

MIDDLETON~ CUM~FORDLEY



NEWSLETTER

December 2022

Editorial

Thank you to all those who have sent in Christmas greetings – a bumper lot this year - and it looks very encouraging that so many of us are saving paper, donating to very worthy charities and/or making a donation to the newsletter. Thank you – every little helps – especially now that HSBC charge £5 per month just to operate the account and a (small at the moment) fee for all cheque deposits.

Thank you Jenny for your front cover picture of your cake.

There will not be a full newsletter at the end of December as it would mean preparing it between Christmas and New Year but if there is anything that can't wait until the end of January I may prepare a small edition after the holiday period.

Contributions for the next full newsletter to me by email preferably as a WORD doc please to barbara.barker.t21@btinternet.com or dropped in to 6 Meadowview, Rectory Road, by **Tuesday 24th Jan.**

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

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Summer Winers recently installed 'Owl box'



Thank you to everyone who contributed to my "Big Birthday" – much appreciated.
Post my operation I'm thinking of investing in a lovely walking jacket for 2023!
Many thanks
John Balcombe
Four Seasons Lodge



Public information - many of us walk in this in rich bird-life area, and several households keep poultry.



If you suspect bird flu in poultry or other captive birds, you must report it immediately by calling:

- 03000 200 301 if you're in England

Bird flu is a [notifiable disease](#) in poultry and other captive birds. If you do not report it, you're breaking the law.

If you see a dead wild bird, it's important you do not touch it! Help our surveillance of Avian influenza by letting the Defra helpline know if you find: • one or more dead birds of prey • 3 or more dead gulls or wild waterfowl (swans, geese and ducks) • 5 or more dead birds of any species Find out more about reporting dead wild birds here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu/#report-dead-wild-birds>



Middleton-cum-Fordley Community Council

Christmas Celebrations

Please join us for an early evening gathering on

Saturday 10th December

Festivities begin at **4:30pm** on the **Village Green**

with the **illumination** of the Tree.

Followed by **The Wrentham Brass Band**

in **The Barn at The Bell**

Seasonal Nibbles including sausage rolls, mince pies,
gingerbread, vegan and gluten-free options.

The Bell will be open for you to purchase drinks.

Luxury Raffle in aid of

Shelter and Leiston Food Bank

at 5:45pm.

Please come and enjoy this festive occasion with your fellow residents and celebrate the season.

Anyone requiring transport, please contact Trish on

Tricia.cooke1@btopenworld.com 07910 301773

Thursday Morning Drop In

We were pleased to re-open our weekly 'Drop In' on 3rd November and to welcome back some residents who have not met up for some time. As well as coffee and cake or a toasted teacake, we now serve homemade soup and a roll from 12 midday. The Village Hall has free Wifi and the use of a laptop and printer if you need to complete or send off any forms and there is always someone who is computer savvy to help if needed.

These sessions are run by a few volunteers and are funded by small Community Grants from East Suffolk Council and are open to all. Please feel free to join us from 11am – 1pm.

For further information or if you require transport please ring Lesley on 07970257329

Christmas Lunch



This year we are going to don our aprons and cook and serve Christmas Lunch on Thursday 15th December at 12 o'clock. We are reliant on the same funding so regret we are only able to offer this to a small group (maximum 20) but would like to see anyone who perhaps has had a difficult year, would like some company and to be cooked for and who is not able to attend the Community Council Christmas event at the Bell. Transport can be arranged.

If you would like a place as numbers are limited, please contact Lesley on 07970257329 or taylormadeflowers@yahoo.co.uk or Lynda on 07890 067054 or lynda@thewhitbreadfamily.co.uk

For further information or if you require transport please ring Lesley on 07970257329

Middleton cum Fordley Parish Council

Vacancy for Parish Clerk

The Parish Council has a vacancy for a part time role as our Parish Clerk. The hours are an average of 5 hours per week including attendance at monthly evening meetings with a competitive salary. The work includes looking after the Parish finances, correspondence, minutes and advice to the Council on its duties and conduct. An extended handover from the current Clerk and training will be available. This is a great opportunity to service your local community. If you would like to know more, please contact Julian Cusack (Parish Council Chair) on 01728 649060 or by email to julian.cusack@btinternet.com.

Coming in January

Charity Quiz nights return to The Bell on Monday 9th January, and the 2nd Monday of each month thereafter.

