



Middleton Parish Council



Minutes of meeting held Wednesday 23rd July 2025 Middleton Village Hall, 6.30pm

Present: Cllr J Beamish Ruth McFarland - MSC
 Cllr G Keegan Samantha Kirman – Middleton Hall
 Cllr P Rotherham
 Cllr F Smith Apologies: Cllr S Smith
 Cllr G Hawkins Cllr M Watson
 Clerk Michelle Skinner

Item 1 P&C matter	In view of the confidential nature of the agenda item, members of the public were excluded from this agenda discussion under para 1 and 11 of part 1 of schedule 2a of the Local Government act 1972.	
31/25	Public Questions: MPC were asked whether they had input into the planning applications for the parish. MPC confirmed that a mutual stance was maintained for all such applications unless were specifically asked to support application or rejections	
32/25 32/25.1	Community updates: Middleton Hall and Gardens Samantha Kirman attendance to discuss collaboration with MPC on future events. MSk to make introductions for MSC and MH to discuss. SK spoke at length about planned events at MH including Community and Children's days and cross promotion opportunities. It was mentioned the Armor gifted to and currently housed in the Church could be loaned to Middleton Hall, this to be confirmed by Cllr Beamish.	S Kirman Cllr Beamish
32/25.2	Middleton Social Committee Ruth McFarland updated meeting with future planned events for 2025 including Family Bonfire night, Christmas Family event to potentially include Santa Run. Halloween Disco may combine with Bonfire event. Potential collaboration with Middleton Hall for Summer Ball 2026. It was requested that MSC considered hosting/arranging an Easter Egg hunt for the village in 2026. MSC meeting to be scheduled prior to next MPC meeting scheduled for September	R McFarland
33/25	Apologies for absence Received from Cllr S Smith and Cllr M Watson	
34/25	Declarations of Interest	None
35/25	Minutes of previous meeting Wednesday 4 th June agreed and signed by Cllr Beamish as correct record of meeting	Cllr Beamish
36/25 36/25.1 36/25.2 36/25.3 36/25.4	Matters arising: 27/25.1 Reroute of T9 remains unresolved, MPC will request update for next meeting 06/25.2 Access to VH carpark discussions outstanding Parkgate Farm Concerns raised over the palisade fencing on the site which is fronting the public highway on Church Lane landscape of Middleton Village. MSk to contact planning enforcement regarding this matter and report back Clarity to be sought regarding potential HS2 funding for contribution to roadworks and highways funding	Cllr S Green Cllr G Hawkins MSk Cllr Keegan

36/25.5	Community Payments, it was agreed that MPC could award discretionary community payments as per the current standing orders.	
37/25 37.25.1	Key Financial Projects Further clearances of ditches and drains to be scheduled and costs to be agreed , currently estimated at £700/£1000	Cllr F Smith
38/25	New Actions:	
38/25.1	It was noted the costs of the February gully clean to be claimed from NWBC, total £1800 MPC to speak with Cllr Green at next meeting - ONGOING	Cllr S Green
38/25.2	Cllr Keegan to speak with Matt Price/BBV re over grown hedges on HS2 locations - ONGOING	Cllr Keegan
38/25.3	Cllr Beamish to arrange meeting with Mr S Maxey regarding parking, housing concerns and garage site, all of which remain outstanding from previous correspondence – ONGOING	Cllr Beamish
38/25.4	Bandstand Refurb Discussion regarding options for refurb current bandstand that has weathered. MSk to locate original costs and installation company . Cllr F Smith to contact R Wilkes to discuss costs and options for possible refurb on site.	Cllr F Smith MSk
38/25.5	Speed Camera MSk to follow up with PC P Beale and PCSO Demi PC Howells regarding attendance at next meeting to update.	MSk
38/25.6	Asset List MSk advised the current asset list requires updating as value is overstated due to clearance of storage unit	MSk
38/25.7	Garage Site MSk to contact A Coates regarding the garage site and ask for update for plans for the site.	MSk
39/25	Report from Councilors and Clerk:	
39/25.1	Cllr Keegan : To review Highways related project fund from Warwickshire County Council, to provide financial support for local highways-related projects , Met with Graham Stanley to review this speeding and road issues face within Middleton, review the signage along the Coppice Lane Bend, review the chevron and various other signs to be replaced. Update has been requested	Cllr Keegan
39/25.2	Cllr Beamish – none	
39/25.3	Cllr Smith – none	
39/25.4	Cllr Hawkins – none	
39/25.5	Cllr Rotherham – none	
39/25.6	Cllr Watson: 20/25.6 <i>Garage Sites, advised a review across the Borough of all owned garage sites would be conducted by end of Jan and would update MPC accordingly, however this report would have to be presented to the Resources Board who would then accept or request further recommendations</i>	Cllr Watson please update
39/25.7	Clerk: Speed signs have been received, MSk to arrange installation Finance – see below Audit – internal audit completed and sent to external audit for review. Notes from audit: Expenditure not authorised on minutes in some cases Minutes to have copy of financial analysis. Expenditure to be budgeted during Jan budget meeting. Budget to be published once agreed. Asset list to be updated to reflect value as currently overstated. Middleton Matters advertisers to be invoiced VAT to be claimed circa £5k	MSk

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