**Minutes to the Meeting of Middleton on the Wolds Parish Council**

**held on Monday 5th September at Middleton on the Wolds Village Hall, Station Road, Middleton on the Wolds**

**Present: Cllr M Kelly (Chairman); Cllr L Jones (Vice Chair); Cllrs N Jones, T Walker; K Bentley and Sandra Morrison (Clerk)**

**Guest: 1 member of the Green Space Group**

**1605. The chair welcomed those present and received apologises from Cllr J Fisher and Cllr P Roe and Ward Cllr K Beaumont and new co-opted councillor**

**1606. Declarations of Interest (Code of Conduct 2012) were received as follows**

1. Pecuniary Cllr T Walker agenda item 10(b) payment schedule 1
2. Non- Pecuniary Interests - none

(b) Dispensations issued - none

**1607.** It was proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr L Jones that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4th July 2022 be accepted as a true record. Passed. It was noted that Cllr N Jones asked for clarity on whether the clerk had pursued the issue of dogs must be on leads with ERYC Pubic Space protection. Minute reference 1602 (iv). The clerk responded that this has not been done as yet, as the matter was already being dealt with via dog warden services and the recreation club committee.

**1608.** Due to illness, the welcoming of the new councillor and receipt of declaration of acceptance of office was deferred until **the next meeting**

**1609.** Due to illness - ERYC Matters – Ward Councillors Report was deferred until the next meeting. Cllr Walker advised that on todays village walkabout ERYC Highways Engineering had been assessing the tactile crossing.

1. Update on tactile crossing at Pigeon Cote Farm
2. ERYC traffic management up-date and update on footpaths on Station Road and Beverley Road

**1610.** There were no residents present who wished to address the Council

**1611. Matters arising**

* 1. Storage facilities for greens space group equipment and tools has not progressed any further other than discussions with potential businesses who may have storage space available.
  2. The funding application To National Lottery re Queens Jubilee Year in respect of renovation of the Benches on the village green is still pending. Todays’ village walkabout team have offered to sand and repaint the benches on the village green free of charge.
  3. CTSL specialist have advised Cllr Walker that the latest water analysis results have come back clear. No obvious source of the pollution has been found, which leaves the only conclusion that the pond was contaminated either accidently or deliberately by persons unknown. All fencing can now be taken away.
  4. The application to the Community Safety Fund for the fencing of play equipment at the recreation club has been rejected. Clerk to look for further availability.
  5. As the existing land available to the PC is not suitable for planting the Humber Forest Tree Planting project is not being considered.
  6. Distribution of the jubilee mugs is still ongoing. Cllr Bentley advised that she knows of many residents who have not received their mugs and is to advise Cllr Jones of the addresses so the mugs can be delivered.

**1612**. **Green Group**

1. The sign off amendments to Green Group Plan were deferred until the next meeting as they are still waiting permission from land owners, ERYC, on planting.
2. The planning application for change of use for Beacon Park has been approved, subject to the condition that the gate is moved back 6 metres. This must be done before the site can be used. It was proposed by Cllr N Jones and seconded by Cllr L Jones to obtain quote for fencing materials in order to reposition the gate. Passed
3. The clerk advised that she had had a request for the strimmer to be taken for repair, as it is faulty. Approved
4. The request to place memorial bench / picnic table in Beacon Park was deferred until a site visit has been done and the exact location determined, and the gate has been moved.
5. It was proposed by Cllr L Jones and seconded by Cllr N Jones that the Parish Council will subsidise the green group until the balance of Do It for East Yorkshire Fund is through. Passed
6. The Parish Council were advised that the Green Group are to have another plant sale, and to encourage sales have purchased a card reader, and are requesting permission to link this to the PC bank account in which the green group funds are held. I was proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr L jones that permission should be granted. Passed
7. It was agreed in the July minutes under reference 1598 (e) that only a pedestrian path should be cut through Beacon Park and the remainder of the area should be left to naturalise. It was further agreed at this meeting that in order to facilitate the naturalisation of the field, ultimately into a chalk meadow, the remainder of the field should be tractor cut twice per year. Passed

**1613. The following Correspondence has been received for consideration and response**

1. An Invitation to participate in online Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)
2. Cllr Walker and Cllr N Jones have responded to the ERYC draft Climate Change Strategy survey –
3. The NALC Civility and respect project was discussed and it was agreed that this should be best practice for all councils.
4. It was proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr L Jones that this Council agree to opt in for the SAA external auditor. Passed
5. Due to the unavailability of suitable land the ERYC re tree planting schemes will not be progressed.
6. Concerns were raised about the potential increase in traffic coming through the village as compound areas are built, and roads are disrupted, in relation to the planning applications for National Grid’s proposed Scotland to England Green Link 2 (SEGL2) project.
7. ERNLLCA training dates for September were circulated, and Cllr L Jones is to be booked on the cemetery management course
8. It was confirmed that the voting delegates for the ERNLLCA AGM – will be Cllr N Jones and P Roe. Questions to be raised for the Chief Constable relate to more community policing.
9. The ERNLLCA August newsletter was circulated for comments
10. A letter from a local resident mainly covering concerns around the village pond was circulated. Clerk has already responded, further response to be sent following discussion in this meeting.

