

MIDDLETON - CUM- FORDLEY



NEWSLETTER
November 2023

Editorial

This month's front cover gives a snapshot of the recent Autumn Fair held at The Bell, and there are more further on. Thank you Charlie, Nigel and Tim for those. It was extremely lucky that we held it the weekend before the floods! We also have a report from the amazing concert in the church last weekend – hopefully the photos answer the question on many people's lips "How did you get the grand piano in the church?!" Thanks for those Paul.

I hate to mention 'that word' in October but next month is the issue where you can publish your Christmas wishes in lieu of sending cards should you wish to do so in return for a small donation to the newsletter. Feel free to add your own clipart or I can do it for you. **Anything to be publicised for January needs to come in next month as there will not be newsletter in January .**

Contributions for the next edition by email preferably as a WORD doc please to barbara.barker.t21@btinternet.com or dropped in to 6 Meadowview, Rectory Road, by **Tuesday 28th November**.

Spare paper copies will be in the church porch as usual. Also to be found on the Parish website. www.middletoncumfordley.org.uk

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RAINFALL in Middleton on Friday 20th October .

I didn't record nearly as much rain as they had in other places in the region. We heard of records of a month's worth of rain in a day. We had nothing like that. I had **45.5mm** in a non-stop spell of rain from the small hours on Friday until about 5.30pm, when there was a large rainbow (sounds like the story of Noah's Ark). The average for October is 68.8mm. The last really wet October day was in 1993 when I had at least 60mm and the rain gauge overflowed. CW

HELP WANTED

"Looking for a home help for an older gentleman living in the village: general cleaning, laundry and ironing. Also potentially shopping, a bit of cooking/meal prep and dog walking. One morning a week. Please message Melissa on 07713 124943. Thankyou."

Also – anyone able to do a couple of hours cleaning for Jimmy up on the Moor either weekly or fortnightly please get in touch with Barbara or Jimmy.



Thursday Morning Group

As from November 2nd the Thursday morning group will be offering soup and a roll, along with a hot drink at the Village Hall. All welcome - and it's **FREE** !

Please contact Lynda if you have a friend or neighbour in the village who you think might like to attend but is maybe shy or nervous of asking for a lift.

07890 067054

N.B. This is **not run** by MCC or The Village Hall Committee as seems to be the misconception. These two organisations have given some financial support to keep it going in the interim period from Easter when the Parish Council stopped.

Funding is actively being sought to keep it going after Christmas.



The Village Hall Quiz



Friday November 10th 7pm

Teams of up to 6 £5 per head Licensed bar Raffle Homemade soup supper

contact barbara.barker.t21@btinternet.com to book – either a table or to join another table.

Doors open 6.30pm (Cash or card payments accepted)



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2023

This year the Poppy Appeal is launched on Thursday 27th October.

Poppies and other items will be available from several sites over Middleton:

The Church – Please put any donations in the wall safe **inside** the Church.

The Middleton Bell

Village Hall

Middleton Primary School

If anybody cannot visit one of these places, we would be happy to deliver your request.

❖ Wearing a poppy shows support for all those who lost their lives on active service, from the beginning of the First World War right up to present day. It honours the contribution of civilian services and the uniformed services which contribute to national peace and security and acknowledges innocent civilians who have lost their lives in conflict and acts of terrorism.

❖ We have been asked about Purple poppies: These are used to represent the sacrifice animals have and do make. They are not affiliated to the RBL, but charities led by Murphy's Army and War Horse Memorial can be contacted here: <https://theyalsoserved.org/> or <https://thewarhorsememorial.org/purple-poppy-appeal/>

❖ This year the RBL have produced plastic-free poppy, these will be available alongside remaining stocks of the current poppy to reduce any waste of poppies already produced. Poppies containing single-use plastic can be returned to [Sainsbury's](#) stores for recycling after the Poppy Appeal.

❖ There are six national Fields of Remembrance. Chris, represents the Home Guard Association every year at the private opening service of Westminster Abbey's Field, which has been organised by The Poppy Factory since 1928.

Wearing our poppies with pride – Jackie 648621, Rebecca and Chris 07777689428



Community Council Christmas Party - Saturday 9th December 6pm



For those new to the village – this event started life many years ago as a senior citizens and members party. We ceased to have an MCC membership some time ago now and the current event is open to residents over 18, committee members and helpers on a first come first served basis as there is a limit on space. Unfortunately due to its popularity we can only consider non-residents and visitors if any tickets remain after Friday 1st December. As mentioned last month we have unfortunately had to increase ticket prices as in 3 years the costs have spiralled. This year tickets will be £10 pp (residents) and £12 pp after 1st December which includes the meal and entertainment. **Tickets will be on sale from 1st November** from Richard 648345 jenricht@btinternet.com and will require payment up front please. Cash (or cheque if anyone still has them) in an envelope with your contact details through the door at Threeways, The Street, or given in person, is preferred. No block bookings, sorry. Please let us know at the time of booking of any special dietary requirements such as vegetarian, vegan, gluten free etc.



MCC Autumn Fayre in pictures



Thank you to everyone who supported the Autumn Fair in any way shape or form. A little over £600 was raised. Thank you to the Bell for hosting once again.



Apple Pie winners- Eoin and Aoife

Winner of bowling and junior welly wanging - Aiden

HOLY TRINITY – MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY

Services during November



Thursday 2 November

3pm All Souls Service

A gentle service of remembrance for those we have loved and lost

Sunday 12 November

10.50am Laying of Wreaths and Remembrance Service

Following this Service, please join us for coffee and croissants at The Bell 11.15am-12 noon (our shout)*

**To help Leroy, if you are hoping to come and have any dietary requirements, please let him know*

Sunday 19 November

11am Morning Prayer

Sunday 26 November

11am Holy Communion

***The Benefice service this month will be at Yoxford on
Sunday 5 November at 10am***

Please come along

 **Holy Dusters** 

New dusters always welcome, of all faiths and none

8 November - Margaret and Nicola

22 November – Paul and Rob

Christmas Clean

14 December 11-12pm

mince pies for all comers...



Thought for the Month

My words run dry, and I simply sigh -

Kyrie eleison (breathing in)

Lord, have mercy (breathing out)

Pete Greig (Lectio 365)

Obituary

In memory of Judy Butler, Rectory Road.

We were very sad to hear that Judy had lost her fight with Alzheimer's on Friday 13th October.

Judy & Michael came to Middleton 17 years ago and during that time were often seen in the village walking a greyhound, or 2, that they had re homed. Judy and one greyhound called Dominic became involved in PAT dogs and visited care homes here in Middleton & Saxmundham. Together with Michael, Judy volunteered at The Suffolk Punch Trust, these two organisations and her greyhounds were very dear to her. She was also involved in croquet on the recreation ground and the WI, and for a number of years was caretaker of the Village Hall.

Holy Trinity send their sincere condolences to Michael at this very sad time.

RP



Autumn Concert

Sunday 22nd October saw a full church being treated to an unforgettable performance from Reiko Fujisawa (piano) and Ofer Falk (violin). A varied and compelling programme of music from Bach, Beethoven, Schubert and Sarasate offered Reiko and Ofer the opportunity to display their talent to the full, and the resounding ovation at the end showed how much the audience had appreciated witnessing a performance of the very highest quality.

Reiko is an internationally renowned concert pianist who, when work allows, lives in the village. Not only was this concert her idea it was also, by her kind insistence, her gift to the village, and in addition she also contributed very generously towards the costs of the wonderful Steinway piano (whose installation and removal was a wonder to witness – see photos!). In the same vein, all remaining proceeds from the concert will be used to support community projects and activities in Middleton (we will share details of these in next month's newsletter).



The church works beautifully well for such events and the PCC are delighted to see it being used so extensively by – and for - the community. The previous Thursday had seen an equally affirming performance by the primary school children for their Harvest Festival celebration which, while as marked a musical contrast from Sunday as you can imagine(!), was an equally joy-filled occasion. Sunday, of course, saw the church full to the rafters (literally – we had to seat some in the organ loft!) and the PCC were happy to host everyone to a welcome cuppa in The Bell afterwards, where it was just lovely to hear everyone so enthusiastic about the concert.



At our October meeting we welcomed Kate Osborne from Beach Bonkers to give us her talk on " Suffolk Shingle: Tales of Treasure and Trash " She arrived with boxes of objects that she had collected over the years from her beachcombs. She arranged all on tables so that we could examine them at the end of the talk. But first there was a quiz. Placed in a pot were 7 or 8 objects which with the help of some clues, Kate wanted us to identify.



A few were easy to guess: an oyster, a whelk, a limpet shell. The other curious items were: horn wrack which is the remains of a colony of hundreds of tiny animals(looks a bit like a seaweed), a mermaid's purse which is a skate or ray egg case, a whelk egg case which looked a bit like a sponge, sailors used them as such and called them sea wash balls, a piece of sea glass smoothed by years in the sea and a shell with mother of pearl used by Victorians for buttons. The final item was a bit of flint that 60-100 million years ago was a sea creature like a sponge! Kate explained that our shingle beaches support plants. This "vegetated shingle" is quite rare in the world found only in northwest Europe, Japan and New Zealand. In order to survive where there is little fresh water and soil these plants need metres long tap roots and hard seed cases. The plants are the yellow horned poppy, the sea kale and the sea pea. Of course, seaweed is found. There are 650 types in the UK. At certain times of the year there are ground nesting birds such as little terns and ringed plovers. Seals will also make an appearance.

Kate then turned her talk to the "Trash" on the shingle beach which is mostly plastic, all sizes and shapes, the source of which is 80% land based. She showed us pots of cotton bud sticks, toy labels, bits of balloons, fishing lines, etc. Small pieces of plastic that have been in the sea for a while acquire a smell that makes them attractive as food for turtles, fish and seabirds which eat them and die. As consumers we should try to buy less plastic, be wary of "biodegradable" claims and look out for detergents and washing up products that have labels that warn this is harmful to aquatic life.

Kate advised that beachcombing is best done as the tide is going out and along the hightide line. Please don't walk on the plants or take home too many shells, any seaweed or driftwood. They provide food and homes for wildlife. Kate has been guiding people on beach walks for 10 years but is retiring next spring. She reassured us that all the "Treasures" she has collected will be returned to the shingle when she retires. We thanked her for a very informative talk that could inspire a beachcomb of our own soon!

The next meeting will be the 15th November at 7:15pm in the Village Hall. "Wine and Cheese and the AGM"

LV

MacMillan Success

Friday the 29th September saw the village enjoy another successful Big Macmillan Coffee Morning. The weather was fine, again, and people were able to sit outside enjoying the sunshine while sampling all the delicious cakes on offer. There was a great turn out with many coming along with cakes which were then offered for sale to add to the proceeds.

In total £852.40 was raised, mostly on the day but some others sent in donations for which we are most grateful. Another successful year. Some people have asked what happens to moneys raised and how we benefit locally and in next month newsletter I hope to report back on Macmillan's work in Suffolk.

Once again thanks to everyone who came along to make it a great morning and who so generously gave, thanks also for all the donations received both money and cakes. A huge thanks to The Bell, especially Leroy and Julian for hosting us again and their nonstop work throughout the morning keeping everyone topped up with tea and coffee free of charge.

I would like to personally thank the team who support me each year on putting on this coffee morning, your enthusiasm is infectious.

Fiona Cusack and the Macmillan Coffee morning team

November Nature Notes

The badger is one of the most widespread and recognisable animals in Britain, but because they are nocturnal mammals, staying below ground during the day and only looking for food at night, they are rarely seen alive. Badgers are found across Britain, usually in wooded areas below 100 metres wherever ground conditions, such as drainage, and land use permits. Over much of Suffolk badgers were until 1990's uncommon; since then there has been a large increase in numbers, with them now being seen over most of the county. This change has been linked to wetter autumns and milder winters, allowing better winter survival and permitting more successful breeding.

Badgers are most easily identified by their black and white striped head. They are not very vocal, although they occasionally make sounds ranging from whinnying in pleasure to growling and barking in threat. Signs of badger activity can be seen more easily than the animal itself. Evidence such as heavily worn badger paths with distinctive five-toed footprints, claw marks on trees, dung pits, mounds of earth outside the entrances to setts, remains of bedding material, and coarse, wiry hair signify their presence. Badgers live in underground burrows, called setts, in social groups usually of between four and twelve badgers. Each group has a 'territory', varying in size from around 30 hectares, where there is plenty of food, to 150 hectares in marginal habitat.



