MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AS SOLE TRUSTEE OF THE MIDDLETON RECREATION GROUND TRUST
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 8.45pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL

1 Attendance and Apologies

Attendees:
Cllr Charles Macdowell (acting Chair)
Cllr Kathryn Rowe
Cllr Julian Cusack
Cllr Giles Piercy
Cllr Michele Kendall
Cllr Ian Widgington
Cllr Chris Reynolds

Apologies accepted for absence:
Cllr Steve Thorpe

In attendance:
Parish Clerk
Member of the public x 2

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

3 Minutes

Minutes approved of Trustee Meeting held on 9 July 2026.
Matters arising.

* It has been suggested to Middleton Community Council that a steel boules surround would be the better option in terms of longevity. Although health and safety have been questioned, steel surrounds are used next to gravel paths and grass on National Trust properties. It was agreed that it is MCC's responsibility and decision.
* Heat alarms have been ordered. Payment of £182.52 (inc VAT) was agreed.

4 To review Safety Inspection Reports. Reports received. It was noted that the train will be flagged up as a problem area before too long; it is old, well used and wooden, with parts breaking off.

5 Pavilion

a) Pavilion cupboard. The cupboard has been built, and the clerk was furnished with an invoice for payment.
b) Solar Panels/British Gas. The clerk reported that Imserv (acting on behalf of British Gas) have made contact with a view to arranging a date to install a new meter. Unfortunately, they have since advised that there are no engineers available in our region and that the Exceptions Team will be in contact to confirm that an engineer has been located. To date, nothing more has been received. Action: Clerk to chase.
c) Defibrillator. A request has been made for a defibrillator to be bought for the recreation ground. This item will be added to the list of items to be purchased using the SZC grant.

6 Finance

The following payments were approved.

Details	Payee	Amount	Power
Ant Powder, Westleton Village Stores	Pavilion Manager (ratify)	£2.99	LGA 1972 s.137
Dog Bags, Westleton Village Stores	Pavilion Manager (ratify)	£2.29	LGA 1972 s.137
Basketball Backing Board	EPS Transfers (ratify)	£72.00	LGA 1972 s.137
Annual Insurance Renewal	CAS Ltd (ratify)	£489.05	LGA 1972 s.111

7 Readopt Recreation Ground Working Group Policy. Policy readopted. Action: Clerk to upload to village website.

8 **Steel Boules Surround.** See Matters Arising above.

9 **Dogs on Recreation Ground.** The meeting was advised that contact had been made by a holidaymaker in the village, who had a negative experience with a dog walker on the recreation ground, angrily asking when he would be finished running, so that they could walk their dog. The Pavilion Manager made contact with the holidaymaker to apologise for the unpleasant experience.

10 **Correspondence.** None.

11 **Matters for discussion**. None.

12 **Consider Items for the next Agenda.** Trust 25/26 accounts.

13 **Next Meeting**
Agreed for Wednesday 14 October 2026 to follow on after the Parish Council Meeting.

Meeting closed at 9pm.