

**MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AS SOLE TRUSTEE OF  
THE MIDDLETON RECREATION GROUND TRUST  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER 2025  
AT 8.10pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

**1 Attendance and Apologies**

**Attendees:**

Cllr Julian Cusack  
Cllr Steve Thorpe  
Cllr Charles Macdowell  
Cllr Chris Reynolds  
Cllr Kathryn Rowe  
Cllr Giles Piercy  
Cllr Michele Kendall  
Cllr Ian Widgington

**Apologies accepted for absence:**

None

**In attendance:**

Parish Clerk

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

**3 Minutes**

Minutes approved of Trustee Meeting held on 12 November 2025.  
Matters arising. None.

**4 To review Safety Inspection Report**

The latest report has been received and noted.

**5 SZC Community Fund**

MPC are waiting to hear the outcome.

**6 Finance**

The following payment was approved.

Details	Payee	Amount	Power
Pavilion Sundries (Nisbets Ltd)	Parish Clerk (ratify)	£49.75	LGA 1972 s. 137

**7 Running of pavilion review**

The meeting was advised that there has not been as many bookings this year, in part due to the flood. The above sundries were purchased to replace the wet paper towels etc. The pavilion is infrequently used by village residents and it was agreed that local groups need to be encouraged to use the pavilion, which is advertised on Facebook, where most bookings originate.

The cost for village residents is £15 and £25 for non-village residents. DofE are charged £70 (includes overnight). The pavilion loses money when used for the open gardens and fete. It was noted that from January 2026 the pavilion will run under a new energy plan, cheaper than previous years.

Should MPC be successful in obtaining a grant from the SZC Community Fund and all improvement plans are implemented, along with a strong advertising campaign, it is hoped bookings will naturally increase. Either way, it was agreed that more effort should be made to promote the facilities. Offering a marquee was also suggested. Advertising in The Fisherman and other local parish magazines is also an option.

The Pavilion Manager was thanked for all her hard work and efforts to date and will return to the role in April next year.

**8 Correspondence.** None.

**9 Matters for discussion.** None

**10 Consider Items for the next Agenda.** None

**11 Next Meeting**

Agreed for Wednesday 14 January 2026 to follow on after the Parish Council Meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.