

**MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AS SOLE TRUSTEE OF  
THE MIDDLETON RECREATION GROUND TRUST**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2023  
AT 8pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL

**1 Attendance and Apologies**

**Attendees:**

Cllr Julian Cusack – Chair  
Cllr Graham Lacey  
Cllr Lesley Taylor  
Cllr Charles Macdowell  
Cllr Chris Reynolds  
Cllr Michele Kendall

**Apologies:**

Cllr Giles Piercy  
Cllr Kathryn Rowe  
Cllr Steve Thorpe

**In attendance:**

Rachael Salcombe - Clerk

**2 To receive declarations of interest and to consider requests for dispensations.** None.

**3 Minutes**

- a) Minutes approved of Trustee Meeting held on 14 November 2023.
- b) Matters arising. None

**4 To review Safety Inspection Report**

Monthly play equipment inspection report noted along with the need to remove the rotting logs that are no longer fit for purpose and present a safety risk. It was agreed to ask the Summer Winers to dispose of the logs. **Action: Cllr Reynolds to contact the Summer Winers.** It was also noted that the zip wire needs removing (following completion of resident survey).

Cllr Reynolds furnished the PC with a quote of £4,316 for replacing remaining fence and posts. This was agreed by all. **Action: Cllr Reynolds to give go ahead for works.** (To be completed in January.)

It was questioned as to whether the PC need to involve the school regarding decisions made. Cllr Taylor advised that the school do not use the play equipment because of insurance/health and safety issues. Cllr Cusack further advised that the PC have a legal agreement with the school whereby they mow the recreation ground and in return have free use of the pavilion.

It was noted that Middleton Recreation Ground is the official name but that it is acceptable to use playing field for the purpose of the survey.

Cllr Kendall questioned the possible refurbishment of the wooden train. It was agreed to put a note in the village newsletter inviting residents to get involved with this project. **Action: Cllr Kendall to provide an article for the next newsletter.**

**5 Correspondence.** None.

**6 Matters for discussion**

- a) Picnic Benches. Cllr Kendall reported that delivery of a bench is as expensive as the bench itself and so it was agreed to source locally, if possible. There are currently 3 rectangular benches. It was agreed to replace with 1 round table (with disabled access) and 2 rectangular tables. **Action: Cllr Kendall will continue research.**
- b) Survey Update. Cllr Rowe absent.

**7 Items for the next Agenda.** None.

**8 Next Meeting**

Date of next meeting Tuesday 13 February 2024, to follow Parish Council meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.

