

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

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

1 Attendance and Apologies

Attendees:

Cllr Julian Cusack – Chair
Cllr Steve Thorpe
Cllr Chris Reynolds
Cllr Lesley Taylor
Cllr Charles Macdowell
Cllr Michele Kendall

Apologies:

Cllr Graham Lacey

In attendance:

Rachael Salcombe – Parish Clerk
One member 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 11th July 2023.
- b) Matters arising. No matters arising.

4 To review Safety Inspection Report

Monthly play equipment inspection report noted.

5 Strategy Meeting, 15th August 2023

- a) Agreed that making toilets available is unviable.
- b) Agreed that new picnic benches are needed. **Action: Cllr Reynolds to look into the cost and a provider. Cllr Kendall to assist.**

Cllr Kendall enquired after the adult gym option for the playground. Cllr Taylor reiterated the importance of getting village resident's views. (Subsequent to the meeting Cllr Cusack has produced a draft survey relating to this matter.)

6 To approve the Trust's financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Approved. It was agreed that an independent review of the accounts should take place. (Subsequent to the meeting Cllr Cusack has arranged for Roy Dowling to complete an independent review.)

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

8 AOB.

- a) The quote for the replacement window at the pavilion was agreed.
- b) Cllr Kendall enquired after the new fencing and Cllr Reynolds confirmed that this would be completed once the vegetation has died down. **Action: Cllr Reynolds to obtain a new quote for going around the entire site.**
- c) Cllr Taylor raised concerns about a shaded, obscure area of the playground. It was also reported that supports for the fence are being used as steppingstones to gain access to the playground. Local 'holiday let' families are consequently damaging the fence. It was suggested that a lockable gate should be placed between the fence panels, paid for by the holiday let company.

d) **Items for the next Agenda.** None.

9 Next Meeting

Date of next meeting Tuesday 10th October 2023, to follow Parish Council meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm.