

MIDDLETON- CUM-FORDLEY



Autumn Fair – more inside...

NEWSLETTER

November 2021

Editorial

The MCC Christmas Party – the difficult decision is to be made at our meeting next week still with much uncertainty of where infections locally will be in a months’ time. I will send an ‘extra’ flyer out with the outcome both by email and printed for those who don’t have the email version.

The December issue of the newsletter usually carries Christmas Greetings from any of you who prefer to be eco-friendly and not send actual cards to friends in the village. If you wish to do so this year, please send me your greeting with or without decoration – I can add some if needed. It has become customary to make a small donation to the newsletter for this service. (I would suggest sending it sooner rather than later to avoid forgetting!!)

NEW RESIDENTS WITH CHILDREN UNDER 18 – please get in touch so the children can receive their MCC Christmas voucher, likewise please let me know if your child has turned 18 so sadly has to drop off the list. (Please rest assured that this list of children is only held by one committee member and never distributed.)

Contributions for the next newsletter to me by email preferably as a WORD doc please to **barbara.barker.t21@btinternet.com** or 6 Meadowview, Rectory Road, by **Tuesday 23rd November** - seems early but the next Tuesday is the 30th so we wouldn’t have it delivered until weekend of 3/4/5 December.

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

New to the village or long- time resident ? Interested in playing crib? Would like to learn or improve?

Why not pop along to the Bell to our Open Cribbage Evening – don’t be shy – you don’t need a partner to come along but if you both play – even better!

Tuesday 2nd November from 7pm – beginners /novices welcome, and us regular players who would like to practice as we are currently bottom of the league!!!

Contact Barbara if interested barbara.barker.t21@btinternet.com or just turn up.



RBL Poppy Appeal 2021

This year poppies and other merchandise can be found at the Church, The Bell Inn, Reckford Roost Farm Shop, and we are hoping to have one in the Village Hall and at Norwood House. For the Primary school children, there will be poppies available at school. If anybody cannot get to one of the poppy stations, please ask and we will happily deliver.

Chris/Rebecca 07835144198





MIDDLETON-cum-FORDLEY AUTUMN FAIR 2021



How lucky were we with the weather?!!! The previous Saturday would have been a wash-out!

Thank you to everyone who turned out to enjoy this event in the warm October sunshine and contribute to a great village atmosphere. Thanks Charlie and Jenny for some great photos. Thanks to the Bell for the use of the venue. There are too many individuals working behind the scenes to thank without fear of missing someone so THANK YOU ALL!!! Over £1000 was raised which is a record for our Autumn Fairs.





And some winners were....



Just who is this photobombing each picture?!!!

HOLY TRINITY – MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY



Services during November



Sunday 14 November Remembrance Day Service 10.50am

Sunday 28 November Holy Communion 9.30am

AT Theberton

The Benefice Service this month takes place in Theberton at 11 am on Sunday 7 November

Please come along

Holy Dusters rota November and December 😊

New dusters always welcome, of all faiths and none...

3 November: Paul and Rob

17 November: Margaret and Nicola

1 December: Irene and Amanda

15 December: Mark and Liz

Buttress and Related Drainage Work Completed at Church

We are pleased to announce that the buttress work and drainage was completed on Friday 15 October as finally scheduled. A small repair to the south wall adjacent to the buttress will be put right in November when the materials for this become available. This should not create significant disruption and the path through the churchyard from Back Lane to Rectory Road will remain open.

We must express most grateful thanks to **ENGLISH HERITAGE** for the Grant that has permitted this essential work to be undertaken. Also, very many thanks to all the residents of Middleton for putting up with path closures and the other inconveniences.

Paul Taylor (The Elder)

And, as an important footnote, the rest of the PCC would like to make known their heartfelt thanks to Paul for overseeing this project through to its happy conclusion with his characteristic skill, patience and determination.

Christmas Cards



Please be aware that stocks of our current Christmas cards are running low and we will not be ordering any more now until 2022 when there will also be new scenes. If you would like cards for this year, it might be wise to purchase them sooner rather than later. They are available at the back of church as usual or, if it is hard to get to church for any reason, Amanda is happy to deliver them locally. Please call 07990 602 563.

