

MIDDLETON-CUM-FORDLEY



August 2024

Editorial

I have had several interesting comments from residents who remember the inception of the newsletter - thank you folks. One suggested using the original front cover as the cover picture this month – duly obliged. Another was surprised to read a letter her son had written all those years ago and another was amazed it was 40 years. Where have those years gone? The march of time often catches us out. And talking of time passing swiftly – where has over half of 2024 gone? The annual village fete is fast approaching (sadly this also means only another month of summer left! Let's hope we get an Indian summer) and MCC are, as always, grateful for any offers of help of any description. See the advert later on for details.

Any residents wishing to opt for a digital version of this newsletter can contact me on the email below. It is entirely possible that by the end of 2024 I will need to consider making the paper copies black and white again to save on printing costs, but we will cross that bridge when we get to it.

Contributions for the next edition by email preferably as a WORD doc please, as usual to: barbara.barker.t21@btinternet.com or dropped in to

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'EACH' Piglet Run.

As a family plus Archie's friend Lucas, we successfully completed the challenge despite the mud in this years' **EACH Piglet Run..**

So far we have raised £160. Thank you to our sponsors.

<https://eastangliaschildrenshospices.enthuse.com/pf/muddyprem-secondgen>



Summer Boules

The annual MCC Summer Boules tournament was held recently – on a not very summery day – but fun was had by all 26 participants (except perhaps for the intense rivalry in the Cooke Family!) There were new winners this year, Bev and Richard, duly presented with the Middleton Cock Trophy and medals. The runners up Lynda and Colin, (as it's a French game) were presented with bulbs of garlic!





MIDDLETON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The annual village fete is fast approaching and as always we would be grateful for any assistance with setting up and taking down on the day, or helping on a stall, or making a cake for the refreshments. Also donations of raffle prizes are always appreciated. Please contact Trish in the first instance: tricia.cooke1@btopenworld.com Thank you.

TO ALL BACK ROAD RESIDENTS : please accept our apologies for the increase in traffic during fete day, we endeavour to operate a one-way system as far as is practically possible.

MIDDLETON BELL CRIB DRIVE

On Tuesday 16th July a total of 16 pairs arrived at The Bell for our now annual charity crib drive. This year the winners were John and Janet from Saxmundham ESMC. All raffle proceeds - £151 - were donated to St Elizabeth Hospice in memory of Jill - who loved her games of crib and she played in this tournament last year.

Thank you all Middleton players who were able to take part alongside pairs from Sax, Theberton, Eastbridge and Bruisyard. Feedback suggests everyone had a good time – despite the jingling of Morris Dance bells passing through!!

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Date 18/7/24 Title

First name MIDDLETON Last name Crib

Last name

Address The Bell Inn, Middleton, Saxmundham Postcode IP173NN

Telephone Number

Mobile Number

Email

Reason for donation crib

In memory of First name Jill Last name NEAR

Amount of donation £151.00 cash

How to thank Letter ☒ Email ☐ Certificate ☐ None ☐

Signature (on behalf of St Elizabeth Hospice)

giftaid it Gift Aid ☐ Keeping in touch We would like to stay in touch with you to let you know how your support makes a difference, and other



Thanks to everyone for the amazing amount that was raised. I handed the donation over to the Hospice a couple of days later, when I went down to see Jill's engraved leaf dedication on the Memory Tree for the very first time, so quite an emotional moment.

Brian Near

CARPET BOWLS

Another sign that Autumn isn't that far off – **Middleton Carpet Bowls** – in the Village Hall – will resume on Thursday 22nd August from 6.30pm to approx. 8.30pm.

Anyone is welcome to come along and have a go, previous experience is not a prerequisite.

If Thursdays are no good to you then maybe Wednesday suits you better. Some of our bowlers do both.



Bramfield Carpet Bowls Club meet every Wednesday evening at 7 pm in the village hall at Bramfield.

Come along for a trial first visit, free of charge. (Usually £4 per session including refreshments . All abilities welcome.

Contact Colin for further details ~ 07805 140367



Last month we had the "Saw lady" (whose name I now believe is Kate) at Squit Night – this time Richard brought along a tea chest to play, kindly donated by Peter. What will the next Squit evening bring we wonder?