Food is included at 6pm then quiz starts at 7pm - £7.50 pp

The first quiz will be in aid of MS and The Blossom Appeal, after that the winners can nominate a charity.

Ask at The Bell for more details Tel 648286



The Bell Inn has some new menu's out now! All created by our 2 new chefs! We have our Winter menu, a new children's, lunch and dessert menu, and a Festive Christmas menu.



Christmas menu is Pre orders only 01728 648286.

The Bell Inn Winter Menu

Olives £3.50 Breads £3.50

Sun blushed tomatoes £3.00 Hummus & pitta bread £7.00

To start

King prawn gambas, rocket & lemon

£9.50 GF

Pork & cider terrine, onion marmalade, toasted sourdough

£8.50 DF

Baked camembert, toasted focaccia & onion jam

£10.00 V

Garlic fried mushrooms on toasted sourdough

£8.00 V

Heritage beetroot, candied walnuts & salsa Verde

£8.00 DF GF VGN

Mains

Crispy duck leg, fondant potato, carrot & orange puree, kale & jus

£16.50 GF

Braised Ox cheek, dauphinoise potato, sauteed greens, onion & bacon jus

£20.50 GF

Pan fried salmon, chorizo, lentil & bean cassoulet with sauteed greens

£16.50 GF DF

Wild mushroom & spinach risotto, rocket

£16.50 DF GF VGN

Slow cooked pork belly, lyonnaise potatoes, cabbage & bacon, cider jus

£17.50 GF

Adnams beer battered haddock, chips, garden peas & tartare sauce

£16.50 DF

The Bell Rump steak, bacon & cheeseburger, chips or fries & salad

£16.95

Chicken supreme, fondant potato, mushroom & white wine sauce with sauteed greens

£16.50 GF

Bell Inn Lunch Menu

The Bell Rump steak, bacon & cheeseburger, chips or fries & salad

£16.95

Sweet chilli glazed halloumi & mushroom burger, chips or fries & salad

£16.95 V

Adnams beer battered haddock, chips, garden peas & tartare sauce

£16.50 DF

Wholetail breaded scampi, chips or fries, salad & tartare sauce

£16.00

Honey & mustard roast ham, fried hens egg & chips

£15.50 GF DF

Sweet potato & butternut squash curry, steamed rice & pickled vegetables

£15.50 VGN DF GF

Chipolata Cumberland ring, mash, winter greens, pancetta & onion gravy

£16.00

Paninis

Toasted paninis all served with side salad & crisps £9.00

Bacon, brie & cranberry

Sun blushed tomato, mozzarella, basil pesto, garlic aioli VG

Chorizo, ham, mozzarella & red pepper aioli

Roasted red pepper, spinach & hummus VGN

Cumberland sausage, onion marmalade & English mustard

Bell Inn Child's Menu

Ham, egg & chips

Chicken goujons, chips peas or beans

Spaghetti Bolognaise

Fish & chips with garden peas

Fish fingers, chips, peas or beans

All Meals £8.50

Bell Inn Dessert Menu

Double chocolate brownie, chocolate sauce & vanilla ice cream

£8.00

Sticky toffee pudding, toffee sauce & vanilla ice cream

£8.00

Tarte normande (caramelised apple tart), cinnamon pouring cream & an apple gel £8.50

Winter berry pavlova

£8.00 GF

Adnams Irish liqueur chocolate tart, raspberry coulis & pouring cream £8.50

The Bell Inn crumble & custard

£8.00

Bell Inn cheeseboard, Miller's crackers, grapes, celery & marmalade £10.00

Gluten free / Vegan Desserts

Chocolate brownie, chocolate sauce, vegan vanilla ice cream

£8.00

Sticky toffee pudding, toffee sauce, vegan vanilla ice cream

£8.00

Two courses £24.50

Three courses £29.50

The Bell Inn Festive Menu

To start

Parsnip & honey soup, warm artisan bread
Kiln roasted salmon, fennel & orange salad, horseradish crème
fraiche
Duck liver pate, orange marmalade, toasted sourdough

Main

Local breast of turkey, duck fat roasted potatoes, cranberry sage &
onion stuffing, pigs in blankets, winter greens & gravy
Winter vegetable pithivier, roast potatoes, cranberry sage & onion
stuffing, honey roasted roots & veggie gravy
Pan fried cod loin, crushed new potatoes, crispy leeks & saffron
velouté

Desserts

Christmas pudding, brandy sauce & redcurrants
Chocolate orange cheesecake, honeycomb ice cream
Apple & cinnamon strudel, vegan vanilla ice cream

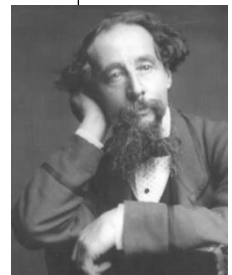
PRE ORDER ONLY

**An illustrated talk by
MARK MITCHELS**

**Wednesday 14th December
7pm
Holy Trinity Church**

**The Genius of
CHARLES DICKENS**

**Refreshments
Silver collection towards church funds**



The Genius of Charles Dickens

Dickens mastered two careers: firstly, the demanding discipline of writing novels in magazine episodes, and then as a spell-binding performer of his own work before audiences in Britain and America. His punishing schedule probably brought about his early death. But his creations survive – Pickwick, Oliver Twist, Nicholas Nickleby, Scrooge, Miss Havisham – and in an important way he defines the Victorian Age. What was Dickens like? This talk uses his life and extracts from his books to recreate the man and his achievement.

HOLY TRINITY – MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY

Holy Trinity Church would like to wish all our friends and neighbours in Middleton-cum-Fordley a Joyful Christmas and a Peaceful New Year

with heartfelt thanks for your continued support, seen and unseen



Christmas Events etc



Christmas clean

Everyone welcome, mince pies for all comers

Wednesday, 14 December, 10-12pm

Christmas Miscellany



The Genius of Dickens (see poster below)

Wednesday, 14 December, 7pm

Carol Service on the Village Green (in the church if wet)



Thursday, 22 December, 6pm

Midnight Mass

Saturday, 24 December, 11.30pm



Christmas Cards

There are few packs of these still available on the display stand at the back of the church

Services during December

Sunday 18 December

11am Morning Prayer

Thursday 22 December

6pm Carol Service

on the Village Green (in the church if wet) "mice"pies (not a typo!) and mulled wine

Saturday 24 December

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Services during January

Sunday 1 January

10am CHC Benefice Service

Sunday 8 January

11am coffee and croissants followed by a gentle Taize service

Sunday 15 January

11am Morning Prayer

Sunday 22 January

11am Holy Communion

The Benefice service this month will be in Middleton

Sunday 1 January at 10am

Holy Dusters

New dusters always welcome, of all faiths and none...with huge thanks to those who have recently volunteered



14 December: Christmas clean, everyone welcome



Mince pies and a sparkly spot in heaven for all comers



2023

4 January - Trish and Graham

18 January - Paul and Rob

8 February - Irene and Amanda

22 February - Margaret and Nicola

8 March - Val and Camilla

22 March - Liz and Mark



Remembrance Service

The weather was still and warm as people gathered for the Remembrance Service. It felt somehow fitting that, without a member of clergy available, the morning became a more collaborative affair with everyone playing their part. It was lovely too how many people were able to continue onto the pub where we enjoyed coffee and croissants and some particularly delicious bacon butties – could this perhaps become a new Middleton 'tradition'?

Give and Take Food Bank

In the light of the generous response to the Harvest Festival food basket, we are trialling a small 'give and take' food bank at the back of the church. People are free to either donate or collect dried and tinned food as their circumstances allow. Any food remaining at the end of each month is being delivered to the foodbanks in Saxmundham and Leiston.

Free wood chippings

Following the remedial work in the church yard there is a pile of wood chippings by the gate into Back Road. Please feel free to help yourself.

Thought for the month

(With a nod to Mark's talk on Dickens!)

"A Merry Christmas to us all; God bless us, every one!"

Tiny Tim, in A Christmas Carol

Mike Macdowell

It is with sadness that the family of Mike Macdowell announce his passing on 23/11/22. An active member of the village for many years in a number of ways.

Bob Allard

A service of celebration and thanksgiving for the life of Bob (Herbert) Allard 1933 - 2022

was held in Holy Trinity, Middleton on 28th November .



Andy Wood's talk about Adnams

Even for those of us who may already know something of Adnams' history this was a fascinating talk. Andy had a fluid, conversational style and barely needed to refer to his notes. He took us through both the story of Adnams within the context of brewing in Southwold from 1345 up to the present day and also explained his own background and how he came to be the CEO of the company.