And, with Christmas in mind, please **Save the Date for our**

Village Carol Service, Holy Trinity Church on Tuesday 21 December

Further details to follow in the December Newsletter – all being well

Thought for the month

Prayer is not the privilege of a few. It is a reality easily accessible, for tiny children as for old men, it finds expression in innumerable ways.

Brother Roger of Taize



Crisis at Christmas Coffee Morning

Friday 10th December 2021

Following your generous response to last year's virtual gathering, and encouraged by the happy return of the Macmillan Coffee morning, this year we are hoping to meet in person so, unless guidelines/rules change again,

**Please join us on Friday 10th December between 10.30am - 12 noon at The Middleton Bell
and, together, let's do our bit to end homelessness**

Proceeds will be split between Crisis which is a national charity and IWNS which is more local

If you would like to bake something to add to the mix, please let me know - any help will be gratefully received

Many thanks

Amanda (Taylor) 07990 602563 or ajt.opom@gmail.com

WI NEWS

At our October meeting Julian Cusack gave us a talk on "Nature and Well Being". He started off by asking how many of us had noticed the "quiet lanes" in the village. Most of us had. Julian explained that the quiet lane designation meant that it was a road that should be shared by all: walkers, horse riders, cyclists, and motorists. The verges of which would be cut not in May/June but in September (maybe even winter) to encourage a greater variety of wildflowers. Julian then went on to say that the health benefits of nature are now being appreciated so much so that the NHS is giving out health prescriptions for all kinds of ailments especially to those who are stressed and anxious. What can be prescribed maybe gardening, nature observation, forest bathing (started in Japan), walking etc. The evidence-based health benefits of nature contact are many and includes better sleep, improved mental health, greater happiness, reduced aggression, lower blood pressure, and improved immune function. The people of Middleton have easy access to nature with many footpaths leading out of the village. Julian wondered though if there could be an area in the village itself where villagers might go and be in the wild. He was thinking of the Parish owned Burial Ground on Title Road which in the last 2 years has been left untouched. The rewilding result: many wildflowers are springing up, the hedges are growing in, and oaks saplings have taken root. It is reverting to a woodland. With a little bit of work like putting in an accessible gate, a small path, and maybe a bench or picnic table, it could be turned into a small oasis for the people of Middleton. We thought it was a practical and splendid idea. Julian then brought up the subject of ragwort and said it may not deserve its evil reputation. The following discussion was quite lively, passions were high but in the end the sides agreed to disagree! We thanked Julian for a very informative and interesting talk.

Our November meeting is on the 17th at 7:15pm. Douglas Bone will tell us about "Antarctica and Me". All are welcome to come and hear this interesting talk.

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November Nature Notes

Autumn is a time of preparation for small mammals. They fatten themselves up for winter by eating as much as possible, although in Britain, only hedgehogs, dormice and bats actually hibernate. Squirrels, voles and mice take advantage of the glut of autumn fruits and nuts, storing some of these away, ready for eating when food is scarce. Shrews on the other hand, because their bodies are too small to hold sufficient reserves, and that their diet is usually of live creatures, can neither hibernate nor cache prey, therefore they have to be active throughout even the coldest weather. Shrews do however, make adaptations to see them through the winter; they become less active so that they require less food and remarkably their size can shrink by as much as 25% - not only does the body shrink but also the brain and the skull.

There are three species of shrew found in mainland Britain, all have long pointed noses, tiny eyes, small ears and dense velvety fur. The Common Shrew are tricoloured; dark brown on the back, pale brown at the sides and whitish underneath. The Pygmy Shrew are similar in appearance to the Common Shrew but smaller, being the smallest British mammal, with a proportionately longer and thicker tail. The Water Shrew, which is the largest of the British shrews has black fur on the top of the body, and greyish white underneath.

Common and Pygmy Shrews are common and widespread species occurring across most terrestrial habitats, while the Water Shrew, is as the name suggests, found in habitats close to water, including the banks of streams, rivers, ponds, ditches, fens and reed beds, at much lower densities. The water shrew is most unusual amongst mammals in possessing venomous saliva. A mild toxin secreted into the saliva in the mouth helps to stun the prey. Even humans can feel the effects of this if bitten by a water shrew. Even though the shrew's bite rarely punctures the skin, a red rash appears at the site of the bite which is sore to touch.



