# MIDDLETON-ON-THE-WOLDS PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes to the meeting of Middleton on the Wolds Parish Council held on Monday 6th June 2022 at 7.00pm at the Reading Rooms, 7 Front Street, Middleton on the Wolds**

**Present: Cllr L Jones (Vice Chair); Cllrs T Walker, N Jones; P Roe; John Fisher; K Bentley and Sandra Morrison (Clerk)**

**Guests: Ward Councillor K Beaumont 2 members of the public**

It was with great sadness that Cllr Beaumont gave us the news of the sudden death of Cllr Pauline Greenwood. Cllr Greenwood has been of great assistance to members in her role as Ward Councillor, and she will be much missed. The Council expressed their sincere condolences.

**1573.** Apologies were received from Cllr Eastwood and Cllr Kelly

**1574.** In the absence of Cllr Kelly Cllr L Jones took the chair

**1575.** Cllr Eastwood has tendered his resignation as he now no longer lives in the parish, and as such does not get involved with village life. The clerk has sent a message of thanks to Cllr Eastwood, for all his hard work and commitment both as a previous chair to the parish council and also as a councillor. His dedication, contribution and knowledge of the area is a loss to the council.

**1576**. Declarations of Interest (Code of Conduct 2012) were received as follows:

1. Pecuniary – Cllr Walker agenda item 8 b Payment schedule 1
2. Non- Pecuniary Interests – none

(b) Dispensations issued - none

**1577.**It was proposed by Cllr Roe and seconded by Cllr Walker that the minutesof the Parish Council meetings held on Monday 9th May 2022 be accepted as a true record. Passed

**1578**. Following the resignation of Cllr Eastwood Cllr Roe offered to replace Cllr Eastwood as planning officer, and Cllr Roe and Cllr Walker to be elected to the HR committee

**1579.**ERYC Matters – Ward Councillors Report

Due to the sudden death of Cllr Greenwood all ward councillor matters were deferred.

1. 7.10pm the meeting was opened to the floor for residents who wish to address the Council.

A resident spoke about an email complaint that had been sent on the 31st May regarding the condition of the play equipment and dog mess on the recreation ground. The complaint highlighted the inadequacy of the signage, that dog owners should be responsible and not allow their dogs to run freely in the children play area, and that dog mess should be cleared.

**1581.** Cllr Walker raised the question as to whether the Recreation Clubs insurance covered vehicles on site, and the clerk is to write to the Rec Club for affirmation.

**1582**.The next meeting of the Rec Club committee is on 28th June. Cllr L Jones to attend in Cllr Kelly’s absence.

1**583**. The green group have now issued an updated plan for approval and sign off, which will be discussed at the next meeting in order that members have time to read through. Committee member asked if the green group could clear brambles back from the 2 mtr path in readiness for planting in the autumn. Clerk to clarify with ERYC. Cllr N Jones proposed that the Green Group take the opportunity to renovate the benches on the village green whilst the area is out of use. Clerk to pursue.

**1584**. Cllr L Jones proposed a massive thanks to Geoff Cox and Cindy, along with members of the parish council for the support and help in making the Jubilee Weekend Celebrations a massive success.

Meeting reopened 7.20 pm

**1585.**Matters arising

* 1. Memorial bench installation – was discussed but need clarification from green group who will install and what fixing methods will be used. Clerk to pursue.
  2. Storage facilities for greens space group equipment and tools is in hand to be deferred until the next meeting
  3. Update on renovation of Benches on the village green was discussed and clerk to pursue with Community Payback Team as an alternative option to green group.
  4. The Reading Rooms EPS rating has come back as G which is too low to allow the property to be rented out. An invoice has been issued but no information or certificate. Clerk to pursue.
  5. The planning application for beacon park has finally been validated after several telephone calls and email. The clerk expressed her thanks to Cllr Greenwood who intervened on her behalf.

**1586.** It was agreed that another competition should be launched for a village logo, and Cllr Walker to draft article for the next issue of the Messenger.

**1587**. It was agreed that Cllr Walker would also draft a further Councillor vacancy notice for the July Messenger in a bid to attract new members.

**1586. The following Correspondence was circulated for consideration and response**

1. Invitation to the Queens Jubilee Civic Service of Choral Evensong – no response.
2. Invitation to Town and Parish Council Liaison Meetings Cllrs L Jones; P Roe and K Bentley to attend
3. Email re digital inclusion, survey has been completed by the clerk
4. ERYC invite to code of conduct training; Cllrs Bentley and L Jones to attend
5. ERYC grants now available for tree planting projects to be deferred to next meeting possible look at planting one of the disused pits
6. ERNLLCA May Newsletter was circulated
7. Police & Crime Commissioners community safety fund information was circulated to look at application for cctv equipment and fencing around the rec club play area
8. ERYC Energy Grant scheme email was circulated – to enquire if this is extended to community buildings
9. ERNLLCA training dates were circulated

**1587.Finance**

1. It was proposed by Cllr Roe and seconded by Cllr N Jones that the accounts to date be approved. Passed
2. It was proposed by Cllr Fisher and seconded by Cllr N Jones to approve payment of accounts as per schedules 1 and 2. Passed
3. It was proposed by Cllr Fisher and seconded by Cllr Roe to approve order for 4 x 250 poo bag dispenser sacks cost £38.37 +carriage and VAT £57.42. Passed
4. The quote from Nova Dura of £104.54 for signs for the Embankment, as approved by ERYC was agreed.

**1588.**Planning application 22/01684/TCA

Proposal: Fell 2 no sycamore trees (T1 & T3) and 1 no Ash Tree (T2) Fell 1 no group of Elm tree (G4) due to some dead or dying of dutch elm disease;

Location: Holly House 18 Front St Middleton on the Wolds YO25 9UA

Applicant: Mr Philip David Jenkins

Application Type: Tree weeks in a conservation area.

The parish council raised no objections to this application, as felling diseased trees is necessary, however the PC would like to see replacement trees of a native species planted.

**1589**.Planning Application 22/0034/STOUT

Proposal: Outline – Erection of 5 dwellings (access to be considered)

Location: Land East and South of 49 Front Street, Middleton on the Wolds YO25 9UA

Applicant: Mr J Eastwood

Application Type: Outline Planning Permission

It was proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr Fisher that no objections be raised to this application. Passed

**1590.**Planning Application 22/01814/PLF was heard at the chairs discretion to save the cost of holding an extra ordinary meeting

Proposal: Erection of a single storey extension to side/rear and garage conversion with new pitched roof and porch canopy to front following removal of existing conservatory.

Location: 33 Greenfield Road, Middleton on the Wolds; YO25 9UL

Applicant: Mr Martin Worrell

Application Type: Full Planning Permission

It was proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr Fisher that no objection should be raised for this application, which will improve the appearance of the property and area. Passed

**1591**.The village pond was heavily polluted two weeks ago, with what appeared to be heating oil. A clean up and rescue operation was put in place on Monday the 23rd May. The parish council would like to give particular thanks to the RSPCA and Bradbury Bird and Wildlife Rescue for saving our duck population, and to the team at ERYC for promptly attending site, and cleaning out the blocked interceptor pipes, and to our late Ward Councillor Pauline Greenwood for getting things moving within ERYC. A letter has been issued to all residents local to the pond, asking them to pressure check their heating systems. Meanwhile an environmental specialist has been appointed through our insurance company, and a boom has been placed around the pond and absorbents have been added to the water. Water samples have been taken in order to identify the pollutant. Once information has been gathered an action plan will be put in place for a clean up operation.

Signed as a true record Date:

Chair