# MIDDLETON-ON-THE-WOLDS PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes to the meeting of the above Council held Monday 5th June 2023 at 7.00pm, at Middleton on the Wolds Village Hall, Station Road, Middleton on the Wolds**

**Present: Cllr M Kelly (Chairman); Cllr L Jones (Vice Char); Cllr P Roe, J Fisher (arrived late); T Walker; V Windsor; K Bentley and Sandra Morrison (Parish Clerk)**

1. **members of the public**

**1759.Apologies were received from Cllr Fisher who joined the meeting at 7.15pm**

**1760.To receive Declarations of Interest (Code of Conduct 2012)**

1. Pecuniary – Cllr Kelly agenda item 9.b payment schedule 1
2. Non- Pecuniary Interests - none

(b) Dispensations issued - none

**1761.To confirm as a true record Minutes** of the Parish Council meetings held on the 15th May 2023 – Annual Meeting proposed Cllr Jones seconded Cllr Walker, resolved. Ordinary meeting proposed Cllr Walker and seconded Cllr Roe, resolved.

**1762.ERYC Matters – Ward Councillors Report**

ERYC traffic management plan update on outstanding issues, signs, lining, Station Rd footpath, loose manhole cover on Front Street

Although no ward councillors were present members discussed the recent complaintregarding the poor quality of work re the surface dressing of Front St. The clerk has already passed the complaint onto ERYC. Members noted that the surface dressing has been done over the zebra crossing and is causing a dangerous situation for pedestrians and especially school children crossing the busy road.

The clerk has been advised that the yellow and white lining on Station Rd and South St is scheduled to be progressed at the end of June.

Acklams school bus is not using the bus stop on Station Road, clerk to take up the matter with Acklams.

Grass cutting issues were reported – grass not cut either side of Orchard Drive Play Park, grass not cut at the top of Greenfield Road, and now obscuring visibility, square next to Orchard Drive Play area, cut but very long, and Play area at orchard Drive still too long. Clerk to follow up.

Cllr Bentley reported that Steel Walk – South St to the main road is overgrown and needs cutting back, also the footpath leading to Orchard Drive play area. Clerk to pursue.

Cllr Jones reported that the cobble outside the church needed treating for weeds.

**1763.Open Forum for residents who wish to address the Council – no participants**

**1764**.The Green Group advised that the raised bed has been weeded and that a notice had been posted that herbs were available for resident’s use.

**1765**.It was proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Walker that this council do co-opt new councillor Emily Rose. Passed. The Declaration of acceptance form was signed by Emily and she was welcomed to the Council.

**1766.Matters arising**

* 1. Update on planning application and village shield installation – ERYC have requested an extension of time until the 16.06.23 for comments, which has been agreed
  2. Update on installation public access gates in Beacon Park, after much discussion it was unanimously agreed not to proceed. Any gate would need to be wheelchair and push chair accessible, but also rabbit roof. It was proposed by Cllr Kelly and seconded by Cllr Roe that the existing stile be dismantled as now unstable. Cllr Kelly to organise.
  3. Update of fence repair at small play area, now done. Embankment steps Cllr Kelly to pursue.
  4. Update on rabbit issues at the recreation ground is on going. Neighbouring landowners are aware of the problems. A member of the public advised that the matting around the play equipment is being damaged.

**1767.Correspondence for consideration and response**

* + 1. Email from ERNLLCA re Playground Inspection Training It was proposed by Cllr Kelly and seconded by Cllr Roe, that subject to the overall cost being less than 3 yrs. inspection costs then both Cllr Windsor and Cllr Roe should do the training. Agreed
    2. Correspondence form local resident re establishing an Armed Forces and Veterans Breakfast Club was circulated
    3. ERNLLCA email re Conference and AGM 15.09.2023 was circulated the AGM is free to attend whilst the conference has a charge of £75 per delegate. Requests are being made for motions
    4. Email re Safeguarding Week and free online training webinars was circulated both Cllr Kelly and Cllr Rose have current DBS checks

**1777.Finance**

1. To approve accounts and bank reconciliations to date – proposed Cllr Jones and seconded Cllr Walker. Resolved
2. It was – proposed Cllr Jones and seconded Cllr Walker, that payment of accounts as per schedules 1 and 2 be approved. Resolved
3. The Internal Auditors Report was received.
4. The AGAR Annual Governance Statement was agreed, and signed
5. The AGAR Accounting Statement was approved and signed.
6. The variance report was approved

**1778.** The Emergency Plan questionnaire was reviewed and clerk to update and submit to ERYC

**1779.** Cllr Roe agreed to be the new co-ordinator for Speedwatch Group. Thank you

**1780**. Cllr Roe agreed to be the new guardian for the defibrillator. Thank you

**1781**. Reading Rooms

The repairs to the facia are now under way and to be fitted as soon as possible.

The electrical work has been completed – ceiling fans to be procure and fitted

Clerk to make arrange for quotes for replacement windows.

**1782.** **Planning application 23/01307/PLF**

**Proposal:** Installation if fire escape door and external steel staircase, 2 new windows at first floor level, conversion of existing ground floor office space to create staff canteen and existing first floor storage area/roof void to create office space

**Location**: T Soanes and Son, Church Hill Farm, Church Hill Road, Middleton on the Wolds, YO25 9UG

**Applicant**: T Soanes Poultry

**Application Type:** Full Planning Permission

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr Jones that no objection shouldbe raised to this application. Resolved

Meeting closed 8.30 pm

Signed as a true record Date:

Chairman