Shrews need to consume 200-300% of their body weight each day in order to survive. A shrew must eat every two to three hours and may starve if it finds no food for as little as five hours. The shrews' carnivorous and insectivorous diet consists mostly of insects, spiders, slugs, snails, worms, and even newts and small rodents. The Water Shrew is semi-aquatic; their main food source is freshwater shrimps, water skaters and caddis larvae which they obtain by diving and hunting underwater. Occasionally frogs, newts and small fish are eaten.

Shrews have a number of predators and are most commonly killed by tawny and barn owls, although kestrels, foxes, stoats, weasels and domestic cats will predate them. They are often found abandoned by the predator, particularly cats, since a liquid produced from glands on the skin is foul tasting.

Peter Vincent

Pro's or amateurs - anyone can enter! The prize would boost our VH roof fund! Details of entry are on their website : www.thevillagehallspodcast.com/photo-competition




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It's back! This year we're teaming up with The Village Halls Podcast to bring you our 'Wonderful Villages' Photo Competition.

Win up to £1,000 for your Village Hall and £500 for the photographer. Plus other cash prizes. Entry is free and no purchase is necessary.

To give you plenty of time, this year's competition will run until 21st November 2021. For more information and to enter visit:
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It's back (hopefully!) after a year off....



4th Annual "Santa Boules" Pairs



Saturday December 4th

Middleton Recreation Ground

9.45 am for prompt 10.00 start

Dress code: Santa hats, Christmas jumpers, or anything festive (and possibly thermals!)

Mulled wine / soft drinks / tea / coffee / hot chocolate provided

Entry £1 per person Bookings now being taken barbara.barker.t21@btinternet.com

Traditionally we have all brought a festive plate of food to share. Please let Barbara know if you can offer something at time of booking so we don't all bring the same.



CHARITY CHRISTMAS LIGHT DISPLAY FOR THE AIR AMBULANCE

At ~ Suncot, Middleton Moor

On ~ Friday 17th December

6 pm till 8 pm.



Enjoy mulled wine or a soft drink and a mince pie as you explore this festively lit, magical garden.

Middleton Moor at the turn of the seasons.

The harvest is in and many of the fields have been drilled in readiness for the new farming year. In the foreground can be seen the foundations for the extension of Norwood House. In the middle ground is Holy Trinity Church and on the right horizon, Sizewell B. Beyond is the sea. (photo Thomas Brown 19.9.21)



Macmillan thank you all

On behalf of all those who make The Macmillan Coffee Morning happen each year I would like to say a huge thanks to all of you who came along and made it such a success and such a lovely morning. What better way to raise money than sit in the sun enjoying coffee and unlimited cake with family and friends.

We raised an astonishing £856.67 this year. Post covid restrictions we were not expecting to be so successful but as ever Middleton turned out and made it happen.

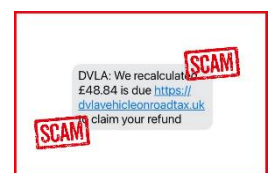
A great deal of thanks is due to The Bell, who again donated all the tea and coffee as well as working hard to keep you all topped up. We also thank you and all the others who donated raffle prizes and cakes both for on the day and beauties to take home and enjoy.

It was good to meet some new villagers as well as see longer term residents many of whom have been indoor most of the last 18months and we hope to welcome you all back next year.

Fiona Cusack on behalf of the Macmillan volunteers

Beware of these fake DVLA text messages.

These texts have been sent by criminals who have created fake websites. The website that the text links to has been created to look similar to the DVLA website, with the same branding, layout and font choices. If you think you have provided scammers with your financial details, contact your bank immediately. If you receive what you think is a fake message, forward the text message, including the phone number or company name, to 7726. It won't cost you anything and it means your phone provider can investigate the sender. Report all scams to us via Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 0808 223 1133.



Recommended for anyone who lives alone regardless of your current state of health. Accidents can happen at any time.



Useful numbers
 Home Alarms (24/7) 0800 4402516
 Enquiries 03450 402020

Your alarm is there to call for emergency help if you are unable to do so yourself, and there is no one with you to do it for you. The emergency services prefer to talk with someone at the scene where possible.