Rebecca Reynolds MAR, BA(Ed), MSc

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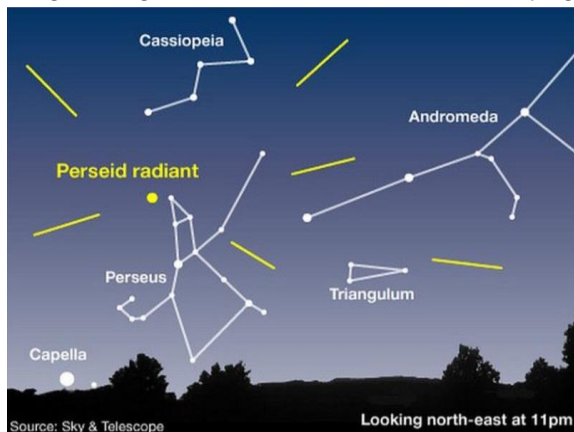
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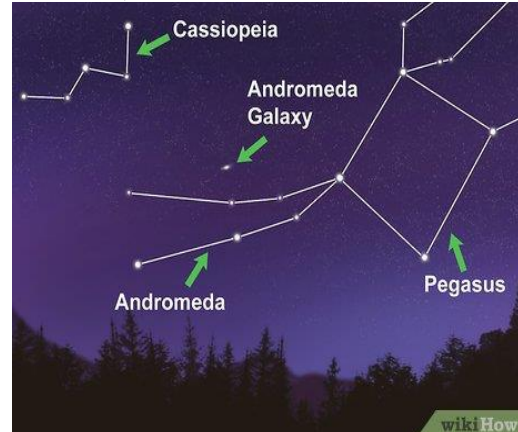
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August Highlights

Perseid Meteor Shower If there is one spectacle worth sitting out for, then the Perseids are it. Dark skies and 'warm' evenings, is not a bad combination for observing. The peak of the shower is on the night of the 12th/13th August and once the moon has set at around 11 pm there will be dark and, hopefully, clear skies. The sun will have set around 8.30, so even from 10 pm, it will be worth looking out for the meteors. The Perseids are visible from July 17th through to 24th August, but in lesser numbers the further away from the peak. The radiant of the shower, which is the point in the sky that the meteors appear to originate from, is located out to the NE just below the constellation of Cassiopeia, which is easily recognisable, as it resembles a big, if slightly wonky, W. The peak rate should be in the order of 100 per hour, but this would be much later in the night as the radiant rises higher in the sky. At between 11pm and midnight, the rate is more likely to be in the region of 50 per hour as you are only seeing meteors that are above the radiant, the other 50 are heading back down towards the horizon. Realistically you will probably see 15-20 an hour, annoyingly most of these will no doubt be out of the corner of your eye. They are fast and tend to leave a long trail that will last long enough to be seen to fade. Basically, grab a chair, lean back, and look towards the NE.



Perseids Radiant
Galaxy



Pegasus, Andromeda and Andromeda

The Milky Way. If you are looking out for the Perseids, you will not fail to see the Milky Way arching overhead from the NE to the SW horizons and passing through the length of Cassiopeia. If you look again towards the end of the month, any time after 10pm, it will be quite a spectacle, as the moon will be rising during the early hours, so not interfering with the view. If you look at it through binoculars it is just an incredible sight.

Planets on View. **Venus** makes its appearance in the evening sky, albeit low down towards the western horizon. It sets at around 9 pm so will still be in the twilight glow, and therefore quite tricky to spot. **Saturn** rises in the east at around 9 pm, so once dark look out for it fairly low out towards the SE. Saturn's rings are edge on at present, so are not at their best for viewing. **Jupiter** and **Mars** are rising about 20 mins apart, from around 12.30 am, but will both begin to appear in the evening sky over the next couple of months. (rising with the winter constellations!!)

The Moon This month the full moon is on the 19th and is given the name of Grain Moon or Red Moon, as it takes on a slightly red colour due to the summer haze filtering out the bluer wavelengths of the moonlight. This month's moon is also a supermoon. This occurs when the moon's closest approach to the Earth during its orbit, coincides with a full moon. In theory, it's brighter and bigger, but very difficult to judge and compare with the naked eye.