It was a compelling tale. The original "Ale Wife" founder of brewing at the Swan Hotel site in Southwold, Johanna de Corby, whose low-strength beers were able to take the pathogens out of the local water allowing workers to drink well and not get too intoxicated, ended up in jail after prosecutions from the weights and measures authorities.

We moved on in time to 1672 and The Battle of Sole Bay, the third of the Anglo-Dutch trade wars that resulted in 3000 dead on both sides!

Ten years later, the "party" ship, HMS Gloucester, linked to this battle, ran aground off Great Yarmouth and sank but King James II who was on board, and had been Lord High Admiral in the battle of Sole Bay managed to disembark.

Two diver brothers who explored the wreck in 2007, Julian and Lincoln Barnwell discovered a huge haul of 20,000 artefacts. Andy recommended an exhibition of these objects at Norwich Castle running from February to July next year.

Andy then recounted how the company called Adnams, developed from 1872, when it was founded, to 1902, when the Loftus family became majority shareholders, to consolidation in the 20th century. CAMRA's praise for this local brewery and shares on the Stockmarket led to Adnams' prime reputation today.

Andy, who had moved from Lewisham to Loddon as a youth, was employed by Norwich Union in its "halcyon days" where he was 'educated' and looked after as a new recruit. When he decided to work for Adnams he pursued further education and achieved a doctorate at Cranfield.

In 25 years at Adnams Andy has overseen many changes, particularly in brand development and sustainability. The motto: "Real Beer from a Real Place made by Real People" governs all the company's vision. The business wants to be a force for good and takes its responsibilities seriously, aiming to acquire more properties and still remain independent.

Photos taken whilst W.I. president Lynda was on a tour of the Adnams distillery.

The view across Southwold is quite amazing.

LW



At our November meeting we welcomed Simon Bridge from Shakespeare's Globe Theatre who gave us a talk " Her Infinite Variety". Simon has been an actor for 27 years and since 1993 has been in the education wing of the Globe Theatre giving lectures and conducting workshops for students. He explained the Globe is a reconstruction of the original from Shakespeare's time. No one knew for sure how plays were staged in Shakespeare's time 300 years ago, so it was a matter of trial and error on how to use this new one. They worked it out as they went. Simon reminded us that in Shakespeare's day there were no actresses, boys played the female roles. In 1629 an acting company from France came to give a play and they used women in the cast. The audience "pippin pelted" them (threw apples)! Shakespeare was a shareholder in the Company and knew all the actors. He wrote plays with certain actors in mind for the roles. The female roles played by boys but in some of his plays he had the women dressing as men such as Portia in "The Merchant of Venice". Shakespeare used the poetic device of metaphors in his plays to make his characters and audiences feel emotions. To demonstrate this, Simon used his favorite device of audience participation: he had us do the balcony scene from "Romeo and Juliet" with half of us playing Juliet standing on the balcony and the other half sitting to represent Romeo on the ground. Simon read out the lines and we shouted them out in some sort of unison. We had a good laugh and thanked Simon for a very entertaining 45 minutes!

Our AGM followed tea. We heard the annual reports from the president and treasurer. We re-elected Lynda as president and welcomed Angela on to the committee as secretary.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday 21st December. Our end of year celebration.

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Middleton News



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Early Years

We have had lots of excitement within the Early Years as our new outside equipment has arrived. We are looking forward to lots of outdoor learning, so please make sure coats are brought to school daily.



Ash Class

Ash class has had a very exciting start to the new half term. Two dragons have been seen flying over the school. This week, a dragon's nest was found within the playground, with two dragons being found inside. This is linked to our English text of St George and the dragon and the children will be writing their own story over the coming weeks.



Spruce Class

Spruce have enjoyed reading real newspapers. They found headlines and also noticed that the question words; who, what, where, when and how are usually answered in the introductory paragraph of the news articles. This has given them lots of ideas for their own writing over the coming week.



Middleton Remembers...



Celebrating the opening of Roke Drive

The new housing development by Hastoe at Roke Drive was officially opened on 21 October 2022, with one of the new residents cutting the ribbon.

The scheme comprises: a terrace of three social-rented houses; a pair of semidetached, shared equity bungalows; an open-market detached house; and two self-build plots for detached houses.

The development provides accommodation that is well insulated, affordable and secure for local people, as well as bringing young families to our village with its elderly demographic.