East Suffolk norse
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 Lowestoft, Suffolk NR32 2EF
 Telephone 03450 402020

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The personal alarm is a button worn around the wrist or neck by those who may live alone, or are sometimes alone, and who may be vulnerable or isolated.

Pressing the button calls our Lowestoft based call centre where friendly call handlers, who know the local area, assess your need and contact any nominated individuals to attend.

For medical emergencies you should always call 999 directly to avoid delay. We can call emergency services for you, but it is their preference that they talk directly with you, or someone with you, where possible.

This low cost service, which is provided on behalf of East Suffolk Council, helps give you peace of mind and may also help you maintain your independence by remaining in your own home for longer.

For further information, please [contact the Home Alarm Service](#) operated by Norse.

Email Trevor.Overy@ncsgrp.co.uk

CITIZENS ADVICE: OUTREACH SERVICE HAS RESUMED

Citizens Advice Leiston & Saxmundham is pleased to announce that our Outreach service has resumed, as we take another step to return to normal service.

DAY & TIME	PLACE
Monday 10-12	Woodbridge Library, New St, Woodbridge IP12 1DT.
Tuesday 1.30 -3.30	Wickham Market Resource Centre, Chapel Lane, Wickham Market IP13 0SD.
Wednesday 10-12	Saxmundham Library, County Offices, Street Farm Road, Saxmundham IP17 1AL
Friday 10-12	Framlingham Library, The Old Court House, Bridge Street, Framlingham IP13 9BA.

Appointments at our Leiston office, Aldeburgh, Orford and Alderton Surgery can also be pre-booked by phoning 01728 642960 – the lines are open 10am-4pm Mon-Fri.

Our advice phonelines are open on Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri from 10-2pm. Call us on 01728 832193 or Freephone 0808 278 7868. Or email: supervisor@leistoncab.cabnet.org.uk to make contact.

Lifting beet.

Easily within living memory, the beet harvest has changed since the 1950's. Lifting beet was perfect drudgery for farm workers. Constant bending and cutting for ten or twelve hours a day. Now two beet harvesters can clear a field very speedily, moving over the ground faster than a man can walk. Their limiting factor is the number of tractors to speed the crop away. Pictures Middleton Moor, September 2021 plus photos from archive.



Sugar beet is an interesting crop. The beet we recognise was developed by plant breeders in Germany in the late 1700s. It became a very valuable source of sugar and was soon competing with cane sugar coming from plantations in the southern states of the USA especially when the abolition of slavery led to European

sugar prices easily competing with the sugar from the US. Interestingly the Germans referred to beet as mangold-wurzel meaning beetroot, mistranslated to the English mangel-wurzel meaning scarcity root or in other words food for the poor.



MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12th OCTOBER 2021
AT 7:00 PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendees:

Cllr. Julian Cusack – Chair
Cllr. Roy Dowding – Vice-Chair
Cllr. Lesley Taylor
Cllr. Chris Reynolds
Cllr. Colin Whitbread
Cllr. Lynda Whitbread
Cllr. Dennis Peel

Apologies for absence:

Cllr. Steve Thorpe – written and accepted
District Cllr. Tony Cooper

In attendance:

County Cllr. Richard Smith
District Cllr. Tom Daly
District Cllr. Russ Rainger
Sharon Smith - Clerk/RFO
5 members of the public

2. Councillors' Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Public Forum

a) The Chairman invited the members of the public present at the meeting to make representations to the Council during the discussion of specific agenda items.

b) County Cllr. Richard Smith said the examination period for Sizewell C concludes this week. At the latest Issue Specific Hearing, the Examining Authority considered the proposals for the desalination plant where EDF admitted they have no long-term plans for potable water. Cllr. Smith paid tribute to the Planning Inspectorate; they have acted fairly, clearly been on top of their brief and have allowed time for observations and questions. Cllr. Smith also commended the community for all the work it has done and the arguments put forward. If the DCO is approved, EDF still needs to find £20 billion which will be difficult to raise unless the government makes the public pay. He said if Sizewell C goes ahead then he will support the efforts of the County Council to ensure the community gets the best possible mitigation and compensation for the coming years.

Cllr. Smith said that the County Council are undertaking a review of HGV routes through Suffolk. The review will begin on 22nd October, last for eight weeks, and will be conducted through Town and Parish Councils which demonstrates local democracy. The HGV routes were last reviewed in 2011. Cllr. Smith asked the Council that, if it raises issues local to its parish, it is mindful that HGVs have to go somewhere and therefore to make recommendations that do not impact greatly on neighbouring parishes. The County Council will also look at sat nav routes for HGVs.

c) The Council acknowledged the District Councillors' previously circulated monthly report. District Cllr. Russ Rainger referred to the upcoming ESC briefing about the proposed Nautilus Interconnector energy project. He said there may be construction management and access road impacts for Middleton cum Fordley. The Clerk informed Cllr. Rainger that the Council had not been invited to participate in the briefing. Cllr. Rainger said he would look into this as he thought two representatives from each of the parishes he represents had been invited to participate.

d) District Cllr. Tom Daly introduced himself to the Council. Cllr. Daly endorsed Cllr. Smith comments about Sizewell C and said he hopes sense prevails. He has been involved with all the energy projects in the area and he believes there needs to be a coordinated approach which he will be bringing forward at a Full Council meeting. He hopes to obtain an explicit statement from the Leader of the Council. Cllr. Daly said he was happy to provide further information about the emergency works at Thorpeness cliffs, the recently launched Small Business Grants Scheme and the legalities around lighting bonfires.

4. Minutes

The Council approved the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 10th September 2021 and the ordinary meeting held on 14th September 2021.

5. Matters Arising

A member of the public, referring to item 6 about Sizewell C, offered his commissioned report from Create Consulting which the Council may find useful when liaising with Suffolk County Council and Kelsale Parish Council. The Chairman accepted his offer with thanks.

6. Casual Vacancy

The Chairman said there was two candidates for co-option to the Council. An informal panel met both candidates separately and its view was that both were excellent candidates and they were recommended to the Council. At the Chairman's invitation, both candidates addressed the Council on why they would like to join the Council.

The Chairman, following advice from NALC, proposed that the Council revokes Standing Order 3s 'voting on a question shall be by show of hands' in order to conduct a secret ballot. Seconded by Cllr. Roy Dowding. All in favour. The Clerk issued ballot papers which were completed by the Councillors. The Clerk counted the votes and declared Graham Lacey the winner. Graham Lacey completed the Declaration of Acceptance Form, witnessed by the Clerk, and joined the Council with immediate effect. The Chairman thanked the other candidate and invited him to apply again when the next vacancy arose.

ACTION: Clerk to inform the District Council of the co-option.

7. Energy Projects

a) The Chairman reported that he spoke at the latest Issue Specific Hearing on Traffic and Transport and his written representation will be made available on the village website. The Chairman summarised his draft final submission to the Planning Inspectorate. It was agreed that the final representation would be in two parts, firstly to set out Middleton cum Fordley parish's:

- opposition to the construction of a new nuclear power station at Sizewell;
- support for a relief road if Sizewell C does go ahead and for this to be in place before construction starts;
- opposition to the proposed route of the Sizewell Link Road;

and secondly, if the DCO is approved, to request that EDF and the County Council be required to give full and serious consideration to measures to mitigate the impact of the SLR to Middleton cum Fordley and surrounding parishes. The outcomes demanded of the measures are:

- continued connectivity south from Middleton to Kelsale and Saxmundham for motor vehicles, pedestrians, horse riders and cyclists;
- the removal of any material risk of Fordley Road or the B1125 being blocked by 'rat-running' traffic due to congestion on the A12 or elsewhere;
- safe(r) passage for non-motorised road users along the B1122 especially in the 'early years' when construction traffic will not yet be using the SLR and along the B1125.

Following a request from Cllr. Lynda Whitbread, a demand was added for the following measures to be taken to mitigate the impact of construction traffic on the properties along the B1122 including:

- quiet surface dressing;
- assessment of vulnerable properties adjacent to the road for noise and vibration before the start of the early years and continuous monitoring for damage throughout the construction period
- the offer of secondary or triple glazing to property owners adjacent to the B1122.

The Council approved the content of the final submission with the exception of Cllr. Colin Whitbread. Cllr. Whitbread said he does not support the proposal of any mitigation measures as he believes it would give a clear message to EDF that if we accept mitigation then we accept the development. The Council accepted and understood Cllr. Whitbread's position but felt that it had a duty to its residents to propose and document mitigation measures to the Planning Inspectorate so it fully understands the impacts the development and its associated infrastructure will have on the parish and its residents.

b) Cllr. Roy Dowding summarised the traffic calming measures and realignment proposals for the B1122 which were agreed by a majority of B1122 Action Group members. It was noted that this is an independent view and not the Council's view. The Council discussed the difficulties presented by the realignment proposals including taking land from the Moor and the resultant legal process of turning common land into highway, the ecological damage to an important part of the Moor, and the timing and impact of closing the road to undertake the work. The Chairman noted that if the SLR comes into operation there may be an opportunity to narrow the B1122 and create footways, although this may not be possible at pinch points.

c) Cllr. Roy Dowding reported that he attended the latest EDF briefing arranged by SALC. EDF were asked about the arrangements being made to enable Town and Parish Councils to have ongoing dialogue with them. They replied that the Deed of Obligation will publish details about a series of fora, two transport and one community, which will meet quarterly and will include representatives from EDF, the Local Authorities and one elected Councillor or Clerk per parish. All the parishes surrounding the development are included in the Community Forum and Middleton cum Fordley is included in the Transport North Forum. The Chairman said there will be a Traffic Review Group operating above the Transport Fora where EDF have a voting majority. The Chairman has asked for the Traffic Review Group meetings to be held in public for reasons of transparency.

d) A member of the public asked for speed limit reductions and enforcement on the Quiet Lanes as some have a 60 mph limit. Cllr. Graham Lacey replied that he has a meeting pending with EDF and Highways and he will address speed limit issues. The Chairman said he had also asked for a meeting with EDF and Highways and he will speak to the County Council to understand the process to reduce speed limits in the parish.

e) The Council agreed not to respond to the Nautilus Interconnector public consultation as it is not a statutory consultation and the proposals lack the necessary details to comment on.

8. Planning

a) The Council agreed to support planning application DC/21/4418/FUL – reinstatement of a pre-existing car port – Flint Cottage, The Street.

b) The Council agreed to support planning application DC/21/4473/FUL – internal and external alterations to an existing chalet bungalow to improve functionality and living conditions – Heath View, Leiston Road provided the applicant submits a landscaping scheme for pre-approval of the planning authority as a pre-commencement condition. This would enable the planning authority to secure the retention of trees and hedgerows within the site thus safeguarding natural screening for the benefit of neighbouring properties.

9. Councillors' Reports

a) Highways/Footpaths – the Council acknowledged Cllr. Steve Thorpe's previously circulated note about contacting the Westleton farmer for his views about how to prevent another occurrence of cows attacking footpath users and dogs.

b) Village Hall:

i) Roof – Cllr. Lynda Whitbread reported that the Village Hall Management Committee has secured a grant and has funds in hand to repair the Village Hall roof. The Chairman said he had obtained legal advice which confirmed that it is the responsibility of the Management Committee to keep the building in good repair and not the Council which is the Custodian Trustee. Cllr. Graham Lacey offered to help assess the three quotes obtained by the Management Committee.

ii) Drop-In Centre – Cllr. Lesley Taylor reported that she had secured a grant for £500 from the District Council's Community Partnership Small Grants Fund.

iii) Defibrillator – Cllr. Lesley Taylor reported that the Management Committee are looking into providing a defibrillator for the Village Hall.

ACTION: Clerk to provide a list residents who previously attended defibrillator training.

c) Primary School – Cllr. Lynda Whitbread reported that volunteers have been invited back into school.

d) Village Green Bench Repair – Cllr. Chris Reynolds reported that following an inspection of the broken bench it was deemed cheaper to replace it. The Council noted District Cllr. Russ Rainger’s previously circulated note about the availability of a grant from the District Council’s Community Partnership Fund for Talking Benches.

ACTION: Clerk to apply for a grant.

e) Telephone Box – the Council briefly discussed ideas such as a book exchange, a seed exchange, an information centre and an advertising space. It was decided to ask for further ideas and volunteers via the village newsletter.

ACTION: Clerk to progress.