Constellations. One to look out for high out towards the SE is Pegasus, (the winged horse from Greek myth) although it is the square of Pegasus that will be easier to find. Actually, the constellation is made up of two figures from myth, the other being Andromeda which can be found arching away from the northern most star of the square, in a rather bent V formation of six stars. Keep a good lookout for The Andromeda Galaxy, its visible to the naked eye, albeit as a slight smudge. If you do see it, you will have seen the furthest object that can be seen with the naked eye. Tip- Once you have found the galaxy, look off to one side very slightly as this will make it stand out better. Strange, but it works for any faint night sky object. (By the way, the Galaxy is headed this way, but will take 5 billion years to get here!).

Brian Near

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August Nature Notes

If you find that the leaves of your gooseberries, roses and particularly Solomon's seal become skeletonised or transparent with just their veins remaining then this is the work of sawfly larvae, which eat through the tissue of the leaf until it has almost completely disappeared. However, few sawflies are major pests.

Sawflies have nothing to do with the 'true' two-winged flies but are part of the insect order, Hymenoptera, together with bees, wasps and ants. They are considered to be the most primitive group and are all harmless and cannot sting. Adult sawflies lack the narrow waist of other four-winged Hymenoptera and grow up as caterpillar-like larvae, generally feeding on, or inside, the leaves, stems or fruit of plants. A few groups cause galls, which larvae feed inside, to grow on willow leaves or twigs. Unlike similar moth and butterfly caterpillars, sawfly larvae have more than five pairs of fleshy legs behind the three pairs of segmented legs at the front. Most have quite smooth skins - rarely with long bristles, spines, or a waxy covering, but never 'woolly'. The larvae can often be seen around the edges of the leaves and most curl up into an S-shape when disturbed.

Sawflies are found all over the world but have a very different distribution to most insect groups - few occur in tropical places and diversity increases away from the equator, especially in the north. . In Britain there are around 107 different genera and about 550 species. They are found in all sorts of habitats, from high mountains to woodlands, they are particularly abundant in grasslands - especially where plants are diverse and conditions not too dry.

Most species are specific to a few related plants, a smaller number use only a single species and some others are generalists. Their common name doesn't quite do justice to the amazingly adapted saw-like egg-laying equipment of the females - used in various ways to insert eggs entirely or partially inside their host plants.

At 40mm in length, the Horntail (or Giant Wood Wasp) is Britain's largest sawfly and is quite a scary looking beast, although is entirely harmless. Its natural habitat is pine forests where its larvae feed on the living wood of the pine trees, however, it is obviously attracted to cut softwoods as it often occurs when building work is undertaken . The Horntail's long ovipositor lacks the "saw" that is characteristic of most female sawflies and is instead shaped like a smooth needle so that it can more easily penetrate the wood of pine trees.



Peter Vincent



HOLY TRINITY – MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY

Church Services during August

Sunday 18 August

11am Morning Prayer

Sunday 25 August

11am Holy Communion

*The Benefice service this month will be held at St James, Dunwich on Sunday 4 August at 10am. This coincides with their Flower Festival.
Please come along*

Open Gardens

A Thank You from Project40Seven

Our sincerest thanks to all those who put so much work into their gardens and those who supported the event. Your donation to us will make a big difference to a great many people.

Kindest regards

Toby Lindsay-White
Project Lead
Project40Seven

THE AUTUMN CONCERT

Reiko Fujisawa: Piano Trio Concert at Holy Trinity Church, Middleton 3pm Sunday 20th October

A quick reminder to contact Paul Taylor ASAP if you would like tickets for this event (for details see last month's newsletter). We are now opening this up to non-Middleton residents and they are likely to go quite quickly if last year was anything to go by.



Ticket prices are set simply to cover costs (not least hiring and moving a Steinway piano – and once again we are hugely grateful to our own Graham Cooke for him offering his considerable expertise in tuning it for Reiko!) and are available for just £17.50. These can be reserved by emailing Paul on taylspaul@gmail.com. Paul will then contact you with payment details. Tickets will be allocated on a strictly first-come-first-served basis.



