

# Middleton Tyas Parish Council

## MINUTES of a Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.00pm

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Mrs S Perks (Chair), G Davies, D Henderson

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs C Jones (Parish Clerk); NY Cllr Angus Thompson

### 1. APOLOGIES

Cllr J Perks, PCSO Elliot Brown (NY Police)

### 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

All Councillors made the following declaration:

"We, as Parish Councillors, declare that we have an interest in each Agenda item as residents of Middleton Tyas."

### 3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was Resolved to accept the Draft Minutes of the last meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and they were signed as a true record of the meeting.

### 4. POLICE REPORT

1. The report noted that there were only 2 crime incidents in the Ward which includes Scotch Corner. It was noted that sheds and outbuildings can be easy targets and residents are advised to lock these buildings and secure the equipment inside with locks or alarms.
2. It was noted that the new Beat Manager for Middleton Tyas is Alex Wilkinson.
3. It was Resolved to forward the Police information on appropriate parking outside schools to the School for them to bring to the attention of parents.
4. Councillors were reminded of the Police 'property marking event' which they are holding in the Memorial Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> February. Details from PCSO Elliot Brown.

### 5. NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

1. NY Cllr Angus Thompson explained that a Section 114 is a 'sort of bankruptcy' where a Council can only provide essential services due to lack of funds. He noted that NY Council is "nowhere near" having one. They are still in the set-up period and costs will be +£90m over 3 years, but there will then be savings of £55m per annum ongoing.

He noted that some Council-owned properties may be disposed of eventually but the Council is committed to having a presence in Richmond Town.

Parking ticket machines currently cost £1m pa to issue tickets (for the machines and their upkeep) so they may go paperless in the future.

Emptying gullies is currently contracted out but the Council plans to have their own wagons in due course to save money. There are 8,500 miles of road gullies to clean out in the County.

Scotch Corner Roundabout – The A66 Dualling Project will begin in September 2024 and Cllr Thompson has asked National Highways for a copy of their design drawings. It was noted that planning permission requires the roundabout upgrade to be completed before the first shop in the Retail Park can be opened.

2. Our request to have the gullies on Kneeton Lane cleaned out following recent flooding has been brought to Highways Dept's attention. They have asked for photographic evidence of the flooding and this will be provided (and copied to AT). **CJ/Village News**
3. Cllr Thompson asked the meeting for their views on the re-application for 29 more parking spaces and EV charging points at Moto Services Scotch Corner. Councillors reviewed the matter and it was Resolved that they had no objection to the proposals.

## 6. PLANNING MATTERS

[www.fmiddletontyas.org.uk](http://www.fmiddletontyas.org.uk) / The Council / Planning page for North Yorkshire Council / Public Access planning application service.

1. Full Planning Permission for Stable Block on Land to NE Studlea Grange – This application was considered and there were no objections.
2. Full Planning Permission for Proposed Net Zero Dwelling including Garage, Gardens, Boundary Wall and Hedgerows at Land off Middleton Tyas Lane – It was noted that NYC Planning “do not consider the proposals to be permitted development”.
3. Full Planning Permission for Conversion of Outbuilding and single storey link to create 2 No bedrooms and internal alterations at The Cottage Chantry Farm, It was noted that this application has been Granted.
4. Full Planning Permission for Proposed Single Storey Extension to Existing Leisure Club and Single Storey Entrance Lobby Extension at Active Life Leisure Club, Scotch Corner. It was noted that this application has been Granted.

## 7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

### 1. To agree the following payments:

1. Clerk's Salary – December 2023	£	547.40
2. Clerk's Expenses – December 2023	£	10.85
3. HMRC – PAYE – December 2023	£	89.60
4. O2 Mobile 5.12.23	£	9.91
5. Bedeworks – Handyman duties – December 2023	£	105.00
6. TP Jones & Co LLP – Payroll to 31 December 2023	£	58.50
7. Mac Plant Hire Ltd – Seat Base for Cow Lane	£	264.00
8. Mole Country Stores – Bark chippings for Playing Field	£	18.00

### Receipts:

None

2. It was agreed to ask Ms Clare Lamb what agreement, if any, she had reached about the return of any underspent grant money to the Blenkiron Community Trust. **CJ**

- 8. COUNCILLORS' RESPONSIBILITIES & CONTACT DETAILS**  
It was Resolved to allocate Village Grass Cutting to Cllr S Perks, and Defibrillator Liaison to the Clerk. The Clerk will amend the list and recirculate. **CJ**
- 9. GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT FOR 2024**  
It was noted that we have a 3-year set price contract with Robertson's Garden Services. Cllr S Perks will check the end date of the contract. **SP**  
The Clerk will send a letter to Robertson's, confirming our wish to continue with the contract for 2024. **CJ**
- 10. CLERK'S SALARY REVIEW**
1. Subject to satisfactory review, it was Resolved that the Clerk's salary scale will be increased by one point with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024. The Chairman will write to TP Jones & Co LLP to inform them of this increase **SP**
  2. It was confirmed that the Clerk's National Salary Award from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 will be in line with Local Government recommendations.
- 11. DEED OF GRANT**  
It was Resolved to make a decision on how to progress this matter at the March meeting. **ALL**
- 12. PLAYING FIELD & PLAY PARK**
1. Playing Field  
Cllr Davies reported that the monthly inspection had been carried out.
  2. Play Park  
Cllr Davies confirmed that the monthly Safety Inspection had been carried out and there was nothing new to report.  
  
Cllr S Perks reported that she is looking at grant funding to replace the slide mound and has some options to follow up. One is a grant from Sport England of £15k and it was Resolved that Cllr S Perks should apply for this. **SP**
- 13. DEFIBRILLATOR**  
The monthly inspection report dated 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 had been carried out and all was in order.
- 14. SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER**
1. Cllr Henderson had reported the parking on Moulton Road to the School.
  2. There were no new issues to report.
- 15. FACEBOOK – MIDDLETON TYAS COMMUNITY & VILLAGE WEBSITE**  
Facebook - The site is working well with no issues and is checked regularly.
- 16. CORRESPONDENCE**  
Clarke Telecom wrote to inform the Council that they are upgrading the telecommunications mast at Scotch Corner.
- 17. RESIDENTS' QUESTIONS**  
None.
- 18. ITEMS FOR THE VILLAGE NEWS AND D&S TIMES**  
Co-option of new Parish Councillors.  
Photographic evidence of the flooding on Kneeton Lane needed – ask residents for help.

NYC Recycling no longer needs to be separated.  
NY Police are holding a Property Marking Event in the Memorial Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> February.  
No Parish Council meeting will be held in February.

**19. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT MEETING**

None.

**20. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024 in the Memorial Hall, starting at 7.00pm prompt.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chairman**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_