent job, and the Council aim to continue to work with them on a variety of projects including the refurbishment of the village pump, telephone kiosk, and replacing the slats on the bench at South Street. Cllr N Jones to be main point of contact.

**1672.** The meeting dates for 2023 were again agreed as the first Monday of the month with the exception of January which will be the 9th , and May which is to be confirmed subject to availability of the village hall.

Meeting closed 8.40pm

Signed as a true record

Chairman Date