The project has been more than ten years in the making. The inordinate delay was down principally to funding problems, but also planning and minor logistical difficulties.

The scheme was promoted by the parish council. It was brought forward under the council's exception site policy which provides a way of bringing forward much-needed affordable accommodation for local people in rural areas like ours. It gives landowners a fair, but not outrageous return.

The development has not been plain sailing. The principal problem was that the developer built two-bedroom homes, as identified in the needs survey. But when it came to allocation, single people were told by Home Choice that they did not qualify for the two-bed accommodation. It was quite a battle to secure the house for the one local resident now occupying. Planning was also a nightmare - though this is a problem which affects development of all kinds.

The parish council was very much involved in the design of the scheme and was keen that it should be in keeping with the local vernacular. Much as I welcome the style, I'm not sure about the juxtaposition of the pink and yellow on the façade of the terrace.

Nigel Smith

HASTOE HOUSING ASSOCIATION

Media Release: 27 October 2022

Suffolk village increases affordable housing by over 30%

The completion of six brand new affordable homes was officially marked by the community of Middleton in Suffolk on Friday 21 October 2022.

Prior to the houses being built, there was a total of 19 affordable homes in the area of Middleton. These six new homes represent a 31.57% increase in social housing provision making a huge difference to local people and life in the village.

Once a green field site, the development includes three 2-bedroom houses for social rent, as well as one 2-bedroom house and two 2-bedroom bungalows for shared ownership. All homes have been prioritised for people with a local connection to Middleton, such as those working in the village, those with close family in the area, or those who previously lived there but were forced to move out because of a lack of affordable housing.

The homes have been designed in a local traditional style with a mix of materials to fit with the character of the village. They've also been built to a high energy-efficient standard to help reduce fuel bills for residents.

With the support of the local Rural Housing Enabler to identify a suitable site, works began on site in December 2020 and were completed in February 2022. The homes were developed in partnership with Middleton Parish Council, East Suffolk Council, Suffolk County Council, architects Parsons + Whittle, building contractor Marfleet and Blyth, and employer's agent Potter Raper.

Hastoe invested £958,000 into the development with an additional £330,000 from Homes England. The village voted on a number of names for the new cul-de-sac and Roke Drive was the clear favourite. Roke is an old East Anglian term for an early morning and late evening mist. The mist runs down the field where the houses are built at certain times of the year.

All partners, as well as local councillors, attended the official completion of works including residents who had moved in this year. The occasion was commemorated with the cutting of a ribbon.

Resident Jennifer Merredew said: "Living in this new house has made a really big difference to my life. I was living in an old cottage in Middleton. I now enjoy having space and light, and I'm really happy to still be in the village I love. There's room to entertain friends in the kitchen/diner which is an added bonus and a noticeable lack of drafts, which I am particularly aware of coming from a chilly cottage."



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Contact Jamie Tel 07714537954

Email Windowcleanlj@gmail.com



Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to all our friends in Middleton

Renny and Mike



Wishing all my neighbours and friends in Middleton a very Happy Christmas.

Carol Michel



Wishing all my lovely friends in Middleton a wonderful Christmas and see you all in the New Year.

Yvonne xx



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone.

Jim Adams



The Reynolds family would like to wish our Middleton friends Seasons Greetings and all the Best for 2023.



Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year From all at Watermill Farm x



'We wish all in Middleton a very Happy Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year! Love from Gilly & Sicunder'



Julian and Fiona wish all our friends and neighbours in the village a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

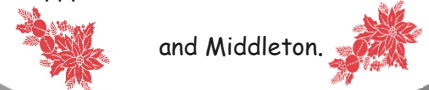


VERY BEST WISHES TO ALL FOR CHRISTMAS & THE NEW YEAR.

RITA & IAN



Here's wishing a very Merry Christmas a Happy New Year to all our chums in and Middleton.



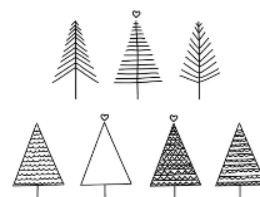
Nigel & Marilyn



Wishing all Middleton cum Fordley Newsletter readers a VERY Merry Christmas!
From Mandy & Steve at Manor House

(Instead of cards this year we've made donations to the charity Bowel Cancer UK & the Middleton Newsletter)

Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year



From Sarah and Tim

**Season's Greetings and a healthy and prosperous New Year to all our friends,
neighbours and acquaintances in Middleton.**



Richard and Jenny Turner.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS from
all the Cookes at Central House

We would like to wish our friends in
Middleton and beyond **A Very
Merry Christmas** and **A Happy
New Year!**



[We have decided
not to send cards
this year, but
donate instead
to Cardiac Risk
in the Young
(CRY).]

