

**MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AS SOLE TRUSTEE OF
THE MIDDLETON RECREATION GROUND TRUST**
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9 APRIL 2025
AT 8.30 pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL

1 Attendance and Apologies

Attendees:

Cllr Julian Cusack
Cllr Giles Piercy
Cllr Steve Thorpe
Cllr Charles Macdowell
Cllr Graham Lacey
Cllr Kathryn Rowe
Cllr Chris Reynolds

Apologies:

Cllr Michele Kendall
Dist Cllr Sarah Whitelock

In attendance: Rachael Salcombe – Clerk
Member of the public x 1

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

3 Minutes

- a) Minutes approved of Trustee Meeting held on 12 March 2025.
- b) Matters Arising. None.

4 To review Safety Inspection Report.

The multi play unit has been condemned and is fenced off for safety reasons. Further to this meeting a sign has been provided advising recreation ground users. The latest inspection report also noted several low-level problems, and it was acknowledged that some of the equipment is coming to the end of its useful life, including the Berma Bridge, with wood splitting through the line of the fixings.

A quote of £2,880 has been provided by a contractor to remove the multi play unit and make good the grass area. It was also confirmed that no parts of the existing multi play unit are suitable for repurposing. The quote also includes making good the Berma Bridge. **Action: Clerk to advise contractor to carry out removal of the multi play unit.**

It was agreed to consider grant applications for a new multi play unit.

Action: Clerk to arrange for a blanket email to be issued to villagers advising on the latest recreation ground play equipment.

Action: Cllr Cusack to provide a notice for the recreation ground, advising of the closure of the multi play unit.

It was confirmed that the Summer Winers have carried out work on the recreation ground in the past but would be unlikely to make a long-term commitment. One off 'voluntary days' was suggested, with a social gathering afterwards.

The PC and MCC used to meet regularly to discuss the recreation ground, and it was found to be useful. It was agreed to i) contact MCC with a view to re-introducing the meetings and ii) include the WI.

Action: Cllr Piercy to liaise with MCC.

Action: Cllr Thorpe to liaise with WI.

5 Finance

To approve the following payment.

Details	Payee	Amount	Power
Miscellaneous (Westleton Village Stores)	*Rebecca Reynolds	£8.43	1972 s.137

It was also agreed to pay Leiston Plant Hire £288 for the emergency fencing off of the multi play unit.

*A further £16.25 for handsoap was agreed.

6 **Correspondence.** No correspondence

7 **Matters for discussion.** None

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

9 **Next Meeting.** Date of next meeting Wednesday 14 May 2025 to follow the Annual Parish Council meeting.

Meeting closed at 9pm.