Male and female badgers, called 'boars' and 'sows', both reach maturity when they are just over a year old. They usually mate in the spring, with most births in the following January or February. This seems a long 'pregnancy', but it takes up to nine months for the embryo to implant in the womb. The gestation period is only seven weeks. Usually, there are two or three cubs born in each litter, but single cubs and quadruplets are not uncommon. After their winter birth cubs spend their first few months underground until the weather warms in the spring. However, less than fifty per cent of cubs survive to adulthood. Badgers are opportunistic omnivores, choosing different foods depending on the time of year, weather conditions, local land use and what is available. By far the most important item in their diet is earthworms, but other favoured foods include beetles, and other invertebrates and also birds, young rabbits, squirrels and rats, reptiles and amphibians. Badgers also feed on bee and wasp larvae, fruits, fungi, cereals, nuts, seeds and berries. They are also one of the only predators of hedgehogs - their thick skin and long claws help them to get past the vicious spines. However, it is believed they will only attack hedgehogs when other food is scarce. Similarly, they will dig into rabbit burrows to take young rabbits when there little else around to eat.

Adult badgers have no natural predators. The main influences on their survival are competition between themselves and their environment, and human activity - around 50,000 adult badgers are killed each year in road accidents. Fortunately there is very little TB reported from Suffolk cattle, (one case in the very south-west of the county) as a result Suffolk badgers remain TB free.

Peter Vincent



The Summer Winers were snapped recently in the midst of installing a refurbished vintage plough near the entrance to the playing field car park. This - and another - were previously laying in the Bell car park.



MIDDLETON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Scouting sessions – Cubs and Beavers Autumn half term

The cubs have been earning their communication badge. To earn this badge they have learnt to communicate through fingerspelling, signing a song, using radio and guiding each other blindfolded.

The beavers have been earning their navigation badge by learning North, South, East and West, looking at compasses and maps and learning what a key is.

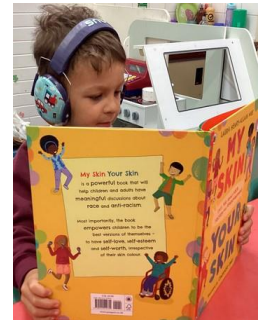


Ash Class



In Ash Class this month we have been learning all about black history. We have been learning about different black women from Shirley Bassey to Naomi Campbell. We have been singing songs and dressing up.

We have also been busy practicing our Harvest Festival performances .



Spruce Class



Students in Spruce class did, of course, enjoy a wonderful educational visit to Dunwich, seeing how its history has had an impact on the geography of today. Spruce students have also been looking into the types of rock and soil that can be affected by erosion in their science. They used drama to explore rock- showing the layers formed by sedimentary and how igneous is created from volcanic lava flow. They gained an understanding that the bedrock of our local area is soft and was unable to withstand the storms of the past. In English work, Spruce children enjoyed collecting autumn vocabulary- an essential tool for their upcoming poems.





THREATENED LANDSCAPES, THREATENED LIVES

Exhibition, 13 - 19 November 2023, 11- 5 daily, Aldeburgh Lookout

Contact: Alison Downes 07711 843884, alison@stopsizewellc.org

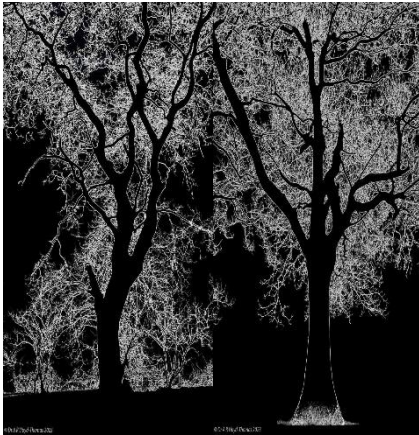
Stop Sizewell C is holding an exhibition of art, poetry, photography and film to draw attention to, and record, the lives - human and wildlife - and landscapes that will be changed for the worse by Sizewell C.

Selected pieces will be on display from 13 - 19 November at The Lookout, Aldeburgh, courtesy of owner Caroline Wiseman. Early entries include Middleton resident Catherine Richardson's painting "Mothers and Children paddling", Adrian Lloyd - Thomas's photographs "In Memoriam" of ancient oaks on the Sizewell estate (below), and a short film entitled 'The Enchantress and the Nightingale', by Ivor Novello-nominated composer Cevanne Horrocks-Hopayian.

The week-long show will include a Poetry Evening, 15 November 7-9pm.

Stop Sizewell C's Alison Downes said "As Ministers ponder the wisdom of pouring billions more pounds of taxpayers' money into Sizewell C, this exhibition is a call to action that celebrates what we have and warns what we could lose. Suffolk's creative talent is as rich as its environment, and we are heartened by how everyone has come together to oppose a project that would change our landscape and way of life forever."