Holy Dusters 🧹

New dusters always welcome, of all faiths and none

14 August: Mark and Liz
11 September: Val and Camilla
16 October: Trish and Graham

28 August: Amanda
25 September Nicola and Margaret

Thought for the Month

‘Like the joy of the sea coming home to the shore,
may the relief of laughter rinse through your soul.’ John O’Donohue

Middleton-cum-Fordley WI

Good news, our Garden Party, unlike the past 2 years, took place in a garden!. The weather was perfect, warm and sunny(no wind), for our get together in President Lynda's lovely garden at "Suncot" on the Moor. On arrival members and guests enjoyed a glass(or two) of Pimm's as we relaxed in the sunshine. This was followed by a buffet of savoury dishes to suit all tastes and then, of course, after that we helped ourselves to a great selection of desserts and sweets. Our members love to cook and bake! After we ate, our brains were tested by a 20 question quiz set by one of our guests, John. There were many giggles and laughs as we tried to come up with some answers.



On a serious note, Lynda transferred the role of President to Irene who had volunteered to take over with Rita as Vice President. Lynda remains as Secretary. We presented Lynda with a gift in appreciation of her service as President for the last 3 years. Lynda then thanked everyone who had helped in making our party a success from setting up to preparing food. There was a special thank you to Lynda's husband Colin who ran a taxi service for members from the village green up to the Moor. Irene, having been President before and knowing that her husband had been called on to do many things when she had the role, gave Colin a "WI Husband" coffee mug. A raffle was held and then Lynda thanked us all for coming. We had a great afternoon!



There is no WI meeting in August but we will have our stall at the Middleton Fete on the Bank Holiday Saturday. See you then. Our meeting in September will be on the 18th at 7:15pm. Our speaker will be Mary Newton, a pathologist. "Blood, Sweat, and Fears" All welcome.

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The Big MacMillan Coffee Morning Friday 27th September 10am-12pm

Over the years we have had a great turn out and fantastic fundraising for this great cause. This year it is held on Friday the 27th September between 10am and 12pm again at the Bell, Middleton.

This is an opportunity to meet with neighbours and friends, enjoy a coffee or tea with cake while raising money for a very worthwhile cause. There will be a raffle, cake sale and auction as well as games. If you are new to the village this is a great chance to make new friends.

Last year we raised over £600 let us try to beat that this year. Please do come along and support us make this the best year yet.

Any questions ring Fiona Cusack on 01728 649060



MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 9 JULY 2024 AT 7pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL

"Please note that the Parish Council will be pleased to consider adding additional items suggested by residents to future agendas. If you would like to make such a request or contact the Parish Council on any other matter, please do so via the Parish Clerk on parishclerkmiddleton@gmail.com".

1 Attendance and Apologies

Attendees:

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

Apologies:

Cllr Chris Reynolds

In attendance:

Rachael Salcombe – Parish Clerk
Members of the public x 16

Note Minute 6d)i) was addressed first at this meeting.

2 Councillors' Declarations of Interest. None.

3 Public Forum

A member of the public advised the PC that the entrance to the playing field, through the gate, near the pavilion, has become hazardous due to exposed matting and needs immediate attention.

It was confirmed, upon enquiry, that the Declaration of Trust 1986 relating to the village hall is still current and legally binding (the document includes that three MPC representatives should attend village hall meetings). It was reported that the village hall committee is dwindling and in need of assistance. Cllrs Thorpe, Rowe and Kendall offered to attend the village hall meetings, held four times a year. The next meeting is in September.

4 Minutes

a) The Council approved the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 June 2024.

b) Matters arising and Action Points

- * Removal of Stop Sizewell C signs. Middleton Moor Group advised that these have been removed because they had become unsightly.
- * Flowerpots behind water pump. Ongoing.
- * Information regarding the Well Minds East Suffolk publication have been put on the village website.
- * SZC wide load communications are now accessible on the village website.
- * Nonsuch Farm provided a quote for a 5-year fixed contract (retracted at this meeting).
- * Advertisement placed in village newsletter for volunteers to cut the village green.
- * Internal Audit Report, AGAR and Exercise of public rights dates put on village website
- * Certificate of Exemption sent to the External Auditor.
- * Information Protection Policy updated.
- * Clerk has been provided with an image showing The Bell Inn boundaries and this has been forwarded to ESC.
- * Clerk has been supplied with possible contractors to carry out works to village path approach to church.
- * Clerk has written to SCC Highways, following a request from a village resident, regarding poor/ambiguous/out of date and obscured road signs.
- * Clerk has written to SCC Highways, requesting that warning be given for road closures in the village.
- * c/f Cllr Cusack to make enquiries with the Summer Winers regarding annual donation and possible volunteer(s) for village green grass cutting.

