

Middleton Tyas Parish Council

MINUTES of a Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday, 9th January 2025 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs S Perks (Chair), D Henderson, J Perks

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs C Jones (Parish Clerk); 2 residents (applicants for co-option to the Council)

1. APOLOGIES

PCSO Elliot Brown (NY Police), NY Cllr Angus Thompson

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 14th November 2024 and they were signed as a true record of the meeting.

4. POLICE REPORT

The Police Crime Report showed there were 4 crimes in November and 3 crimes in December in the Richmond Rural Area.

The full reports are available on the village website at www.middletontyas.org.uk/ The Council / Agendas & Minutes / November or December/ Additional Documents.

5. NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

1. Cllr Thompson's report had been sent to the Chairman and she read this to members.

2. Cllr Thompson's report informed the Council that he could get involved with our request to improve signage at Scotch Corner to prevent HGVs entering the village. He will arrange a site visit with Steve Barker at NYC Highways after 18th January and report back to the Council thereafter. **AT**

3. Cllr Thompson will also chase up the other Highways maintenance issues which we have raised to help progress them. **AT**

4. It was noted that a new Litter Bin had been installed on Smithgutter Lane. It was also noted that a new Litter Bin had been installed on Cow Lane to replace the dedicated Dog Waste Bin which was always full to overflowing. The old Dog Waste Bin will remain in situ until a new home can be found. To be reviewed at the March meeting. All Litter Bins are suitable for general litter and dog waste providing they have a lid/ top on them.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

www.middletontyas.org.uk / The Council / Planning page for North Yorkshire Council / Public Access planning application service.

1. Sedbury Hall, Scotch Corner/Gilling West - Notice of Intention for removal and replacement of 3 No. Antennas with associated ancillary works thereto (Regulation 5). It was noted that prior approval of the Planning Authority is not required for the siting and appearance of the development proposed.
2. The Vintage Hotel, East Layton – Full Planning Permission for Change of Use of Land for Temporary (4 years) siting of 14 No. Workers’ / Touring Caravans associated with the A66 Upgrade – This application was reviewed and no comment was made.
3. West Rookery – Notice of Intention to Crown Reduce Yew Tree in rear garden of West Rookery. It was noted that there were no objections to this proposal.
4. Middleton Lodge Quarry – Application dated 8 January 2021 in respect of proposed development for the purposes of Variation of Conditions 1,6, 7, 10, 14,20, 2, 26, 27 and 30 of Planning Permission C1/14/00747 to revise working times for Phase 3 and the Restoration Scheme at Middleton Lodge Quarry, Kneeton Lane, on behalf of Breedon Northern at Middleton Lodge. It was noted that this application has been Granted subject to the conditions contained in NYC Planning Department’s Notice of Decision dated 20th December 2024.
5. Duckett Hill Quarry, Near Barton – Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 – Planning Application accompanied by Environmental Statement for Proposed Restoration Scheme to involve the importation of inert, non-hazardous, construction and demolition materials to infill Limestone Quarry at Duckett Hill Quarry, Near Barton, North Yorkshire.
It was Resolved that there were no comments on this application.

7. Financial Matters

1. The following payments were approved and cheques were duly signed:
 1. Clerk’s Salary – November 2024 incl back pay from 1 April 2024 £ 742.71
 2. Clerk’s Expenses – November 2024 £ 16.05
 3. HMRC – PAYE + N.I. - November 2024 £ 155.39
 4. O2 Mobile – 05 12 24 £ 10.39
 5. Mac Plant Hire Limited – Fingerpost £ 84.00
 6. Bedeworks – Handyman duties – November 2024 £ 105.00
 7. NY Council – Grit Bin Replenishment £ 90.00

 8. Clerk’s Salary – December 2024 £ 579.19
 9. Clerk’s Expenses – December 2024 £ 11.30
 10. HMRC – PAYE – December 2024 £ 97.80
 11. O2 Mobile – 06 01 25 £ 10.39
 12. Community Heartbeat Trust – Emergency Phone Year 9 £ 72.00
 13. Bedeworks – December 2024 £ 75.00
 14. Harvey Electrical Services – Defibrillator repair £ 156.00

Receipts:

None.

2. Parish Precept

It was noted that the Draft Budget was discussed by Councillors and the total sum requested from NY Council for the Parish Council Precept 2025-26 was £30,200.00. (Last year's figure was £28,000.)
It was Resolved to ratify this decision.

3. Grant Funding for Village News

1. It was noted that there is an outstanding grant of £600 available for production of the Village News in the remainder of the current financial year (2024-25). Payment is dependent on the VN's financial position at end December 2024 and Mrs Christine Bryant had submitted a current financial statement for the Village News. It was Resolved to pay this grant of £600 to Mrs Bryant. **CJ**

2. A request was received from Mrs Christine Bryant, together with a copy of her financial statement, for grant funding for production of the Village News for the financial year 2025-26.
It was Resolved to pay the sum of £1,200 grant funding for the coming year from 1st April 2025. This will be paid in two equal instalments in May and November 2025, the second instalment to be dependent on the Village News's financial situation at that time.

