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

**held on Monday 7th November 2022 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Station Road, Middleton on the Wolds**

**Present: Cllr M Kelly (Chairman); Cllr L Jones (Vice Chair); Cllrs N Jones; P Roe; K Bentley; V Windsor; T Walker**

**Guests: Ward Cllr D Stewart and 3 members of the public**

**1641.Apologies were received from Cllr J Fisher**

**1642.Declarations of Interest (Code of Conduct 2012) were received from**

1. Pecuniary – Cllr Walker agenda item 10 Payment schedule 1
2. Non- Pecuniary Interests- none

(b) Dispensations issued - none

**1643.**It was proposed by Cllr N Jones and seconded by Cllr T Walker that the Minutesof the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3rd October 2022 be signed as a true record. Resolved

**1644.ERYC Matters – Ward Councillors Report**

The tactile crossing at Pigeon Cote Farm and the outstanding issues on the ERYC traffic management plan were discussed briefly with Ward Cllr Stewart. Response to emails addressed to ERYC is very poor, and Cllr Stewart advised that new working practices being implemented will aim to respond within 5 days with a full answer within 15days. Meanwhile clerk to continue to pursue outstanding issues direct with ERYC

**The meeting was opened for residents who wish to address the Council – no comments**

**1645.**Cllr L Jones advised that following the AGM the Village Hall now have a full committee who will work towards the continuation of providing vital community services in the Village Hall

**1646.Matters arising**

* 1. The final report has now been received regarding the village pond pollution and insurance claim, and the case is now closed.
  2. There are still a small quantity of jubilee mugs available and Cllr Bentley still has a list of eligible residents.
  3. Materials are to hand for the repositioning of gate at Beacon Park and work should be done later this month.
  4. Soanes are to donate a memorial bench which will be installed on Beacon Park
  5. The village shield is on order and will be ready on the 18th. Cllr Walker to arrange installation and press coverage. Further shield to be erected on the village green.
  6. Some of the work from the village walkabout has now been completed, and thanks and appreciation go to the taskforce team for the work on the benches in the village. Outstanding issues to be pursued.

**1647.Green Group**

1. Responsibility and method for twice yearly grass cutting of Beacon Park and establishing a wildflower meadow still to be determined subject to quotes
2. Storage facilities for greens space group equipment and tools is in hand
3. Methodology statements, risk assessments and landowners’ consent for planting of trees and snowdrops and for use and control of tools by volunteers now received.
4. Snow drop planting is now underway to be completed this month.
5. Tree planting at Beacon Park has been agreed and has started school children being involved.

**1648.Correspondence for consideration and response**

1. Email re rough sleeper survey circulated and acknowledged, feedback for the 14th Nov
2. ERYC Local Plan Update consultation circulated Cllr Kelly to attend zoom consultation
3. ERNLLCA October Newsletter - circulated

**1649.Finance**

1. It was proposed by Cllr L Jones and seconded by Cllr P Roe that the accounts and bank reconciliations to date be approved. Passed
2. It was proposed by Cllr L Jones and seconded by Cllr P Roe that the payment of accounts as per schedules 1 and 2 be approved. Resolved
3. draft budget for financial year ending 31st March 2024 to be discussed via a zoom meeting on 30th November for full agreement at the next meeting.

**1650**.Having received 2 quotes for the maintenance of the Mere it was proposed by Cllr L Jones that the quote form A Wilson-Dodd be accepted, Cllr P Roe proposed an amendment that the cost of work is limited to £500 per year and anything over this must be approved by the PC, this amendment was seconded by Cllr Windsor and resolved**.**

**1651.Reading Rooms**

1. The leasefor the new tenancy of the Reading Rooms has now been completed, new locks have been fitted and the new tenants have taken possession, and are in the process of applying for a change of use.
2. A further quote for the repair of the facia has been obtained and it was proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr L Jones to accept the quote of £1250 from Paul Adams Joinery. Resolved
3. It was proposed by Cllr N Jones and seconded by Cllr Kelly that the council should engage professional services to have the premises registered with The Land Registry. Resolved. Clerk to pursue
4. Relocation of the defibrillator has been agreed awaiting date for work.

**1652**.Recreation Ground/Club –

* + 1. dog fouling at the recreation ground is still an issue, and the dog warden visits regularly. Also, dogs running loose are an issue when grass is being cut as a danger to the moving machinery. It was proposed by Cllr N Jones and seconded by Cllr L Jones that quotes for ‘A’ boards and signs to display notices that dogs must be on leads when matches are in progress and when grass cutting is in progress are obtained. Resolved
    2. Rabbits are still an issue – ERYC pest control have supplied wire to repair gaps in fencing behind tennis courts, but still need to find suitable method to reduce population.
    3. Funding for adult equipment still to be sourced
    4. Repairs are needed to the fencing along side Beacon Park. Quotes to be obtained.

**1653.Cemetery**

* + - 1. Concerns have been raised regarding trees within the cemetery in particular the largest one alongside the railings as the roots are in growing into nearby graves. Advise from arborists is that the tree needs to be felled. It was proposed by Cllr Waler and seconded by Cllr L Jones that the Council apply for planning permission for tree works in a conservation area, and obtain quotes for the tree to be felled
      2. It was proposed by Cllr L Jones and seconded by Cllr P Roe that approval be given for the installation of a memorial/headstone for the late Moira Munby Plot 139. Resolved

**1654.**Discussion of the Playground inspection reports and remedial action on defects was deferred until the next meeting in order that Cllrs Walker and N Jones may gain information from the Playground Inspection Training course being offered by ERNLLCA

**1655.**It was agreed that two sets of lights would be would be installed on the village green over the Christmas period. Setting up to be done onthe 20th Nov. with switch on on the 26/11 after the Christmas fair. Switch off 8th Jan 2023.

**1656.Community Matters**

Defib pads run out in January – clerk to reorder

Request to be made to VH committee if Council may use one of their internal notice boards.

ID badges for councillors to be progressed.

**1657.Agenda items for next month**

Recreation ground grass cutting

Budget

Tenders for Grounds work for 2023/24

refurbishment of village telephone kiosk

Meeting closed 8.35pm

Signed as a true record Date:

Chairman