5 Sizewell C

Cllr Macdowell reminded the meeting of the upcoming Main Site Forum (16/7/24) and the Northern Transport Forum (7/8/24). Each Parish is entitled to ask two questions at the Main Site Forum, and these were agreed, as follows: 1) What enforcement measures, in detail, are currently being undertaken to enforce the 30-mph speed limit on the B1122, and with what results? 2) How can the promised average speed camera system for the B1122 be accelerated so that it is in force significantly earlier than a full year after the start of the 'Early Years' phase?

The issue of wide load notifications was raised again; are these helpful, given that they are supplied with such short notice and often not necessarily a wide load? A member of the public advised the PC that notifications are provided on the SCC Highways Facebook page a week in advance and that this link is a better option than the SZC website.

The average speed cameras will not be in until the end of the year. It was agreed that driving along the B1122 can be intimidating for drivers, especially those with small vehicles because of tailgating by HGVs. Impatient drivers are overtaking vehicles travelling at 30mph (mostly in areas of the B1122 that have always been 30mph). Blue SZC badges on vehicles are slow to appear and it was agreed that, ideally, they are placed on the front and back of vehicles.

A double white line was suggested, to make overtaking a legal offence. A member of the public advised that unmarked police vehicles have been patrolling and booking offenders. Cllr Macdowell confirmed that drivers found to be driving badly are dealt with appropriately, highlighting an incident where a driver was asked to be removed, by SZC.

Construction of the link road starts this summer, commencing with archaeological works. The road is scheduled for completion January 2027 and the Yoxford roundabout is scheduled for completion six months prior to this date. The official start date for SZC was January 2024 (the early years).

Sealink. Cllrs Cusack and Macdowell will be attending virtual PC briefings. Other Councillors are welcome to attend. Sealink is not planned to come through Middleton village, however, Lionlink is.

It was agreed that a member of the PC attend the SZC Community Fund Meet the Funder Event.

6 Councillors Reports

- a) Village Hall. Cllr Lacey apologised for sparse attendance at the village hall meetings (and advised that he has been the representative for one year only).
- b) Middleton Primary School. No report.
- c) Highways, footpaths and trees. No report.
- d) Middleton Moor.

Substation. UK Power Networks have rejected the location of the substation proposed by the PC, advising that unless they are able to place it on the Moor in line with their original request, they will not place it at all.

Pond and Moor Maintenance. Cllr Cusack advised the meeting that Nonsuch Farm have withdrawn their expression of interest in the Moor, consequently allowing him to take the matter 'back' as Chair of the PC. Cllr Taylor was thanked for the work she had done, to date, as Vice-Chair.

A brief back story was provided detailing PC efforts (see previous minutes) to ensure that the pond is returned to its original condition and that the Moor is managed in a sympathetic and appropriate manner, following the end of Causeway Farm's involvement. An opportunity was then given to the public to voice their thoughts and concerns regarding the moor and pond, following which it was agreed that the Moor Management Group will continue to manage the Moor.

Pond work will be carried out, as scheduled, by Peter Frizzle, an experienced conservation contractor. The work will fit in with the GCN lifecycle. Notice will be given to Cllr Taylor when works commence. This will be the first of annual maintenance works.

The PC's bid for National Lottery Funds was unsuccessful.

Members of the Middleton Moor Group voiced their disappointment at the lack of representation of the MPC at their meetings. The same was said of the Middleton Moor Group attending MPC meetings.

Members of the public were reminded that the PC meetings are always open to the public, and that minutes of the meetings are available both online and in the parish newsletter, thus keeping residents informed and up to date.

- e) Causeway Farm. Our understanding (to be confirmed by Suffolk County Council) is that the farm is to be lotted up with the likely sale of farm buildings and different plots of land. The process will, we hope, involve Suffolk Wildlife Trust. Recommendations will soon be made by Suffolk County Council (SCC) officers to elected members. They will then update the PC with their proposed plans. The expectation is that this will happen within the next 2/3 weeks.

