

**MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AS SOLE TRUSTEE OF
THE MIDDLETON RECREATION GROUND TRUST
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2026
AT 8.40pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

1 Attendance and Apologies

Attendees:

Cllr Steve Thorpe (Chair)
Cllr Charles Macdowell
Cllr Chris Reynolds
Cllr Kathryn Rowe
Cllr Michele Kendall
Cllr Ian Widginton

Apologies accepted for absence:

Cllr Julian Cusack
Cllr Giles Piercy

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 14 January 2026.
Matters arising. None.

4 To review Safety Inspection Report

The latest report has been received and noted. (21//1/26, Visual Report.)

5 SZC Community Fund

Monies have been received in two lump sums; £90,000.00 and £20,680.11. Payment has been made for the solar panels and container. It was agreed to transfer the funds from the MPC current account to the MPC savings account. **Action: Clerk to make transfer of SZC grant monies to savings account.**

6 Fire Safety Certificate. MPC are in receipt of communication from Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service advising of our fire safety related responsibilities for the pavilion; we must ensure that we meet the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 20025. Following discussions, Cllr Lewis offered to carry out a fire assessment of the pavilion and will report back at March's meeting. **Action: Cllr Lewis to carry out a fire assessment of the pavilion.**

7 Correspondence. None.

8 Matters for discussion.

9 Consider Items for the next Agenda.

10 Next Meeting

Agreed for Wednesday 11 March 2026 to follow on after the Parish Council Meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.