**1614.** It was proposed by Cllr L Jones and seconded by Cllr N Jones that this Council do agree by resolution to sign up to the civility and respect pledge. Passed

**1615. Finance**

1. It was proposed by Cllr L Jones and seconded b Cllr N Jones that the accounts to date as presented be approved. Passed
2. It was proposed by Cllr L Jones and seconded b Cllr N Jones to approve payment of accounts as per schedules 1 and 2. Passed
3. It was proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr L Jones to approve playground inspections from Morell Play Services, at a cost of £75 per site. Passed
4. It was proposed by Cllr Bentley and seconded by Cllr Walker to accept the quote of £200 from D Newlove for hedge trimming around the village pond and allotments. Passed

**1616.** It was agreed that a sub-committee of members Cllr Kelly and Cllr Walker be established to progress design for the village shield. Passed

**1617**. It was proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr Bentley to authorise the clerk Sandra Morrison to apply for funding applications for funding for Adult Play Equipment.

**1618**. Cricket nets have already been purchased by for the Recreation Club.

**1619.Reading Rooms**

* 1. It was proposed by Cllr L Jones and seconded by Cllr T Walker to agree to let the reading rooms on a 5yr lease with a 2yr break clause at a rent of £5500 per annum to Russell Studios. Passed
  2. It was proposed by Cllr N Jones and seconded by Cllr L Jones to agree proposals by Russell Studios to use the main hall as an artist studio for the purpose of making pots, and
     1. to the installation of a kiln and air vent, and installation of a sink and water supply to the main hall.
     2. and, to the use of small office as an office. Passed
  3. It was proposed by Cllr L Jones and seconded by Cllr N Jones to appoint Wilkin Chapman as solicitor to prepare the lease and prepare and disclose title to the property, and deal with completion and any post completion formalities. Passed
  4. It was proposed by Cllr L Jones and seconded by Cllr N Jones to agree to the Terms and Conditions and letter of engagement as presented by Wilkin Chapman and to the clerk Mrs Sandra Morrison acting on behalf of this Council. Passed
  5. It was proposed by Cllr L Jones and seconded by Cllr N Jones that this Council do pay 50% of the cost of the lease, currently estimated at £1000, in accordance with their terms and conditions. Passed.
  6. It was proposed by Cllr L Jones and seconded by Cllr N Jones to authorise the clerk/RFO to pay invoices from Wilkin Chapman as presented. Passed
  7. An initial quote of £5500 has been received for the repairs to the outside wood work and to new locks being fitted, to both the front door and the internal small office door,

of the Reading Rooms, and this was agreed in principle subject to a further quote being obtained. Quotes painting of the outside still to be obtained.

* 1. It was proposed by Cllr L Jones and seconded by Cllr Walker to relocation of the defibrillator and cabinet to the village hall subject to suitable quotes. Passed
  2. It was proposed by Cllr L Jones and seconded by Cllr Walker to relocation of all Parish Council paper work previously stored in the reading rooms small office to the village hall, all to be contained in secure filing cabinets. Passed
  3. It was proposed by Cllr N Jones and seconded by Cllr L Jones to accept village hall charges of £5 per week for storage and £8.50 per hour for meetings. Passed. Cllr Bentley objected to storage charges.
  4. It was agreed to the removal of all tables chairs and other equipment from the Reading Rooms and disbursement as required.

**1620**. It was agreed that the clerk would contact Allison Wilson-Dodd to discuss future maintenance and management of the village pond.

**1621**. At the last inspection of the allotments it appeared that only 3 out of the 6 have been worked this summer. It was proposed by Cllr Walker that Cllr L Jones should conduct a further inspection, and following that the clerk should write to any tenants who are adhering to their agreements. Agreed

**1622.**It was agreed that Cllr L Jones attending cemetery management training course to provide cover for the Burial Clerk as required.

**1623**. An enquiry has been received regarding the lease for Warter Road Pit. It was proposed by Cllr N Jones and seconded by Cllr L Jones, that a tenancy agreement be drawn up for approval. Passed

Meeting closed 9.25pm

Signed as a true record Date: