



MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL, LOW ROAD, MIDDLETON, LA3 3LG

Date of Meeting: Monday 12th January, 2026 at 6.30pm.

Venue: Middleton Parish Hall, Low Road, Middleton.

Minutes

Present, **Chair T Porter (TP); Vice-Chair D Hoyle (DH); N Shacklady (NS); P Shacklady (PS); L Salem (LS)**

Apologies, **W Doyle (WD); D Bogucki (DB); T Smith (TS)**

Declarations of interest and Dispensations, **None**

Matters arising and confirmation of minutes from last meetings on **8th Dec, 2025**. None, minutes signed by the Chair and Clerk.

Any items from member of the public.

Car Park, Members of the Council wish to meet with residents to discuss and agree a solution. Clerk to write and ask any residents to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council.

1, ref 01/26/01, Parish Hall, Snooker Room, Community Hub. (All)

David Brent advised the costs for modifying the doors at the bottom of the stairs will cost approx £850, to allow for the new Platform lift to be installed. All agreed David can go ahead as soon as possible.

Repairs to the drains will start next week.

LS agreed she will mop the main hall floor every week.

TP will contact WD to get an update on the repairs to the boiler.

NS/PS will arrange for quotes to have the snooker table repaired.

LS advised that she has dance class exams taking place on Sunday 8th February, so the hall and traffic through the village will be rather busy, between 8am and 6pm. She will advise residents in advance.

DH to check when the Hub broadband contract expires. The renewal costs will be split between the Hub, Parish Council and Dance School.

2, ref 01/26/02, Sports Field, Tennis Courts and Grounds Maintenance (TS/WD)

No update available.

3, ref 01/26/03, Playground (DH) New Lease agreement.

Members confirmed the new proposed lease from the City Council was not acceptable. The Council only want an updated copy of the current lease. Clerk to contact the City Council.

4, ref 01/26/04, Planning (All)

No response to any planning applications by the Parish Council.

5, ref 01/26/05, Traffic Calming/Controls and Parking (All)

The mirrors both require adjustment and realignment. David, Max and TP to make the adjustments.

6, ref 01/26/06, Grant Funding Updates (All) Rural England Prosperity Fund £25,000

Deposit paid, £9,324, 50% of the total cost. The lift will be installed by the end of March 2026 at the latest and all costs covered by the UK Prosperity Fund.

No other grant applications are pending, but everyone to look out for any grant funding opportunities.

7, ref 01/26/07, Website, Training and NALC/LALC (TP)

Latest LALC and CVS training opportunities have been circulated to all members.

8, ref 01/26/08, Precept 2026/2027. (All)

The Chair and Clerk updated and shared with members the current precept. All agreed to go ahead with the proposed claim for 2026/2027

Any items of urgent business.

PRS/PPL Renewal, this is ongoing and the Clerk continues to liaise with the Music licence regarding the amount due which currently stands at £1,752.

Insurance Renewal, Clerk advised the new quote from the insurance company is £1,873, subject to any updates or amendments. Clerk to update further at next meeting.

Exempt Items

Dates of note for 2026. Precept 31st Jan 2026

Date and time of next meeting: **9th Feb, 2026.**

Accounts and Invoices to be paid in January 2026

1, Clerk January 2026, £329.64p, BACS, 31/01/2026

2, HMRC PAYE December 2025, £82.40p, BACS 18/01/2026

Other expenditure

- 1 Octopus Energy, DD, Parish Hall £ Sports Pavilion £
- 2 Water-plus, DD, Parish Hall £47.45p, Sports Pavilion £.
- 3 Elevate Lifts, 50% Deposit £9,324 (Grant funded)

Lloyds Balance 2025 £20,916.25

Income, Bowling Club £168.00, Dance School £682.50
Expenditure, JB Plastic £4,800, David Brent £875.30p

NatWest Balance £3,945.39


Income £0


Expenditure £ 203.87 (LCC NNDR £105.00 and Refuse Services £98.87p)

Breakdown of Bank Balance

Middleton Parish Council £15,071.45
Playground Fund £9,994.85

TOTAL £24,909.49p

Signed.....  Chair T Porter, 8th Feb 2026.

Signed.....  Clerk S Ward, 8th Feb 2026