Exhibition coordinator Vanessa Raison who also founded Artists Against Sizewell C said "We should be the guardians of the nightingales, the ancient oaks, the cod in the sea - not the destroyers. We need to work with nature for our energy needs, not against it."



In Memoriam 52.22352° N, 1.60415° E (triptych)" (Panels 1+2) from the Sizewell C series 'No access beyond this point' by Dr Adrian R Lloyd-Thomas



Please find attached links to the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Landscapes for All events programme.

This events programme has been created to engage with underrepresented groups that experience barriers to accessing the AONBs.

These are guided walks with funded transport, groups just need to bring a packed lunch along.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or require any further information,

Jenny Moss

Landscapes for All Officer

[Respect, Protect and Enjoy AONBs: Our National Landscapes](#)

Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Project

t: 01394 445 225 **m:** 07514723515 **dd** 01394 445 211 **w:** www.dedhamvalestourvalley.org

Coast & Heaths AONB

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MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 10th OCTOBER 2023 AT 7pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL

1 Attendance and Apologies

Attendees:

Cllr Julian Cusack – Chair
Cllr Graham Lacey
Cllr Lesley Taylor
Cllr Charles Macdowell
Cllr Michele Kendall
Cllr Kathryn Rowe
Cllr Giles Piercy
District Cllr Sarah Whitelock

Apologies:

Cllr Steve Thorpe
Cllr Chris Reynolds
Cllr Michele Kendall

In attendance: Rachael Salcombe – Parish Clerk

2 Co-option of new Councillors. All Councillors formerly agreed to co-opt both Kathryn Rowe and Giles Piercy onto the Council. Each signed an Acceptance of Declaration of Office, witnessed by the Clerk.

3 Councillors' Declarations of Interest. None.

4 Public Forum

- a) Members of the public. None.
- b) County Councillor report. None.
- c) District Councillor Sarah Whitelock was welcomed to the meeting. The PC were advised that a motion on Sizewell C was debated at the full council on 27 September 2023 (available to watch on Youtube). The motion formalised the East Suffolk Council's position in advocating for true green renewable energy in preference to Sizewell C, but recognised the reality of the Development Consent Order (DCO) decision and strengthened its commitment to ensuring the best possible outcomes and minimal impact for local communities from the construction of Sizewell C, should it go ahead.

There was also discussion of the onshore infrastructure associated with wind power and interconnectors and Cllr Whitelock highlighted the benefits of offshore solutions.

The argument for Sizewell C relies, in part, on employment opportunities. However, the suggested figure of 900 job opportunities offset against the total cost of Sizewell C equates to 33 million pounds per job.

Cllr Whitelock also mentioned the 20's Plenty campaign and will forward relevant emails to Cllr Cusack to share with the PC.

5 Minutes

- a) The Council approved the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th September 2023.

b) **Matters arising.**

Coffee/lunch Provision. Cllr Taylor has liaised with District Cllr Katie Graham regarding funding for a new project to provide a home cooked meal delivered to village residents in need. The necessary paperwork and application for funding under Warm Rooms and Community Funding has been completed and agreed in principle (it was noted that any project funding cannot be repeated). Cllr Taylor will offer a hot meal delivery service, mid-week, linked in with a welfare visit. This service will run from the beginning of November 2023 to the end of March 2024. Environmentally friendly packaging will be used and there have been numerous offers of help from village residents.

Cllr Piercy enquired as to how those residents in need are identified and was advised word of mouth and through the Church. Cllr Piercy suggested contacting the local GP surgeries.

The total fund available is £870 and this includes £300 remaining from the previous grant. Cllr Cusack advised that this figure could be 'topped up' by the PC if necessary.

Middleton Moor. Cllr Cusack has liaised with Crispin Walker, a specialist wildlife pond contractor. A quote is to be provided, to include clearing the overflow channel that diverts excess water onto the moor.

Cllr Taylor shared several emails received regarding the proposed noticeboard for the pond area. Residents are unhappy about additional signage on the moor, commenting that there are already too many. Cllr Cusack has corresponded with the owners of Norwood House previously regarding the signs and it was agreed, at this point, to monitor the situation and raise again at the November meeting (allowing time for our new Councillors to consider).

No parking signs – carried forward to November meeting.

Burial Ground – carried forward to November meeting.

Permissive Paths – carried forward to November meeting.