*A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
to everyone in Middleton.*



Simon and Jane



**Wishing all our friends in Middleton and beyond a
very happy Christmas and every good wish for the
New Year.**

Love Colin & Lynda

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**(We will not be putting on our usual light display
this year but will send a donation to the Air
Ambulance, as we are not sending out Christmas
cards.)**

*A very Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year to all our
friends and neighbours*



Brian & Barbara

Helen and Kim send festive wishes to all our lovely
friends in Middleton and hope that 2023 brings
peace and health to all.

**Wishing a Very Happy Christmas and
New Year to all our friends in
Middleton.**

Douglas and Sally Bone.



In the words of Tiny Tim 'God bless us, every
one!'

Happy Christmas and holding hope for 2023...

love from Amanda and Paul in

The Old Post Office xx



MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2022
AT 7:00 PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendees:

Cllr. Julian Cusack - Chair
Cllr. Roy Dowding – Vice-Chair
Cllr. Chris Reynolds
Cllr. Graham Lacey
Cllr. Lynda Whitbread
Cllr. Lesley Taylor
Cllr. Steve Thorpe

Apologies for absence:

District Cllr. Tom Daly
District Cllr. Tony Cooper

In attendance:

Sharon Smith – Clerk/RFO
County Cllr. Richard Smith
District Cllr. Russ Rainger
Two members of the public

2. Councillors' Declarations of Interest None.

3. Public Forum District Cllr. Russ Rainger reported that the Ease the Squeeze initiative was ongoing. Financial Roadshows are being held in local towns offering advice and signposting residents to available help. The District Council has appointed a new Chief Executive Officer, Chris Bailey, to replace Stephen Baker who retires at the end of the year. Cllr. Rainger concluded his report by mentioning the National Grid Sea Link and Euro Link public consultations. The District Council is holding joint meetings later this month to hear the views of Town and Parish Councils.

4. Minutes The Council approved as accurate the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 4th October 2022 and the meeting held on 11th October 2022.

5. Matters Arising With reference to item 8, Cllr. Lesley Taylor reported that she spoke with IP17 Good Neighbours Scheme about the Warm Rooms initiative. There are a number of guidelines to be eligible for Warm Rooms funding, which Middleton could not meet, but residents may use facilities in Saxmundham and Leiston.

6. Public Forum Resumed

a) County Cllr. Richard Smith said he attended the official opening event at Roke Drive hosted by Hastoe Housing. Cllr. Smith commended the Parish Council for seeing the project through and said the houses were well designed. With regard to Sizewell C, Cllr. Smith said that TASC's initial Judicial Review request was turned down however they submitted further documentation refuting many of the Secretary of State and EDF submissions, that criticised the Judicial Review request, and they await the decision on the request for an oral hearing in front of a different judge. There was a rumour in the press that Sizewell C was under review by the government but this was swiftly denied. The cost has now risen to £25 billion but Cllr. Smith opined that it cannot now be built for less than £40 billion.

b) A member of the public asked the Council to consider providing adult exercise equipment at the playing field. She said there was lots of play equipment for children but no provision for older residents, who outnumber children in the parish, and that dog walkers could use the equipment while their dogs run around. She offered to research details of equipment and costs for installation and maintenance and suggested grants could be raised to fund the project. She has a number of letters of support from residents which she passed to the Council. The Chairman replied that the Council has discussed this idea previously and agreed to consider it as part of a mix of future strategic objectives for the parish. The strategic objectives will be decided after the election in May 2023 when the Council could have a different membership. The Chairman said there are other provisions on offer for adult residents in the parish including yoga and pilates classes.

7. Casual Vacancies

The Chairman proposed that the Council co-opt Charles Macdowell to fill one of the Council's casual vacancies. Mr Macdowell said a few words about his particular interest in Sizewell C and his desire to assist as there will be a lot to do if the development goes ahead. The Council unanimously approved Mr Macdowell's co-option to the Council. Mr Macdowell signed the Declaration of Acceptance form and joined the Council with immediate effect.

