

**MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AS SOLE TRUSTEE OF
THE MIDDLETON RECREATION GROUND TRUST
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE 2026
AT 8.15pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

1 Attendance and Apologies

Attendees:

Cllr Giles Piercy (acting Chair)
Cllr Charles Macdowell
Cllr Chris Reynolds
Cllr Kathryn Rowe
Cllr Michele Kendall
Cllr Giles Piercy
Cllr Julian Cusack
Cllr Steve Thorpe

Apologies accepted for absence:

Cllr Ian Widdington

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 13 May 2026.
Matters arising. See item 5 below.

4 To review Safety Inspection Report. Report received. It was noted that one of the new items of play equipment is loose. The supplier has been informed.

5 Pavilion

- a) Fire Safety Update. Fire regulations have now been met.
- b) Pavilion cupboard – ongoing.
- c) Solar Panels/British Gas. Connecting solar panels to the smart meter and query on invoice amounts both remain ongoing. (Octopus figures were sought but are higher than British Gas.)

6 Finance

The following payments were approved.

Details	Payee	Amount	Power
Recreation Ground Insurance Increase following grant purchases	Business Services at CAS Ltd (ratify)	£64.74	LGA 1972 s.111
Pavilion Sundries	Pavilion Manager	£8.47	LGA 1972 s.137

Action: Clerk to confirm insurance cover is under the correct policy.

7 Correspondence. None.

8 Matters for discussion. It was agreed to advertise the pavilion in Leiston's Tide Magazine for the months of July and August at a cost of £31.50 per month.

The meeting was advised that the wood surrounding the boules pitch is rotting and therefore needs replacement. It is understood that Middleton Community Council initially paid for this facility, and it was agreed that MCC replace old for new. Action: Cllr Piercy to liaise with MCC.

A MoP requested that more sockets are installed in the pavilion. At present conditions in the kitchen area are cramp, particularly during public events. It was also mentioned that the hot

water is not hot enough and kettles are boiled instead. **Action: Cllr Piercy to raise at the Open Gardens meeting.**

Concerns were also raised about the oven not reaching temperature/taking too long to get to temperature. **Action: Cllr Reynolds to discuss further with the Pavilion Manager.**

The Clerk advised the meeting that Non-Domestic Rate charges for 24/25, 25/26 and 26/27 have been granted 100% discretionary rate relief.

9 Consider Items for the next Agenda. None.

10 Next Meeting

Agreed for Wednesday 8 July 2026 to follow on after the Parish Council Meeting.

Meeting closed at 9pm.