Village Survey. Cllr Cusack provided Councillors with a draft survey to comment on. Cllr Taylor advised that Cllr Kendall has undertaken considerable research regarding the recreation ground/trim trail. Cllr Macdowell suggested that a picture and more information regarding the trim trail be included with the survey. The plan is to knock on doors and engage with village members. Cllr Rowe offered to take this on from Cllr Cusack. Cllr Macdowell also suggest that 'sport activity' be added to Reason for Visit on the survey. Cllr Cusack suggested a 're-wilding' option also be added to the survey, for which there is plenty of room within the recreation area. Cllr Taylor suggested that we should provide an indication of costs involved. Although there are funds remaining post Covid, the possibility of grants/fundraising was also put forward.

CAB. Cllr Taylor has inhouse contact numbers that we may access. The possibility of a pop-up CAB was mentioned, and it was decided to add this to our AGM Agenda 2024.

6 Councillors' Reports

- a) **Village Hall.** Cllr Lacey reported back that additional funding is being sought for the coffee mornings. The importance of the Drop In project, now renamed and originally started by MPC under Covid, was reiterated, stating that for many villagers this is the only contact they have with the outside world. There is a new plan in place to provide soup and rolls with plenty of volunteers on board to help.
- b) **Middleton Primary School.** Nothing to report.
- c) **Energy Projects, including Sizewell C.** Cllr Macdowell reported on the following:
 - * B1122 noise mitigation surveys and quotations are currently taking place.
 - * B1122 vibration damage surveying (pre and post works) is planned but not yet started.
 - * Richard Knight (Senior Community Relations Manager, Sizewell C) has confirmed that there is some flexibility regarding the 50-metre boundary line and as such all affected residents should apply.

The 8 parishes meeting took place in Leiston on 19 September 2023. Cllr Cusack recorded the meeting, and a transcript has been produced (subsequent to the meeting the transcript has been issued to all Middleton Councillors). It was reported from the meeting that SCC Highways Dept appeared ill-prepared for the meeting.

B1122/25 Working Group Meeting. Cllr Cusack explained the administrative problem of finding a mutually convenient date to hold the meeting. **Action: Cllr Macdowell to provide some suitable dates. Action: Clerk to forward suggested dates to Zoe Botten (Community Relations Manager, Sizewell C).**

- d) **Highways, footpaths and trees.** See above.
- e) **Middleton Moor.** See above.

7 Finance

- a) The latest financial position was received and accepted by all.
- b) Authorisation was given for £500 donation towards the Parish Newsletter. **Action: Clerk to make payment.**

8 **Correspondence.** None

9 **Items for Next Agenda.** Causeway Farm, tenancy renewal and the role the PC may play.

10 Next Meeting

The date and time of the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 14th November 2023.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER 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 Kathryn Rowe
Cllr Giles Piercy

Apologies:

Cllr Steve Thorpe
Cllr Chris Reynolds
Cllr Michele Kendall

In attendance: Rachael Salcombe – Parish Clerk

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

3 Minutes

- a) Minutes approved of Trustee Meeting held on 12th September 2023.
- b) Matters arising. No matters arising.

4 To review Safety Inspection Report

Monthly play equipment inspection report noted.

5 Correspondence. It was agreed that all correspondence, to date, has been dealt with.

6 Finance

- a) Accounts for year ended 31 December 2022 (informally audited by Roy Dowding) approved.
- b) Payment of £237.60 to Holmes Glazing for replacing damaged window in the pavilion noted.
- c) Payment of £90.00 to Holmes Glazing to board up the damaged window was approved.
- d) Payment to Cllr Taylor for Pavilion necessities noted.

7 Items for the next Agenda.

Cleaning the Pavilion. There have been 22 events to date this year and Cllr Taylor has continued cleaning the Pavilion throughout this time. **Action: Cllr Cusack to review the trust accounts in consideration of funding a cleaner.** It was agreed to add this to next month's Agenda for further discussion.

Bins. The bins outside the Pavilion need emptying more regularly, or bigger bins provided. It was agreed to add this to next month's Agenda for further discussion.

Management of bookings. To be added to next month's Agenda.

8 Next Meeting

Date of next meeting Tuesday 14th November 2023, to follow Parish Council meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

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Parish Council Report October 2023

New Councillors

We were delighted to welcome Kathryn Rowe and Giles Piercy as new co-opted members of the Parish Council. This now completes our line-up of nine members.

Storm Babet

The storm brought serious flooding to parts of East Suffolk and some of our residents have reported scary encounters with flood water.