ACTION: Clerk to inform the District Council.

8. Energy Projects

The Chairman reported on the first meeting of the Sizewell C B1122 Early Years Working Group. The focus is on the early years phase when most of the construction traffic will use the B1122 to reach the construction site and to build the associated infrastructure. The purpose of the group is to explore ways to mitigate the impact of the traffic, particularly safety, noise and vibration. The group comprises EDF, Middleton and Theberton Parish Councils, the District Council, EDF's consultants WSP, and SCC Highways. The group reviewed plans for footpaths along the B1122 but only within the constraints of the Highways' boundary and there was no provision for protected cycling. Four unprotected crossing areas are being offered denoted by tactile paving where there are good sight lines. Village gateway signs and granite setts in the road were suggested for the approaches to the Moor to inform drivers they are approaching a settlement.

The previously proposed suggestion from EDF to prohibit right turns from Mill Street has been abandoned. The provision of an illuminated sign on the B1122 to inform drivers that a vehicle is waiting to emerge from Mill Street is also being considered. Cllr. Roy Dowding said the Mill Street junction will be dangerous as there will be few gaps in the traffic and drivers will take chances. He suggested that levelling the rise to the right of the junction should be reconsidered. Cllr. Lesley Taylor said the proposals offer very little as the footpaths do not join up, there is no protection for the properties fronting the B1122, and the gateways are cosmetic and not effective. Cllr. Taylor said the request for quiet surface dressing on the B1122 has been turned down as it is not considered necessary for a 30 mph speed zone. The Council requested a 20 mph speed limit through the Moor and for ANPR cameras to monitor speeding. The Chairman said that Highways' reply was that a 20 mph limit was not enforceable. EDF will be monitoring the speed of HGVS which may set the speed limit within 30 mph. Cllr. Steve Thorpe said the stretch of B1125 between Reckford Bridge and the junction with B1122 has been added to the group and he also requested a 20 mph speed limit from Reckford Bridge to Yew Tree Corner and ANPR cameras. The Council agreed that the next steps were:

- (i) to convene a meeting with representatives from Theberton, Walberswick, Westleton, Kelsale, Yoxford and Blythburgh Parish Councils to discuss how intervention in one parish may affect neighbouring parishes and to ensure joined up views are presented to EDF;
- (ii) to invite residents to a surgery in the Village Hall in the new year to hear their views about EDFs proposed plans;
- (iii) to conduct site visits to the B1122 to identify stretches where the proposed footpaths could be joined.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange joint meeting and check availability of Village Hall for joint meeting and surgery. Councillors to conduct site visits to B1122.

b) The Chairman briefed the Council about the National Grid Sea Link and Euro Link consultation. The nearest potential sites for convertor stations are east of Moat Road at Theberton and at Saxmundham near the boundary with Sternfield. The convertor stations will connect with the substation proposed for Friston. The preferred landfall site is between Aldeburgh and Thorpeness and the cable swathes will cross the RSPB North Warren. The Council accepted the Chairman's offer to draft a response to the consultation.

9. Planning The Council agreed there was no objection to planning application DC/22/4038/FUL - construction of a two-bay single-storey cart lodge and log store. In another position, the construction of a hay and small tractor store, moving along the existing, open metal store - Rose Farm Barn, Mill Street.

ACTION: Clerk to inform District Council.

10. Consultations The Chairman completed the Transport East – Rural Mobility Survey but following a discussion with Council a number of amendments were identified.

ACTION: Clerk to ask if the submission can be amended.

11. Councillors' and Clerk's Reports a) Highways – Cllr. Lesley Taylor raised a concern about school parents' parking on Rectory Road as there was an incident where the mobile library bus came into contact with a badly parked vehicle on the corner.

ACTION: Clerk to write to school and investigate possibility of double yellow lines for the corner.

b) Drop-In Centre – Cllr. Lesley Taylor informed the Council that the Drop-In Centre may be eligible for funding from an ESC Cost of Living Grant. It was agreed to apply for £1,000. Cllr. Taylor said the Community Council was not providing a Christmas lunch this year. Cllr. Chris Reynolds said this was due to the ongoing risks of COVID. The Council decided to arrange for a smaller Christmas lunch event at the Drop-in Centre on 15th December.

