

**MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AS SOLE TRUSTEE OF
THE MIDDLETON RECREATION GROUND TRUST**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9 APRIL 2024
AT 8pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL

1 Attendance and Apologies

Attendees:

Cllr Julian Cusack – Chair
Cllr Graham Lacey
Cllr Lesley Taylor
Cllr Steve Thorpe
Cllr Michele Kendall
Cllr Giles Piercy
Cllr Katheryn Rowe
Cllr Reynolds

Apologies:

Cllr Charles Macdowell

In attendance:

Rachael Salcombe - Clerk
One member of the public

2 To receive declarations of interest and to consider requests for dispensations. None.

3 Minutes

- a) Minutes approved of Trustee Meeting held on 12 March 2023.
- b) Matters arising and Actions. Park benches still to be ordered.

4 To review Safety Inspection Report

- a) February and March reports approved.
- b) Playground Inspector. Cllr Cusack reported to the meeting that our playground inspector has resigned following an incident involving a dog, whilst carrying out an inspection. The dog owners have been approached and advised that a recurrence might result in a report to the police, under the Dangerous Dogs Act 2021. It was agreed to write to the Inspector apologising for this unfortunate incident, advise that the owners of the dog have been approached and request that he reconsider his position with the offer that a councillor attends inspections with him. **Action: Cllr Cusack to contact the Inspector with an apology and new proposal.** In the meantime, it was agreed to research a potential replacement. **Action: Clerk to contact local parish councils for possible leads and to enquire of their playground rules/signage regarding dogs.**

5 Correspondence. An estimate of £100 has been received from Robert Heather for unblocking the guttering at the pavilion. The works and cost were approved by the PC.

A quote of £1535 has also been received from Andrew Heather of Healonwood Painting & Decorating for painting the exterior and interior of the pavilion. The works and cost were approved by the PC.

6 Finance

The following payment was authorised.

Details	Payee	Amount	Power
Playground Reports (February & March)	David Bracey	£120.00	LGA (MP) 1976 s.19

7 Matters for discussion

- a) Survey. Cllr Piercy was thanked for the final version of the survey. Question 10 has been worded more clearly, to reflect discussion from last month's meeting. The survey will be 'advertised' in the next village newsletter, with a link for completion electronically. QR codes will be advertised also, and paper copies will also be made available alongside the return's boxes, as mentioned at last month's meeting. Cllrs will knock on doors 10/12 days following the article in the newsletter. It was agreed to print 60 copies, at home.
- b) Pavilion Manager. Rebecca Reynolds has been appointed the new pavilion manager, working three hours per week between April and September. Cllrs Taylor and Rowe were thanked for their efforts in filling this position.

- c) Disposal of pavilion rubbish. The booking form states that all rubbish must be taken away (home or in the bin outside the pavilion) but it is often left in the pavilion. The option of a trade waste bin and collection was suggested. **Action: Clerk to make enquiries with ESC.**

8 Items for the next Agenda. None.

9 Next Meeting

Date of next meeting Tuesday 14 May 2024, to follow Annual Parish Council meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.