

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 16TH MAY 2023
AT 7.15pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL

1 Attendance and Apologies

Attendees:

Cllr. Julian Cusack – Chair

Cllr. Steve Thorpe

Cllr. Lelsey Taylor

Cllr. Graham Lacey

Cllr. Chris Reynolds

Cllr. Charles Macdowell

In attendance:

Rachael Salcombe – Parish Clerk

2 To receive declarations of interest and to consider requests for dispensations.

N/A

3 Minutes

a) Minutes approved of Trustee Meeting held on 11th April 2023.

b) Matters arising.

Village Hall charges. Cllr Reynolds reported discontent in the Parish regarding suggested new charges for use of the hall. It is thought that as a charity we cannot charge a fee and that running costs/upkeep are covered by donations/ contributions. Cllr Cusack suggested that we confirm that community events organised by MCC will not be charged and this was agreed.

Action: Cllr Cusack to check the Trust Deeds to confirm the status of fee charging. (Note – this was checked subsequent to the meeting and it was confirmed that the Trust Deeds do not prohibit charging).

4 To review Safety Inspection Report

Safety Report confirmed as received and read. It was agreed by all Councillors to consider removing the broken zipwire and replacing it with a different playground activity. Cllr Taylor advised that adult exercise equipment had been mentioned previously. No decision was made on this pending further consultation and discussion.

Action: Cllr Reynolds to liaise with the next Recreation Ground Working Group meeting regarding ideas.

Cllr Reynolds has received a quote for fencing around the recreation ground. Work will commence a week after the village Open Garden event (3rd and 4th June).

Cllr Cusack commented that time could be set aside for discussing ideas for the Parish, in general.

Cllr Reynolds provided Cllr Cusack with an invoice for £18 for the key safe and it was agreed that this should be paid from Trust funds.

5 Items for the next Agenda

No items raised.

6 Next meeting

Date of next meeting Tuesday 13 June 2023, to follow Parish Council Meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