ACTION: Cllr. Lesley Taylor to apply for a grant.

c) Village Greens – the Chairman said he spoke to the Parochial Church Council about improving the disabled access to the Church but unfortunately they do not have any funding to support this initiative.

12. Finance

a) The Council noted the latest financial position, including receipts, and verified last month's approved payments.

b) The Council authorised the following payment:

Details	Payee	Amount	Power
Clerk's Salary	Sharon Smith	£351.60	LGA 1972 s.112

13. Correspondence The Council reviewed the correspondence received between 6th October 2022 to 3rd November 2022.

113. Next Meeting

The Council agreed the date and time of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 13th December 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:00 pm.

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2022 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. Graham Lacey
Cllr. Lynda Whitbread
Cllr. Chris Reynolds
Cllr. Steve Thorpe
Cllr. Charles Macdowell

Apologies for absence:

None

In attendance:

Sharon Smith - Clerk/RFO
No members of the public

2. Councillors' Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Public Forum

None.

4. Minutes The Council approved as accurate the minutes of the Trustee meeting on 4th October 2022.

5. Matters Arising With reference to item 6a, the Chairman thanked Cllr. Chris Reynolds for agreeing to take on responsibility for the Recreation Ground.

6. Play Equipment

a) The Council noted the monthly play equipment safety inspection report for October 2022.

b) The quotations to replace the zipline and the flat seat swing set were not available.

7. Finance The Council authorised the following payments:

Details	Payee	Amount	Power
Monthly Play Equipment Inspection - Oct	Eastern Play Services Ltd	£132.00	LGA (MP) 1976 s.19

8. Water Supply

The Chairman informed the Council that the water supply to the pavilion has never been billed and he and the Clerk had been trying to regularise this situation for some time. The Chairman was pleased to report that the water meter has finally been located on Back Road.

The meeting closed at 8:25 pm.

Parish Council Report November 2022 - Sizewell C

Please come and discuss EDF's plans for the B1122 – Village Hall Jan 7th and 14th 10am -12noon

Sizewell C has planning consent and continues to be supported by the UK government. But it still needs to overcome a legal challenge and attract investor support before it is a done deal.

The Parish Council hopes it will be abandoned but meanwhile we are engaging with EDF on what they might offer to mitigate the effects of the construction traffic along the B1122 in the 'early years' before the Sizewell Link Road comes into operation.

We have been shown plans prepared for EDF and met with them and the County Council in the 'B1122 Working Group'. The remit of this group has also been extended to cover the B1125.

So far, the conversation has included speed limits (30mph from Yoxford to Leiston), 'unprotected' road crossings, signage and small stretches of footpath where this can be accommodated within the highway boundary.

We think it is important that our residents have an opportunity to comment on the plans we have been shown and we are therefore planning to hold two 'surgeries' in the Village Hall from 10am to 12 noon on January 7th and 14th, when the plans will be on display and members of the Parish Council will be present to explain them and listen to your views.

Julian Cusack

Chair, Middleton cum Fordley Parish Council

November 21, 2022

Diary Dates 2022/3

December

- Saturday 10th MCC Christmas Event - The Bell
- Sunday 11th Floral Workshop, Red Lodge Barn, 2-5pm
- Tuesday 13th Parish council meeting, Village Hall 7pm
- Wednesday 14th Church Christmas clean 10-12noon
- Wednesday 14th The Genius of Dickens talk, Holy Trinity 7 pm
- Wednesday 21st W.I. Village Hall - End of Year Celebration
- Thursday 22nd Carol service on the Village Green 6pm
- Saturday 24th Midnight Mass, Holy Trinity 11.30pm

January 2023

- Sunday 1st 10am CHC Benefice Service
- Thursday 5th "Squid Night" - live music at The Bell - from 8pm
- Saturday 7th EDF's plans for the B1122 - Village Hall 10am -12noon
- Sunday 8th 11am coffee and croissants followed by a gentle Taize service
- Monday 9th Charity Quiz - The Bell from 6pm
- Saturday 14th EDF's plans for the B1122 - Village Hall 10am -12noon
- Sunday 15th 11am Morning Prayer
- Sunday 22nd 11am Holy Communion
- Tuesday 24th Copy date for next full newsletter

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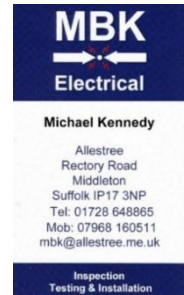
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