

**MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AS SOLE TRUSTEE OF
THE MIDDLETON RECREATION GROUND TRUST
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL 2026
AT 8.45pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

1 Attendance and Apologies

Attendees:

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

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 11 March 2026.

Matters arising

- A baseline survey has been created and agreed. Next steps will be to make it available to pavilion users by way of a QR code advertised in the property.
- PAT testing and general electrical testing was carried out at the pavilion on 7 April 2026.
- The clerk has sourced a company (Fire Protection Online Ltd) to carry out an inspection of the pavilion and advise on fire extinguisher requirements.
- Payment has been made to Alde Electrical Services Ltd.
- Overtime hours have been paid to the Pavilion Manager.
- British Gas / solar panels - ongoing

4 To review Safety Inspection Report

The latest report has been received and noted. (12.03.26 Operational Inspection.) It was confirmed that the deteriorating timber on the basket swing is not an urgent matter and has plenty of life left in it.

5 SZC Community Fund. Middleton Community Council will be emptying the shed on 25 April, it will be moved, temporarily, to behind the pavilion, where the contents will be replaced. Once the container has arrived the shed contents will be transferred across and the shed disposed of. It is anticipated that the container will go on the existing concrete pad using plastic feet. A date will be agreed for delivery between Cllrs Reynolds and Piercy.

Wording on the boards providing instructions for the use of equipment will include 'Middleton Recreation Ground Trust', the pavilion manager email address and the clerk email address.

The meeting agreed that once all the new purchases for the recreation ground are in place, a grand opening will be organised by the parish council.

6 Pavilion

- a) Fire Safety Update. **Action: Clerk to organise pavilion inspection by Fire Protection Online Ltd**
- b) Marketing plan for Pavilion. The Pavilion Manager is working on a marketing plan. Our marketing budget from the SZC fund is £1,000 per year.

c) Pavilion cupboard. It was agreed to put an advert in the village newsletter requesting quotes for the building of a cupboard. **Action: Clerk to provide an advert for the newsletter, to include Cllr Reynolds contact details for further information.**

7 Finance

The following payment was approved.

Details	Payee	Amount	Power
First Aid Kit & Fire Exit Signs	Clerk, ratify (firstaid4less.co.uk)	£33.63	LGA 1972 s.137

8 Correspondence. No correspondence.

9 Matters for discussion. The solar panels are yet to be connected to the MPC British Gas account, despite numerous efforts on our part. It was agreed to seek an alternative option from Octopus. **Action: Clerk to make enquiries.**

10 Consider Items for the next Agenda.

11 Next Meeting

Agreed for Wednesday 13 May 2026 to follow on after the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.