Yet again Fordley Road suffered from A12 closures and one car ended up in the ditch.



By comparison with some other parishes, it seems our flood water was well managed but do please get in touch if I you think I have missed more serious problems. I did walk round the village on Saturday 21st October and observed some garden flooding, full ditches and the New Cut running strongly at a level just 1 metre below the road. I will be recommending to the next meeting that we add our voice to calls for flood risk management plans to be urgently reviewed.

Sizewell C

We will be meeting with Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council, SZC Ltd, East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council in the B1122 Working Group on 15th November. This Group will discuss what can be done to mitigate the impact of traffic in the so-called 'early years' of the project before the Link Road opens. Despite its name the Group will also look at impacts on the B1125. We are likely to be shown plans for limited stretches of footpaths and automated traffic warning signals to help reduce risk to vehicles turning out of Mill Street.

Our next Parish Council meeting is at 7pm in the Village Hall on Tuesday November 14th. All our meetings are open to the public so please do come along and share your views.

Julian Cusack

Chair, Middleton cum Fordley Parish Council

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Home Cooked Meals!!

Do you live alone or find it difficult to get out, shop or cook? Do you struggle to find enthusiasm and energy to shop and cook for yourself or partner, particularly if on a budget or your time is taken up in a caring or support role.

Middleton Parish Council have secured a grant under the Enabling Communities Budget from East Suffolk DC to provide a weekly meal delivery service to consist of a complete savoury meal (to be reheated by whatever means available) and a dessert. The food will be prepared and homecooked and will be delivered on a Wednesday in environmentally friendly packaging (re usable where possible)

If you would like to take up this offer, please contact me, Lesley Taylor on 07970257329 or 01728 668998 or email taylormadeflowers@yahoo.co.uk. Just leave your name and contact details and I will arrange to visit you to ensure I collect any information regarding dietary requirements or allergies.

Please take up this offer as I am looking to get cooking from early November and the weather seems to have taken a turn for the worst.

“Santa Boules” Saturday 2nd December.

Fun boules pairs competition for anyone to enter. 10.00 am start

Christmas jumpers/hats recommended (and thermals!)

Mulled wine & mince pies (and probably more!) We usually take a sharing plate each pair. £1 per person entry.

Register interest with Barbara soon as next month’s newsletter will be out too late to remind you!



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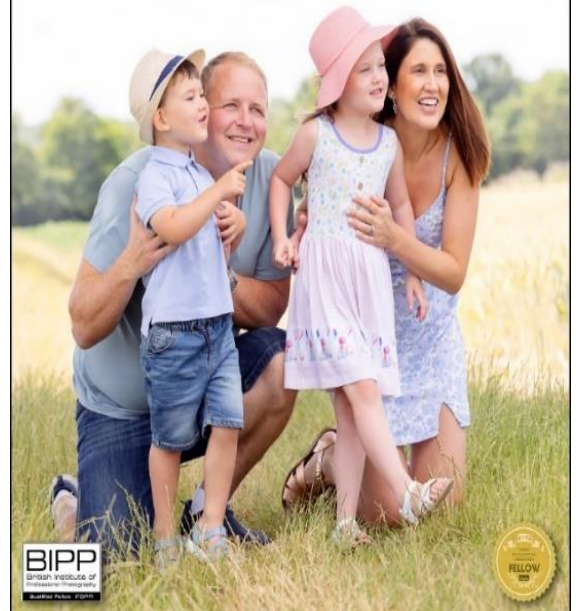
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DIARY DATES 2023

November

Thursday 2 nd	"Squit Night" - live music at The Bell - from 8pm
Friday 10 th	Village Hall soup & roll Quiz doors open 6.30 for 7pm
Tuesday 14 th	Parish council meeting, Village Hall 7pm
Wednesday 15 th	WI - Village Hall - Cheese & Wine evening + AGM 7.15pm
Saturday 25 th	"Silmor" live music at The Bell from 8pm

December

Saturday 2 nd	Santa Boules - Recreation Ground 10am
Thursday 7 th	"Squit Night" - live music at The Bell - from 8pm
Saturday 9 th	MCC Christmas Party, Village Hall
Tuesday 12 th	Parish council meeting, Village Hall 7pm
Saturday 16 th	Vinyl Night - Christmas Special, Bell Inn from 6pm
Wednesday 20 th	WI - Village Hall - Christmas celebration 7.15pm



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