10. Queen’s Platinum Jubilee 2022

Due to the lateness of the hour, the Council agreed to postpone consideration of a joint community event to mark the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee until the next meeting.

11. Administration

The following agenda items were also postponed until next month:

- a) To conduct the annual review of the Risk Assessment.
- b) To approve the continuation of the Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer.
- c) To agree to appoint the Suffolk Association of Local Councils as internal auditor.
- d) To conduct the annual review of the insurance policy to ensure the terms of the policy remain acceptable and that all known risks and assets are adequately protected

12. Finance

- a) The Council noted the latest financial position, including receipts.
- b) The Council noted the budgeted versus actual income and expenditure for Quarter 2 2021-2022.
- c) The Council noted the bank reconciliation for Quarter 2 2021-2022.
- d) The Council authorised expenditure of £35 for a Remembrance Day poppy wreath (LGA 1972 s.138b)
- e) The Council agreed to donate £50 to Citizens Advice (LGA 1972 s.142)
- f) The Council authorised the payments below:

Details	Payee	Amount	Power
Clerk’s Salary	Sharon Smith	£274.45	LGA 1972 s.112
Pavilion Electricity	British Gas	£37.21	LGA 1972 s.19
Stickers for Village Signs	EPS Transfers	£59.40	LGA 1972 s.111

13. Correspondence

The Council reviewed the correspondence received between 9th September 2021 and 6th October 2021.

14. Next Meeting

The Council agreed the date and time of the next meeting of the Council which is scheduled for Monday 8th November 2021 at 7:30 pm.

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

The Council postponed the following agenda items until next month:

- 1. Status and finances of Trust - Chairman to report.
- 2. Update on play equipment including approval of quotation for replacement of swing.
- 3. Update on pavilion awning and flooring.
- 4. To consider replacement of the damaged sign in the car park.

The meeting closed at 8:55 pm.



Middleton Amateur Weather Station

Rainfall Recordings

	1 year ago (2020)	10 years ago (2011)	20 years ago (2001)	30 years ago (1991)	Average (1991 – 2020)
February	85.5mm	52.0mm	94.0mm	31.0mm	50mm
March	24.5mm	8mm*	92mm	26mm	47mm
April	18mm	8mm	63mm	50mm	41.3mm
May	0.5mm	18mm	41mm	20mm	55.6mm
June	48mm	92mm	46mm	92mm	51.9mm
July	51mm	76mm	84mm	45mm	60mm
August	40.5mm	75mm	94mm	9mm	62mm
September	90mm	21mm	97mm	61mm	56mm
October	109.5mm	38mm	51mm	21mm	68mm
November	29.5mm	23mm	78mm	67mm	67.8mm

November

Driest years 1995 and 2011 23mm

Wettest year 2014 with 160mm



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MONDAY CLOSED

TUESDAY 6PM – 11PM

WEDNESDAY 12PM – 3PM / 6PM – 11PM

THURSDAY 12PM – 3PM / 6PM – 11PM

FRIDAY 12PM – 3PM / 5PM – 11PM

SATURDAY 12PM – 3PM / 6PM – 11PM

SUNDAY 12PM – 7PM

FOOD SERVED

MONDAY / TUESDAY CLOSED

WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLOSED

WEDNESDAY EVENING 6PM – 9PM

THURSDAY – SATURDAY 12PM – 2.30PM / 6PM – 9PM

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Diary Dates for 2021

November

Tuesday 2 nd	Open Cribbage evening - beginners/improvers/experienced all welcome - The Bell, 7pm
Tuesday 9 th	Parish council meeting, Village Hall 7pm
Sunday 14 th	Remembrance Day Service 10.50am
Wednesday 17 th	W.I. Village Hall - 7.15pm- Doug Bone -- Antarctica and me.

December


Saturday 4 th	Santa Boules 10 am Playing Field
Friday 10 th	Crisis at Christmas Coffee Morning 10.30 – 12 The Bell
Saturday 11 th	MCC party (maybe)
Tuesday 14 th	Parish council meeting , Village Hall 7pm
Wednesday 15 th	W.I. Village Hall - A festive celebration.
Friday 17 th	Charity Christmas Light Display, Suncot, Middleton Moor 6-8pm
Tuesday 21 st	Village Carol Service, Holy Trinity Church



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