



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

Date of Meeting: Monday 18th May 2026 at 6.30pm.

Venue: Middleton Parish Hall, Low Road, Middleton.

The AGM will immediately follow this meeting and start at approximately, 730pm.

Minutes

Welcome from the Chair. (TP)

Present, Chair T Porter (TP); Vice-Chair D Hoyle (DH); W Doyle (WD); N Shacklady (NS);
P Shacklady (PS); D Bogucki (DB); L Salem (LS)

Apologies, T Smith (TS);

Also present, Cllr G Austen, who advised he had approved a £300 grant for the Hub and he had reported the fly tipping on Carr Lane. DH advised The Hub will fund the shortfall of costs for the new planters total cost £375.

David Brent, also present advised he had been out litter picking around the village and removed several bags of rubbish. He also repaired the gate at the playing field, but a new fitting is also required.

Declarations of interest and Dispensations. **None**

Matters arising and confirmation of minutes from last meetings on **20th April, 2026. None**

Any items from member of the public. **None**

1, ref 05/26/01, Parish Hall, Snooker Room, Community Hub. (All)

DH advised to the rear of the Hall there appears to be someone living in a campervan. The stables to the rear of the hall have further works on going but no agreement has been reached with the PC, about access via the Parish Hall car park. WD will contact the operators of the stables to discuss further, before the PC decides what action is then required.

DH has replied to Walker Fire regarding a date for access to carry out fire extinguisher servicing.

NS also advised a postbox has been installed at the stables.

2, ref 05/26/02, Sports Field, Tennis Courts and Grounds Maintenance (TS/WD)

WD advised some weeks ago damage was caused to the tennis courts. Temporary repairs have been completed, but further works may be required.

3, ref 05/26/03, Playground (DH) New Lease agreement. (Clerk)

DB advised he had repaired and filled the potholes. Clerk advised the new agreement from the City Council will be available by the June meeting.

4, ref 05/26/04, Planning (All)

No new applications to consider. It had been noted works have started at Woodbarn Farm, as previously discussed.

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

DB has confirmed he will be remarking/painting the lines at the bus stop car park

6, ref 05/26/06, Website and Training (All)

TP has further updates to add to the website. LS will forward further updates for TP to add to the website. TP also asked for details from everyone so he can draft the first edition of the Parish Council newsletter. Can everyone please forward any useful information to be included.

7, ref 05/26/07, AGAR 2025/2026 and VAT reclaim. (Clerk)

Clerk updated on progress and is hopeful the first draft version of the return for 2025/2026 will be available by the June meeting and completed by the 30th June, for submission to the external auditor.

Any items of urgent business.

Exempt Items

Dates of note for 2026.

Halloween Event, 25th October, 2026

Date and time of next meeting: 15th June 2026

Accounts and Invoices to be paid in May 2026

1, Clerk May 2026, £329.64p, BACS, 18/05/2026

2, HMRC PAYE April 2026, £82.40p, BACS 18/05/2026

Standing Orders

1, NNDR, under review, current monthly charge is £186.40p

2, Music Licence, £512.95p/month for 6 months

3, Octopus Energy, (Jan to March 2026) £155.29p/month for 12 months

4, Gallagher Insurance Services, £160.52p/month for 11 months

5, LCC Trade refuse Services, £99.96/month

Other expenditure

- 1 Octopus Energy, DD, Parish Hall £185.52p, Sports Pavilion £
- 2 Water-plus, DD, Parish Hall £58.61p, Sports Pavilion £8.86p
- 3 Thomas Graham, Washroom services, £179.64p
- 4 Andy Barr gardening services, £180
- 5 PPL/PRS, £1,025.90p

Lloyds Balance as at 1st May, 2026, £42,067.08p

Income, Bowling Club £168.00, Dance School £682.50 and £60, Various Hall Hire £266.00, UK Grant Fund £7,770,
Expenditure, Bank Charge £8.50p

NatWest balance as at 1st May, 2026, £3,377.25p

TOTAL £45,444.33p

Breakdown of Bank Balance

Middleton Parish Council, £35,449.48p.

Playground Fund £9,994.85p

Signed..........Chair, Mr T Porter, 15th June 2026

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