

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2023
AT 8pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL

1 Attendance and Apologies

Attendees:

Cllr Julian Cusack – Chair	Cllr Steve Thorpe
Cllr Graham Lacey	Cllr Chris Reynolds
Cllr Lesley Taylor	Cllr Michele Kendall
Cllr Charles Macdowell	Cllr Kathryn Rowe
Cllr Giles Piercy	

In attendance:

Rachael Salcombe – Parish Clerk
One member of the public

Apologies: No apologies

2 To receive declarations of interest and to consider requests for dispensations.

None.

3 Minutes

a) Minutes approved of Trustee Meeting held on 10 October 2023.

b) Matters arising.

Pavilion Break-in

Cllr Reynolds reported that the perpetrator is known to the police but claims to have no recollection of breaking into the pavilion (matching DNA was found at the scene). He has been advised that the matter will be dropped if he confesses and subsequently pays for the damage, however, if he does not the offence will go to court. The matter is currently with his solicitor. Cllr Reynolds was thanked for handling the problem.

Survey Progress

Cllr Rowe provided the council with a draft survey (it was agreed to refer to the area in question as the playing field). The contents of the survey were discussed and agreed, including the decision to acknowledge a finite budget and the potential to apply for grants, along with the addition of an age range option. The need to handle names and addresses sensitively and in keeping with GDPR was noted and an acknowledgement of such be added to the survey. The Trust will pay for the printing of the survey through Leiston Press (it is hoped to get the survey on one sheet of paper). In terms of distribution a 'heads up' of the survey will be marketed in the village newsletter followed by a hard copy inserted within the newsletter and The Fisherman. An electronic survey was also suggested, along with door to door, and so it was agreed to provide the survey through multiple channels and distribution to include peripheral parts of the village.

Plough. Cllr Taylor has been contacted by a village resident regarding the repositioning of the plough in the recreation ground (moved from The Bell Inn).

Cllr Cusack advised Cllr Taylor to refer the resident to the Summer Wine Group.

4 To review Safety Inspection Report

Monthly play equipment inspection report noted. (It was reiterated that any high-risk items should be dealt with immediately.)

5 Correspondence. It was agreed that all correspondence, to date, has been dealt with.

6 Matters for discussion

- a) Bins. There has been no reply from ESC regarding over-flowing bins. The matter is not as problematic now that we are out of the holiday season/warm weather, and it was agreed to put this issue on hold until next Spring.
- b) Management of Bookings. Discussion was based on how much money was brought in this year and the running costs, as to whether *to continue supporting private bookings*
- c) Cleaner. A cleaner is required for Friday evenings (during warm weather only). Cllr Kendall has agreed to pursue this and will liaise with Cllr Taylor.

7 Items for the next Agenda. None.

8 Next Meeting

Date of next meeting Tuesday 12 December 2023, to follow Parish Council meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.