

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

Date of Meeting: Wednesday 12th May 2025 at 6.30pm.

Venue: Middleton Parish Hall, Low Road, Middleton.

Minutes

Welcome from the Chair.

Present, **Chair** D Hoyle (DH); **Vice-Chair** W Doyle (WD); N Shacklady (NS); P Shacklady (PS); T Porter (TP); G McMurray (GM) T Smith (TS);

Apologies, N Thompson (NT)

Declarations of interest and Dispensations. None

Matters arising and confirmation of minutes from last meeting on **30th April 2025.**

Minutes signed and approved.

Any items from member of the public. None

1, ref 05/25/01, Parish Hall, Snooker Room, Community Hub. (All) Drains, Roof.

David has ordered materials to repair the stage barrier. We have 3 quotes for drain repairs ranging from £20K to £6K. David and WD to meet with contractors further to get more detail on each quote and ask if partial repairs at this time, would see some improvement.

Roof repairs above the main entrance have been completed, under warranty and free of charge.

Quotes received for repair to external rendering. One company has agreed to do this work free of charge, with MPC paying for all materials.

Trees have been planted around the hall

2, ref 05/25/02, Sports Field, Tennis Courts and Grounds Maintenance (TS/WD)

Tennis court repairs have been completed. Further works are required with costs being quoted at over £3K.

Football Pitch new sand to be placed on the pitch at a cost of £2.5K funded by the football club.

Pavilion, gutters have been replaced and internally the dressing rooms have been painted.

We have two quotes to remove and cutback trees around the sports field which are £1,500 and £900. The Council have agreed to pay 50% of the lowest quote, as a gesture of good will if the neighbouring livery agrees to pay the other 50%.

WD to confirm the works to be completed with Matt Appleby, prior to any works being undertaken.

3, ref 05/25/03, Playground (DH/GM)

Lottery grant has now been confirmed and works to improve the playground may commence. All agreed to go ahead as soon as possible. New benches are also being purchased to go outside the park.

4, ref 05/25/04, Planning (All)

Public consultation on the Imperial Road development is now available on the City Council website. Please can everyone add their comments as part of the public consultation. Cllr Graeme Austin is to be invited to the next council meeting.

5, ref 05/25/05, AGAR 2024/2025, Inventory, Asset Register and Internal Audit.

The Clerk confirmed that David Leatham is preparing the internal audit for 2024/2025

6, ref 05/25/06, Traffic Calming/Controls and Parking (All)

New mirrors have now been fitted.

7, ref 05/25/07, Grant Funding Updates (All)

Lottery grant has been confirmed for playground and further applications have been submitted for other grant funding.

8, ref 05/25/08, Website, Training and NALC/LALC (TP)

New booking system to be added to the website. Cost £10 per month. TP to set up and arrange training with other members.

9, ref 05/25/09, Energy renewal and Pavilion.

Awaiting confirmation from Octopus energy to take over electric supply at the sports pavilion. Clerk to chase this with Octopus. The security bond has been paid.

Any items of urgent business.

GM, to contact Jamie Smith at NPALS, as he has offered to provide some first aid equipment and some first aid training free of charge.

Exempt Items

Dates of note for 2025.

Car boot on the 26th May to take place on the sports field.

Date and time of next meeting: **9th June 2025.**

Accounts, Invoices and Payments, May 2025

- 1, Clerk May 2025, £329.64p, Chq No 2528
- 2, HMRC PAYE April 2025, £82.20p, Chq No 2529

Other expenditure

- 1, Octopus Energy, DD, April 2025, £301.34p
- 2, British Gas, DD, April 2025, £107.62
- 3, Water Plus, DD, April 2025, £43.85
- 4, A Barr Gardening Services, Inv ABI 2631, £100, Chq No 2535
- 5, Thomas Graham, MR625215, £171.07p, Chq No 2530
- 6, Peter Bates, Inv May 2025, £60, Chq No 2531

Expenditure April 2025, £2,716.73

Income April 2025, £18,439

Annual Precept £16,880, Dance School £1,332.50, Bowling Club £168, Hall Hire £58.50
Precept £16,681

Bank Balance as at 30th April 2025. £36,310.36

Breakdown of Bank Balance

Middleton Parish Council £24,546.9p

Playground Fund £10,800.00

Dong Fund £963.97

Signed..... D Hoyle, Chair, Date 9th June 2025

Signed..... S Ward, Clerk, Date 9th June 2025