The PC would like to take ownership of Hastoe Field for rewilding and picnic spots, although there are no clear plans to date. Cllr Cusack advised that there is a possibility of the housing development on Hastoe Road being extended, acknowledging mixed feelings amongst village residents.

7 Finance

- a) The latest financial position was received and accepted by all.
- b) Cllr Taylor advised that the existing speed camera has been re-erected on the B1122. It still works, in that it indicates speed, however, it does not collect data. It was agreed that this is acceptable because of the average speed cameras scheduled to be erected along the B1122. The possibility of a speed camera along the B1125 was mentioned again, although questions were raised as to whether a location along this road would meet specification and if not, the purchase would be a waste of funds. It was agreed not to upgrade the existing speed camera or to purchase a new one. Cllr Taylor to provide Cllr Thorpe with the handheld speed gun with a view to collecting data along the B1125.
- c) The following payments were authorised.

Details	Payee	Amount	Power
Data Protection Registration Certificate	ICO	£35	LGA 1972 s. 142
Norton Virus Protection Subscription Renewal	Cllr Cusack (ratify)	£89.99	LGA 1972 s. 111
P30 Q1 Income Tax	HMRC	£99	LGA 1972 s. 112
Clerk OT – June 24	Rachael Salcombe	£136	LGA 1972 s. 112
Internal Audit Service 2024	SALC	£212.40	LGA 1972 s. 111

8 Village Path approach to Church

It was agreed to contact the companies supplied by Cllr Piercy to seek quotes. **Action: Cllr Lacey to provide Clerk with the specification. Action: Clerk to supply specification and request a quote from the contractors.**

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Review of Asset Register

All councillors were asked to consider the Asset Register and let the Clerk know of any changes/updates before September, when the insurance comes up for renewal. Upon request, Cllr Cusack confirmed that the PC does not pay for the village hall insurance. PC insurance covers fixtures and fittings, such as play equipment and bins. The pavilion is insured separately, under a different policy. **Action: All to review the Asset Register and contact Clerk with any amendments/updates.**
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Flooding/Maintenance/Emergency Plan

It was agreed that despite previous unsuccessful attempts to seek advice/assistance regarding flooding the PC need to consider an emergency strategy plan (a statutory duty of the PC). Efforts regarding this have been made in previous years but are yet to be completed. **Action: Cllr Cusack to locate existing paperwork, with a view to the PC reviving the work.**
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Correspondence

It was agreed to donate £500 to the Yoxmere Fisherman. **Action: Clerk to make donation.**

The PC were made aware of bin collection problems experienced by a village resident, this was noted, and it was agreed that Fletchers Lane vegetation needs to be kept clear.

Cllr Rowe advised the PC of correspondence received from the existing village green volunteers, stating that they are no longer able to undertake this work. There has been no response from the advertisement in the village newsletter for volunteers to cut the grass.

The no parking signs on the green are too numerous and some are broken. Cllr Thorpe agreed to investigate replacement or repair and consolidate as appropriate to the sympathetic layout of the green. **Action: Cllr Thorpe.**

A member of the public referred to the large plant pots on the Moor (see Matters Arising above), advising that unless growth is kept under control, they are not worth doing.
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Items for Next Agenda
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Next Meeting

The date and time of the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 10 September 2024, at 7pm, at the Village Hall. The meeting closed at 8:40pm.

MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AS SOLE TRUSTEE OF
THE MIDDLETON RECREATION GROUND TRUST
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9 JULY 2024
AT 8.30pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Attendance and Apologies

Attendees:

Cllr Julian Cusack
Cllr Lesley Taylor
Cllr Graham Lacey
Cllr Charles Macdowell
Cllr Giles Piercy
Cllr Katheryn Rowe
Cllr Steve Thorpe
Cllr Michele Kendall

Apologies:

Cllr Chris Reynolds

In attendance:

Rachael Salcombe - Clerk
Members of the public x 4

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

Minutes

- a) Minutes approved of Trustee Meeting held on 11 June 2024.
- b) Matters Arising. Clerk has spoken with and received approval from the village resident regarding the placing of dog fouling signs along Back Road.

