

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14 MAY 2024  
AT 8pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL

**1 Attendance and Apologies**

**Attendees:**

Cllr Lesley Taylor – Vice Chair  
Cllr Graham Lacey  
Cllr Charles Macdowell  
Cllr Steve Thorpe  
Cllr Michele Kendall  
Cllr Giles Piercy  
Cllr Katheryn Rowe  
Cllr Chris Reynolds

**Apologies:**

Cllr Julian Cusack

**In attendance:**

Rachael Salcombe - Clerk  
Two members of the public

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

**3 Minutes**

- a) Minutes approved of Trustee Meeting held on 9 April 2024.
- b) Matters arising.
  - The playground inspector has agreed to return.
  - It was decided not to pursue the purchase of a trade waste bin and collection for the pavilion, as cost outweighs requirement. Cllr Taylor will liaise with the Pavilion Manager to ensure removal of waste, if necessary.

**4 To review Safety Inspection Report**

- a) April report approved.
- b) Playground inspector – see above.

**5 Correspondence**

Cllr Taylor shared the contents of a report from the Pavilion Manager. There is now a new dedicated email address – [middletonpavilion@gmail.com](mailto:middletonpavilion@gmail.com). A Facebook page, which is updated weekly, has been created, including an online booking form. For those not on Facebook, it has been suggested that a facility for booking is made available through the village website. Rebecca to liaise with the Clerk directly. Bookings are shared with Cllr Taylor. An advert has gone in the village newsletter and on two local Facebook business pages. There are 5 confirmed bookings for June and July. The school have confirmed their needs, which have been added to the online calendar, including sports day. Internal painting of the pavilion has commenced. Guttering and downpipes not yet done but are scheduled. Windows will be cleaned upon completion of external painting/works.

The PC are in receipt of an email requesting that the primary school erect a bouncy slide on the recreation ground for their end of term picnic. It was agreed that a bouncy slide is not permitted on the recreation ground, although a slip and slide is acceptable. **Action: Clerk to advise.**

The PC are in receipt of an email from Middleton Community Council regarding Pavilion hire charges. It was agreed at the MCC meeting on 7 May this year that the use of the Pavilion and Recreation Ground should be free of charge for the MCC. The email enquired as to whether the decision for free usage, agreed by the PC at their meeting on 16 May 2023, still stands. A lengthy discussion followed, whereby it was agreed that a donation for use of the pavilion by MCC be considered. Clerk to await feedback.

**6 Matters for discussion**

Survey. Paper surveys (112 copies) were issued with the village newsletter. One response received via the village hall post-box, 7 responses via the church post-box, 3 responses via

the pub and 8 electronically. Action: Cllr Rowe to a) prepare a rota for knocking on doors, b) put a reminder in the newsletter, along with the QR Code, c) display a laminated 'reminder' poster for the playing field and d) erect a dispenser outside the pavilion to hold paper copies of the survey.

**7 Items for the next Agenda.** Signage for the recreation ground c/f to next meeting.

**8 Next Meeting**

Date of next meeting Tuesday 11 June 2024, to follow Parish Council meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.