

**MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AS SOLE TRUSTEE OF
THE MIDDLETON RECREATION GROUND TRUST
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8 JULY 2026
AT 8.40pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

1 Attendance and Apologies

Attendees:

Cllr Chris Reynolds (acting Chair)
Cllr Kathryn Rowe
Cllr Julian Cusack
Cllr Steve Thorpe

Apologies accepted for absence:

Cllr Giles Piercy
Cllr Charles Macdowell
Cllr Michele Kendall

In attendance:

Parish Clerk
Member of the public x 1

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

3 Minutes

Minutes approved of Trustee Meeting held on 10 June 2026.

Matters arising.

- * Insurance cover is now under MPC, not the Trust.
- * MCC have agreed to replace, and pay for, the rotten wood surround the boules pitch, with steel. **Action: Cllr Thorpe to research quotes and advise MCC.**
- * A new oven has been purchased for the pavilion.

4 To review Safety Inspection Report. Report received and noted.

5 Pavilion

- a) Pavilion cupboard. A quote has been received in the sum of £649 for materials and labour. The meeting was advised that two heat alarms still need to be purchased, one for the kitchen and one for the hallway, this was agreed. **Action: Cllr Reynolds to order.**
- b) Solar Panels/British Gas. Connecting solar panels to the smart meter and query on invoice amounts both remain ongoing. The meeting was advised that there is a nationwide problem whereby there are too many solar panel users and not enough businesses wanting to purchase the power. This problem is specific to commercial/non-residential organisations. East Green, who installed the pavilion solar panels, have recently started a brokerage operation whereby they undertake to secure power purchase agreements for their clients. The meeting was further advised that there is a nationwide exercise going on to update all smart meters to half hour readings, resulting in a more intelligent tariff. British Gas plan to roll this out in August, which may explain the problems that MPC are experiencing.

British Gas do offer a higher rate than their competitors and it was therefore agreed to give them until September's meeting to resolve their problems, following which consideration may be given to the East Green service.

6 Finance

The following payments were approved.

Details	Payee	Amount	Power
Advertising in July's Tide Magazine *	Leiston Press	£37.80	LGA 1972 s.137
P30 Q1 Income Tax – Pavilion Manager	HMRC	£135.00	LGA 1972 s.112
Oven – Currys	Parish Clerk (ratify)	£314.00	LGA 1972 s.137

*It was agreed at this meeting to pay for advertising in the August publication also.

7 Correspondence. None.

8 Matters for discussion. The clerk advised the meeting that British Gas are now asking for pavilion meter readings to be provided. It was agreed that the clerk will forward meter reading requests to the pavilion manager for action.

9 Consider Items for the next Agenda. None.

10 Next Meeting

Agreed for Wednesday 9 September 2026 to follow on after the Parish Council Meeting.

Meeting closed at 9pm.