To review Safety Inspection Report. June report approved. Mention of the two long screws sticking out of the train was noted and Cllr Kendall offered to ensure their removal. The problem of the exposed matting, raised at the PC meeting, is also mentioned in the report. **Action: Cllr Taylor to liaise with a contact to repair the exposed matting. Action: Cllr Kendall to remove protruding screws from the train.**

Correspondence. No correspondence.

Matters for discussion

Survey. The survey is now closed, and the information is being collated. Next steps include a thank you note in the newsletter to all those who responded and to identify options, including grant possibilities, contact with Minsmere RSPB for bird and bat boxes, additional bins and costs for adult equipment. **Action: Cllr Rowe to write a thank you for the newsletter.**

The broken zip wire was mentioned again, and it was agreed that this needs to be addressed regarding removal or replacement. A decision will be made once all survey responses have been collated. Cllr Rowe was thanked for her efforts regarding the survey.

A member of the public advised the PC that they have been cutting an area of grass on the recreation ground and sought permission to continue to do this. Permission was granted.

It was reported that the German Shepherd and owners (see April's minutes) have returned to the Recreation Ground. It is understood that the dog is being walked early in the morning, at the same time as the playground inspections. Following discussion, it was agreed to visit the owners again and remind them of the Dangerous Dogs Act 2021 and their obligation to act responsibly regarding their dog. **Action: Cllr Cusack to speak with the owners again.**

Finance

The following payment was approved.

Details	Payee	Amount	Power
Pavilion sundries (Mumfords Southwold Ltd)	Rebecca Reynolds	£24.60	1972 s.137

Items for the next Agenda. Survey results.

Next Meeting

Date of next meeting Tuesday 10 September 2024, to follow Parish Council meeting. Meeting closed at 9pm.

Addendum to Meeting Minutes. This Addendum is to provide acknowledgement of Middleton Community Council's correspondence to the Parish Council, dated 29 June 2024, confirming that MCC will pay the Pavilion charges for their bookings for 2024. This correspondence was shared with the Parish Councillors on 1 July 2024.

Survey

We wish to say a huge Thankyou to those who took the time to complete the Survey of the Middleton Playing field.

We received a response rate of 43%. Your feedback is extremely valuable to us and we appreciate your honest responses and insights.

You may notice that some 'quick win' changes are already being implemented - the train is being refreshed and the perimeter fencing is now secure.

Moving forward we will consider how best to manage and improve this highly valued community space and will keep you all informed.

Once again, thank you for your participation.

Kathryn Rowe

(on behalf of Middleton Cum Fordley Parish Council)



DIARY DATES 2024

August

Thursday 1st "Squit Night" – live music at The Bell – from 8pm
Saturday 24th Annual Village Fete, Playing Field, 2pm

September

Thursday 5th "Squit Night" – live music at The Bell – from 8pm
Saturday 7th Vinyl night , The Bell
Tuesday 10th Parish Council Meeting , Village Hall, 7pm
Wednesday 18th WI – Village Hall - 'Blood, Sweat & Fears' Mary Newton Pathologist
Friday 27th The Big MacMillan Coffee Morning 10am-12pm The Bell

October

Thursday 3rd "Squit Night" – live music at The Bell – from 8pm
Tuesday 8th Parish Council Meeting , Village Hall, 7pm
Saturday 12th MCC Autumn Fair,
Wednesday 16th WI – Village Hall – 'The True Cost of Fish', Andy Malcolm ~The Fishermen's Mission
Sunday 20th Reiko Fujisawa: Piano Trio Concert at Holy Trinity Church, **3pm**

November

Thursday 7th "Squit Night" – live music at The Bell – from 8pm
Tuesday 12th Parish Council Meeting , Village Hall, 7pm
Wednesday 20th WI – Village Hall - Cheese and Wine evening + AGM

December

Thursday 5th "Squit Night" – live music at The Bell – from 8pm
Saturday 7th "Santa Boules" tournament – Playing Field, 10.am
Tuesday 10th Parish Council Meeting , Village Hall, 7pm
Saturday 14th MCC Christmas Party –Village Hall
Wednesday 18th WI–Village Hall - End Year Celebrations. Martin & Annie ~ Sizewell Gap musicians
Friday 20th Carol Service, Holy Trinity, 6pm
Tuesday 24th Midnight Mass, Holy Trinity, 11.15pm