



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

**Date of Meeting: Monday 8th December, 2025 at 6.30pm.**

**Venue: Middleton Parish Hall, Low Road, Middleton.**

**MINUTES**

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); Cllr G Austen**

Declarations of interest and Dispensations, None

Matters arising and confirmation of minutes from last meeting on **10th November, 2025.**

**Any items from member of the public.**

Complaints regarding Hall event on 7th Dec, 2025, police had to be called, damage to the village green, resident property and a general nuisance to nearby residents, excess parking on the village green.

No further bookings will be taken from this group all future bookings will pay a hall hire deposit prior to any booking being confirmed.

**1, ref 12/25/01, Parish Hall, Snooker Room, Community Hub. (All)**

Doors at the bottom of the stairwell will be moved to allow the new lift system to be installed.

The cost is £1,000, but will be covered as part of the grant fund. All agreed to go ahead.

Disabled toilet works will cost £6,850, again covered by the grant fund. LS to arrange a second quote for this work.

Christmas trees to be put up in the hall and by the car park, PS and DB to do this in the next few days.

WD has arranged to meet a plumber and electrician to repair the boiler, which continues to run all day. Needs a new thermostat to be fitted.

**2, ref 12/25/02, Sports Field, Tennis Courts and Grounds Maintenance (TS/WD)**

Waterplus have now fitted a water meter to the sports pavilion water supply.

**3, ref 12/25/03, Playground (DH) New Lease agreement.**

The Parish Council all agreed they do not want to go ahead with a new lease agreement, they just require a copy of the current lease. Clerk to contact City Council and advise accordingly.

**4, ref 12/25/04, Planning (All)**

Contact Cllr G Austen ref the ownership of land between the hall and footpath adjacent to the hall. For further discussion at next meeting in Jan 26.

**5, ref 12/25/05, Traffic Calming/Controls and Parking (All)**

No further update.

**6, ref 12/25/06, Grant Funding Updates (All) Rural England Prosperity Fund £25,000**

All works must be completed by the end of March 2026, to reclaim all the associated costs. TP proposed the cost for the new lift is £15,000. All agreed to go ahead. TP to place order and Clerk to pay the required deposit of 50% of these costs, upon receipt of the invoice.

**7, ref 12/25/07, Website, Training and NALC/LALC (TP)**

No update available.

**Any items of urgent business.**

**Precept 2026/2027,**

Clerk and Chair to prepare draft precept for 26/27 to present to next meeting of the Parish Council in Jan 2026. Timetable for submission to Lancaster City Council 31st Jan 2026.

**Exempt Items**

**Dates of note for 2025.** Christmas Party, 14th December.

Date and time of next meeting: **12th January 2026, 630pm.**

**Accounts and Invoices to be paid in December 2025**

1, Clerk December 2025, £329.44p, BACS, 31/12/2025

2, HMRC PAYE November 2025, £82.20p, BACS 18/12/2025

**Other expenditure**

1 Octopus Energy, DD, Parish Hall £112.30p Sports Pavilion £10.87

2 Water-plus, DD, Parish Hall £12.07p, Sports Pavilion £47.45p.

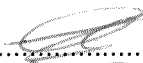
Walker Fire, £282.04p


**Lloyds Balance as at 30th November, 2025 £29,522.53**

**Income,** Bowling Club £168, Dance School £682.50,

**Expenditure,** £856.83p

**NatWest Balance as at 30th November, 2025 £4149.26p**

Signed.......... Chair, Tom Porter, Date...12/1/2026

Signed.......... Clerk, Shaun Ward, Date...12-1-26