

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12 MARCH 2024
AT 8.20pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL

1 Attendance and Apologies

Attendees:

Cllr Julian Cusack – Chair
Cllr Graham Lacey
Cllr Charles Macdowell
Cllr Steve Thorpe
Cllr Michele Kendall
Cllr Giles Piercy
Cllr Katheryn Rowe

Apologies:

Cllr Taylor
Cllr Reynolds

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 13 February 2023.

b) Matters arising and Actions.

- Cllr Kendall has sourced a quote for the picnic benches – see below.
- Cllr Kendall reported that the Summer Winers have cleaned the train and that it is now ready for painting. Furthermore, the Summer Winers would like to build a wooden boat/pirate ship on the site of the, now removed, zip wire. Cllr Cusack reminded the meeting that the PC are obliged to employ a safety inspector once the projects are complete, to sign them off as safe.
- Bookings and pavilion supervision. Advertisement for the newsletter – carried forward.
- Cllr Lacey has requested a detailed breakdown of the original quote from Aspect Home & Garden Ltd regarding the church path/driveway, with a view to scaling the job down. (This item will now be moved to the PC Agenda/Minutes.)

4 To review Safety Inspection Report

February's report not received to date.

5 Correspondence. None.

6 Matters for discussion

a) Picnic Benches. Cllr Kendall is in receipt of a quote in the sum of £1165 for 2 x round 8 seater benches, 1 x nursery 6 seater bench and 1 x wheelchair accessible bench.

Purchase was approved and the paperwork was handed to the clerk. **Action: Clerk to order new benches.**

b) Survey Update. Cllr Rowe thanked Cllr Piercy for his input with the survey. Work still needs to be done regarding data protection (Cllr Taylor). It was agreed to carry out a test sample with 5 residents/playground users. It was felt that question 10 required clarity, in terms of whether dogs are allowed on the playground without a designated secure area. It was agreed that options will be made available to return completed surveys i) at the village hall ii) the pub and iii) the church porch. Sealed, labelled boxes will be made available at each location. There will also be an option to return completed surveys electronically, using a QR code. It was agreed that following completed data protection, the surveys may be issued.

c) Bookings and pavilion supervision. See above.

d) Church driveway update. See above.

Items for the next Agenda. None.

Next Meeting

Date of next meeting Tuesday 9 April 2024, to follow Parish Council meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

