

MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 7pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL

"Please note that the Parish Council will be pleased to consider adding additional items suggested by residents please do so via the Parish Clerk on parishclerkmiddleton@gmail.com".

1 Attendance and Apologies

Attendees:

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

Apologies accepted for absence:

Parish Clerk

In attendance:

Members of the public 60+

2 Councillors' Declarations of Interest. None.

3 Public Forum

- Cllr Cusack advised the meeting that Ian Lewis has been successfully appointed as a new council member.
- It was agreed to donate £20 to the Royal British Legion for a poppy wreath. **Action: Clerk to make donation.**
- The new gravel path to the church is unsuitable and it has been agreed, upon the advice of the contractor, to apply a resin spray to stabilise. **Action: Clerk to instruct Nice Touch Landscapes accordingly.**

4 Minutes

The Council approved the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8 October 2025.

5 Sizewell C Update. The meeting was provided with a presentation from SZC giving an overview of where the project stands today. The presentation included a CGI animation showing future road layouts, including the SLR. This presentation, along with the slides that followed are all available for viewing at the SZC office in Leiston, and it is understood that these will also be provided directly to the parish council.

Following the presentation, SZC responded to questions from the public, including issues around the felling of trees, the SLR, changes to the DCO, road closures, rat run traffic, conduct of delivery drivers, vehicle identify, vehicle/road monitoring and road signage, High Lodge accommodation and Wi-Fi broadband. Where SZC were unable to provide answers on the night, assurance was given that answers will be sought and provided forthwith.

It is understood that SZC will also be providing answers to the pre-submitted questions in due course.

Thanks were given to SZC staff and parish residents for attending the meeting.

6 Agree a date for the Finance Working Group Meeting, Budget 26/27. Subsequent to the meeting a date has been arranged for Tuesday 2 December at 2pm.

- 7 **Agree and re-adopt Safeguarding and EDI policies.** The policies were agreed and re-adopted.
Action: Clerk to forward to SZC Community Fund and upload onto village website.
- 8 **Consider items for Next Agenda**
- 9 **Next Meeting.** Agreed for Wednesday 10 December 2025 at 7pm, at the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.