8. CLEAR COUNCILS INSURANCE COMPANY

It was noted that Clear Councils, our insurers, have gone into partnership with Ecclesiastical, a specialist insurer and member of the Benefact Group, which donates available profit to charities and other good causes.

9. ASSET REGISTER

1. Cllr Henderson has reviewed the village assets and the Clerk will update the Register. **CJ**

2. It was agreed to review any maintenance work required at the March meeting. **ALL**

10. ANNUAL TREE SURVEY

1. It was noted that Tree Boy Ltd has carried out a full survey of all the village trees and provided a very comprehensive report of the current state of each tree together with a report of the recommended maintenance work required to the trees.

2. It was Resolved to accept the Quotation for maintenance works currently required in the sum of £645 and Tree Boy Ltd will be authorized to carry out these works as soon as appropriate. **CJ**

11. DEFIBRILLATOR

1. It was noted that the new Heating Pad for the Defibrillator has been fitted by Harvey Electrical Services and is now in working order.

2. It was noted that the Defibrillator was checked on 22 December 2024 and all was in order.

3. It was noted that new Pads have been provided by CHT as the current ones were close to their Use By date. These have been plugged into the Defibrillator and a spare placed in the bag. The Pads are valid until August 2027.

12. SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER

1. Cllr Henderson had nothing new to report.
2. There were no new items for discussion with the School.

13. LEASE AGREEMENT FOR MULTI-USE GAMES AREA (MUGA))

1. The current Lease Agreement and Memorandum documents for the School's siting of the MUGA on the Playing Field land was reviewed. The Lease is due for review and renewal on 11th July 2025, then every subsequent 10 years.

It was Resolved to invoice the School for the remainder of the current year from 11th January, the current annual payment date, to 11th July 2025 (6 months) at the current rate of £135 per annum. **CJ**

2. It was Resolved that the Council agrees to renew the Lease by way of a new Memorandum to be signed by both parties, to take effect from 11th July 2025 to 11th July 2035 in accordance with the provisions of the Lease. **CJ**

It was Resolved that the Annual Fee for the Lease will be increased to £200 per annum, payable in advance from 11th July 2025 and then annually on that date for 10 years, the last payment becoming due on 11th July 2034.

14. PLAYING FIELD & PLAY PARK

1. It was noted that the Rocking Chicken ride in the Play Park has broken beyond repair and it was agreed to its removal from the Play Park on safety grounds. It was agreed to ask the Handyman if he can remove the base fixing and make good the ground and re-seed. **CJ**
2. It was noted that MacVenture, a playground equipment company based near Wetherby, has asked if they can present a proposal of their equipment to the Parish Council at a future meeting. It was agreed to ask him to present to a future meeting, after consulting with Clare Blessley, **ALL**
3. It was agreed that Cllr S Perks and Cllr Henderson will liaise on the repairs to fencing at NW corner of the field. **SP/DH**

15. FACEBOOK – MIDDLETON TYAS COMMUNITY & VILLAGE WEBS

There was nothing new to report.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

A resident had asked if various pavements could be cleared of fallen leaves as they were slippery in wet weather. The Chairman reported that NYC may make this a 'paid for' service in the future to help with budget savings. They had also reported that the drains down the length of Middleton Tyas Lane and Main Street were blocked with leaves and some were overflowing. The Clerk will report these issues and hope they can be resolved by NYC. **CJ**

17. RESIDENTS' QUESTIONS

The Clerk suggested providing strong scoops or small shovels in each Grit Bin in the village to help residents to spread the grit if needed. It was agreed she should investigate what was available and report back to the March meeting. **CJ**

18. ITEMS FOR THE VILLAGE NEWS AND D&S TIMES **CJ**

NYC has a public reporting portal on their website and residents can report issues direct
New Litter Bins on Smithgutter Lane and Cow Lane for litter and dog waste
Co-option of 2 new Parish Councillors
No meeting in February

19. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLORS

1. Letters of application had been received from 2 residents and these were discussed.
2. It was Resolved to accept the application from Mr Gerard Seal to become a co-opted member of the Parish Council until the next Local Council Elections.
3. It was Resolved to accept the application from Mr Soren Nilsson to become a co-opted member of the Parish Council until the next Local Council Elections.

The Clerk will inform both candidates of these decisions and prepare the necessary documents for their co-option. There being no meeting of the Council in February, the two new Councillors will be invited to join the 13th February 2025 meeting. **CJ**

20. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT MEETING

Clerk's annual review and salary scale uplift for 2025 **ALL**
Grass cutting contract with Robertson's Garden Services **ALL**

21. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday, 13th March 2025 in the Memorial Hall starting at 7.00pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.36pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Date: _____