# Minutes to the meeting of Middleton-On-The-Wolds Parish Council

**held on Monday 9th May 2022 directly after the Annual Meeting at 7.00pm at the Reading Rooms, 7 Front Street, Middleton on the Wolds**

**Present: Cllrs Mike Kelly; L Jones; N Jones; T Walker; P Roe; K Bentley; J Fisher**

**Ward Cllr B Gateshill 1 member of the public**

**1555**. Apologies were received from Cllr J Eastwood, and Ward Cllr P Greenwood

**1556.**Declarations of Interest (Code of Conduct) received

1. Pecuniary – Cllr Walker Agenda item 8 e Finance
2. Non- Pecuniary Interests -none

(b) Dispensations issued- none

**1557**. It was proposed by Cllr N Jones and seconded by Cllr L Jones that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4th April 2022 be accepted as a true record. Passed

**1558.**ERYC Matters – Ward Councillors Report

Cllr Gateshill reported that the new Parish Charter that has been adopted by the ERYC will hopefully improve liaison between ERYC and parish councils. The leader of ERYC had asked for a review of the county council, which found that officers were making too many decisions that should be dealt with by council, typically is planning, where officers lead decisions. Hopefully this will now lead to a review of the constitution.

1. Update on tactile crossing at Pigeon Cote Farm – this has been referred back to ERYC Planning
2. Beverley Road footpath – after investigation further works are to be programmed for the first quarter of this financial year to clean out the drainage system, and new grips are to be dug, footpath is to be swept and cleared of accumulate silt.
3. Front Street resurfacing - ERYC have advised that capital carriageway maintenance works involving repairing sections of the carriageway, which will then be surfaced dressed next summer, are to be done before the summer. Clerk to respond to resident.
4. Correspondence from planning enforcement has been received regarding the replacement gate at Beacon Park. It was proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr Fisher that the clerk should summit a full planning application for change of use for the field together with the erection of a beacon and replacement access gate for emergency and service vehicles, and also to contact the local MP. Passed
5. A resident present addressed the Council with concerns regarding the proposed development of new housing off Station Road. Cllr Kelly advised the resident that the council had objected strongly to the application, and had taken every opportunity to liaise closely with ERYC and Ward Councillors advising them all of concerns relating to traffic and access issues.
6. Cllr Bentley asked if something could be done about the footpath at the corner of Station Road, which needs levelling up as there is a camber towards the road, making it dangerous for wheelchair users. Clerk to pursue.
7. Cllr Bentley advised that the grass verge at the junction of the Beverley Road with the B1248 is overgrown and obscuring visibility and needs cutting back. Clerk to report to ERYC
8. The green group representative advised that the centre piece on the village green was now being worked on, plants had been ordered for the raised bed, and these are to be planted on the 21st June, with help from some secondary school children. Tree planting had commenced at beacon park.
9. The green space group requested that a temporary compost bin be located around the back of the centre bed for a couple of months. It was proposed by Cllr Fisher and seconded by Cllr Walker to allow temporary placement of a compost bin, which will be removed if any complains are received. Passed
10. The benches around the pond area need a thorough sanding before repainting. Green group to obtain quote for professional stripping off old paint.

**1565.** Matters arising

* 1. An email from the tenant of allotment 6 has been received that the hardcore path has been removed. Clerk to send thanks to tenant.
  2. Memorial bench installation. Confirmation has been received from ERYC that two benches can be placed along the eastern embankment at designated spots. It was agreed that a recycled bench with a plaque would be placed at one of these places. Clerk to procure as requested
  3. Storage facilities for greens space group equipment and tools was further discussed and Cllr Kelly suggested the rear of the bowls club. Cllr Kelly and Green Group to liaise with secretary of the Bowls Club.
  4. It was proposed by Cllr Fisher and seconded by Cllr N Jones that the quote received from Walkers Landscape for maintenance /grass cutting around new play equipment at the cost of £45 per cut be accepted. Passed
  5. Cllr Kelly advised that it had been agreed that the Reading Rooms would be advertised to rent as a whole, and that the estate agent had advised that an EPS certificate was required.

Meeting suspended to allow the reading rooms committee to vote

**1566**. It was proposed by Cllr Fisher and seconded by Cllr L Jones that the Reading Rooms pay the cost of £230 for an EPS certificate, which needs to be actioned by 20/5. Passed

Meeting re opened 8.35pm

**1567.**Correspondence for consideration and response

1. An Email from traffic management re change of staff was acknowledged, and the clerk to pursue for a new site visit
2. An Email from Green Group re results of plant sale and accounting procedure going forward was circulated
3. Email from NALC re events was circulated
4. Email from ex resident – getting in touch has been dealt with by Cllr N Jones.
5. It was agreed that the clerk could investigate the free Fresh Book Accounting package offered from Barclays Bank
6. Email response from police commissioner’s office re community payback team was circulated
7. Beswick Parish Council Newsletter 2021-22 -copies were circulated.

**1568.Finance**

1. It was proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr Roe that the accounts for year ending 31st March 2022 be approved. Passed
2. The internal auditors report was circulated
3. The AGAR accounting statements and assertions were considered, completed and signed.
4. It was proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr L jones that the accounts to date be approved. Passed
5. It was proposed by Cllr Roe and seconded by Cllr L Jones that payment of accounts as per schedules 1 and 2 be approved. Passed
6. It was proposed by Cllr N Jones and seconded by Cllr Kelly to approve distribution of £500 jubilee funding applications submitted \_ Jubilee Gala £200.06 and Country Women £100.00 Passed. Balance to go towards jubilee mugs which have now been ordered.

**1569.**Cllr Bentley raised the issue of the Collection and Delivery of Medication to the Post Office on a weekly basis, which had originally been instigated by the Parish Council some 30 years ago. Cllr Bentley stated that the volunteers involved give a service to residents and that they should be thanked in some way. Cllr Kelly proposed that this be deferred until the November meeting or when Chairmans Awards are discussed, and thanks can be expressed by way of a Christmas box or similar.

**1570**.It was agreed that the recent quote from Kompan re adult sport equipment was too high. Another survey is to be circulated in the Middleton Messenger to obtain further views from residents and clerk to search for funding, and the siting to be further discussed at the next recreation club meeting after confirmation that adult equipment must be positioned at least 20mtrs away from the children’s area.

**1571.** It was suggested by the clerk that an Annual Parish/Town meeting be held to allow residents to address the council on a more informal basis. The idea was deferred for this year but a stand to be booked at the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations on the 2nd June to allow promotion of the council’s role and councillors areas of responsibility.

**1572**. Cllr Kelly advised that he will be on annual leave from 9th June until 3rd August, Cllr L Jones to act in his absence.

Meeting closed 9.30pm

Agreed as a true record

Signed

Chairman Date