**MIDDLETON-ON-THE-WOLDS PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes to the extra ordinary meeting of the above Council held on Monday 7th August 2023 at 6.45pm at the Village Hall, Station Road, Middleton on the Wolds**

**Present: Cllr M Kelly (Chairman); Cllr L Jones (Vice Chair); Cllrs P Roe; V Windsor; E Headley; K Bentley; T Walker and Sandra Morrison (Parish Clerk)**

**Guests: 6 members of the public**

**1796. To receive Apologies – none**

**1797. To receive Declarations of Interest (Code of Conduct 2012)**

1. Pecuniary - none
2. Non- Pecuniary Interests - none
3. Dispensations issued - none

**1798. To discuss and agree to comments for Planning Application 23/02201/TCA**

**Proposal**: Crown reduce 1 no ash tree by 30% as the tree has gone over the boundary and may cause damage to neighbours property; Fell 1 no sycamore tree as cracks have appeared in the brickwork of the bay window and affecting sewage system; Fell 1 no Holly tree as it is causing damage to neighbours fence.

**Location:** The Old Post Office, 31 Front Street Middleton on the Wolds YO25 9UA

**Applicant:** Mr Lee Hardcastle

**Applicant Type**: Tree works in a conservation area

The Parish Council have some concerns that crown reduction by 30% on an ash tree is considered to be severe. An arborist report on these trees would have been helpful.

The Parish Council have considered that the ash tree is however leaning over into, and may cause damage to neighbouring properties, and that the sycamore is causing damage to the property and therefore raise no objections to this application. Proposed Cllr Kelly second Cllr Walker resolved 5 votes to 2.

**1799.** A public consultation is underway relating to a Community Governance Review, which if adopted would see the number of councillors for Middleton reduced from 11 to 7. The formular for the number of councillors per parish is based on the number of electorates. Middleton on the Wolds is forecast to rise to 800 but continued house growth could see this increase. With 2 play areas, a cemetery, several green spaces, land and property to manage along with commitment to other organisations in the village it is felt very strongly that the Council would not be able to provide or maintain the services in the parish with a reduction from 11 councillors to 7.

**Signed as true record**

**Chairman Date**

**Chairman Date: 31.07.2023**